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NORTHERN TRUST SECURES A BRACE OF LETTINGS AT BIRCH COURT!

Northern Trust is pleased to announce that they have secured two new lettings at their Birch Court industrial estate, Warrington.

GB Trading Limited has take Unit 9 covering 1,665 sq ft, whilst Cheshire Gas Design Ltd has leased Unit 17 totalling 2,795 sq ft. Both deals have been completed on 3 year lease agreements.

Simon Walmsley, Management Surveyor at Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust commented on the lettings “The quality of the accommodation and nature of deals available at Birch Court is proving tempting to local business and this can be seen by the recent activity and a noted increase in enquiries for the site.”

Northern Trust’s £2.5 million new workshop/warehouse development at Birch Court covers over 33,430 sq ft of high quality industrial space, with 18 units offering a range of space from 1,100 sq ft to 2,795 sq ft. The latest two lettings means the estate is now 40% occupied with strong interest in the remaining units.

Simon Roddam of BE Group, joint agents on the scheme also said “The lack of new small workshop premises in Warrington seems to be working in our favour. Birch Court is now seeing lengthier lease term commitments despite the open offering of leases from 12 months. This shows confidence from local businesses in the quality if the premises, location and the competitive rents on offer.”

Grosvenor Grange has established itself as a popular employment area in Warrington and is accessible from the National motorway network. Birch Court is easily reached from the M6 via the A574 Birchwood Way and A57 Manchester Road. The development is located at the end of Grosvenor Grange, off Woolston Grange Avenue. Birch Court provides an ideal and central base to serve the whole of the North West region.

For further information or to arrange a viewing please contact one of the joint agents: Whittle Jones, North West (01257 238666); BE Group (01925 822112) and Eileen Bilton Partnership (01925 444700).

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Notes to Editors: Press Enquiries to Rosalyn Booth/Jonathan Livesey, Northern Trust, 01257 238555.

Northern Trust Co Ltd

Northern Trust was established in 1962 and is a UK focused privately owned property investment, development and land regeneration company.

The Company has a retained portfolio comprising more than 8 million sq ft, with over 3,600 individual units contained in 209 separate industrial, trade and office parks, with the vast majority let to SMEs.

In excess of 2 million sq ft has now been created by the development team in over 40 locations, whilst the land regeneration department currently has a land holding of over 1,800 acres, with a further c3, 000 acres being actively managed. 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 significant 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

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