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NORTH WEST ENGINEERING GROUP LTD FINDS NEW HOME AT SOUTHGATE TRADE PARK!

Northern Trust is pleased to announce that they have secured the letting of North West Engineering Group Ltd who has taken c 25,000 sq ft of space at the firm's recently refurbished Southgate Trade Park, on the White Lund Industrial Estate, Morecambe.

North West Engineering was originally established in the early eighties as a supplier of precision machines components to British Energy. Over the following years the company grew and developed other markets including Oil and Gas and Medical components and invested heavily in CNC machinery. In 1999 the company was bought by a management team led by the present MD, Stewart Urquhart. After the acquisition the decision was taken to develop the Aerospace market in addition to the markets already serviced. Following a successful growth period the company which now employs over 70 people took the decision to relocate to their new premises at the Southgate Trade Park in the White Lund Industrial Estate in Lancaster.

Stewart Urquhart, MD at North West Engineering Group, commented on the move "Given our customer base we had to re-locate to modern premises that would not only present the correct image but deliver a more efficient and pleasant working environment to enable us to grow and develop. We were very much involved in the specification and refurbishment of the building and were very happy with the level of co-operation and care taken by Northern Trust to ensure that our expectations were fulfilled. In short we are delighted with our new building."

Southgate Trade Park is prominently situated opposite Reebok and adjacent to Lancaster Retail Park. The estate comprises a range of industrial and trade warehouse units which have recently undergone extensive refurbishment.

Andrew Lovell, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust commented "We are delighted to have secured such a large letting to a prestigious company at Southgate Trade Park, Morecambe. The substantial frontage to Southgate, adjacent to the retail park together with the specification, means the remaining units which are from 8,904 to 38,072 sq ft will be suitable to a variety of different users who will benefit from a substantial secure area of forecourt/service area/car parking with perimeter fencing and CCTV."

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Nick Pilkington, of Fisher Wrathall joint agents on the scheme added “It is extremely important to retain companies of NWE’s calibre in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. Northern Trust have in refurbishing Southgate Trade Park created quality manufacturing and trade counter units capable of satisfying 21st century hi tech occupiers.”

Southgate Trade Park is part of the White Lund Industrial Estate located between Lancaster and Morecambe, and is the district’s principal industrial estate. White Lund sits alongside the link road from the M6 to the Port of Heysham. Motorway access is provided to the M6 at Junction 34, 5 miles to the east and also at Junction 33 to the South. The estate is situated off the A683 link road, this being a designated route to Ireland. White Lund offers a mix of large industrial occupiers together with trade-counter, car showroom and quasi-retail uses. It is the primary employment area for this region and has proved extremely successful over recent years.

Property particulars and further details can be obtained from joint agents acting for the scheme Whittle Jones (01257 238666) and Fisher Wrathall (01524 69922).

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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 development partnerships have been entered into with various public bodies, to provide employment premises for both Small and Medium Enterprises and larger occupiers, throughout the Midlands and North.

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