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'BUSINESS CLASS' LETTINGS FOR AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Northern Trust has secured two key lettings at the Airport Industrial Estate in Newcastle. Premier Meats has taken Unit 1AB totalling 5,446 sq ft whilst national company Screwfix Direct Ltd has leased Unit 21 on a 10 year lease agreement.

Premier Meats who have been operating since the mid 1980's have recently opened the doors on their new premises, which includes an ancillary retail section and a concept kitchen where they can demonstrate their products to both trade and public customers. Mark Whittaker of Premier Meats commented "The premises at Airport Industrial Estate are our second Centre of Meat Excellence. Open 7 days a week our new unit has been fitted out with a state of the art kitchen and we are planning to provide a number of cooking demonstrations over the coming months."

Meanwhile Screwfix Direct, the UK's largest multi channel supplier of trade tools, plumbing, electrical, bathrooms and kitchens to tradesmen, handymen and DIY enthusiasts, has completed the letting of their 5,300 sq ft unit on Airport Industrial Estate. The Newcastle branch is one of over 160 branches nationwide for this established company.

Louise Elliot of Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust added "Airport Industrial Estate is in an ideal location with a wide range of units available on flexible terms. We are delighted to have secured two excellent lettings to Premier Meats and Screwfix Direct Ltd and we are sure they will enhance our (already attractive) list of occupiers. Screwfix Direct already occupy other premises within the Northern Trust portfolio and we are pleased to be involved with their expansion plans through the opening of their new trade premises on the estate. After the recent economic downturn there is now a real feeling of optimism amongst existing tenants with the investment in this estate by two significant occupiers."

The 202,720 sq ft Airport Industrial Estate is a popular and well established industrial estate comprising 91 units ranging in size from 527 sq ft up to 18,834 sq ft. Small

workshops are available on 'easy in, easy out' tenancy agreements and larger warehouses/factory units on flexible leases.

Airport Industrial Estate has excellent access to the major road network, being situated adjacent to the A1 Western Bypass, 4 miles north west of Newcastle City Centre and 3 miles from Newcastle Airport. Amenities in the immediate vicinity include Kingston Park Metro Station, Tesco Extra, Kingston Park Shopping Centre and Retail Parks.

For further information or to arrange a viewing please contact the lettings agents Whittle Jones on 0191 2211999 or visit the dedicated website at www.airportindustrialestate.co.uk.

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Northern Trust was established in 1962 and is now one of the UK's largest and most successful privately owned property investment, development and land regeneration companies.

Northern Trust's existing property portfolio is in excess of 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks and has more than 5,000 acres of land under ownership/management throughout the UK. Over 2 million sq ft has now been developed in over 40 locations, and Northern Trust continues to expand through all three areas of its property business.

Northern Trust has extensive experience of working with the public sector, with a large proportion of the portfolio originally acquired from the Regional Development Agencies. In addition, new regeneration/development partnerships have been entered into with various public bodies, to provide regeneration initiatives across the UK and employment premises for both Small and Medium Enterprises and larger occupiers.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and regeneration initiatives throughout the UK. For further information on Northern Trust please visit our website at www.northerntrust.co.uk

