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NORTHERN TRUST WELCOMES HYDROFIT FZE INTERNATIONAL AT MAPLE WAY.

Northern Trust has announced a letting to Hydrofit FZE International Ltd at their Maple Way industrial development in Newton Aycliffe. The company has leased Unit 1 at Maple Way on a 3 year deal.

Specialising in hydraulics, Hydrofit FZE International Ltd are part of the Hydrofit Group, which is based in Dubai and has engineering companies throughout the Middle East. Hydrofit has been recognized as a leading Engineering company in the Middle East for more than two decades and have a huge range of hydraulic cylinders which are made in their state of the art factories together with complete systems and power units.

Tony Kay, Managing Director at Hydrofit FZE International said "Hydofit FZE International has been established as a strategic expansion of the group and to support customers in the UK. The UK Company has technical expertise to supply complete hydraulic systems utilizing the substantial resources of the Group. Maple Way is located in an ideal location and customers will have access to group products as well as representation of a selection of products specifically for the UK market at the premises."

Located within Aycliffe Industrial Estate, Maple Way occupies a strategic location and comprises a high quality industrial estate providing a total of 71,681 sq ft in individual units ranging from 4,986 sq ft to 16,336 sq ft.

Barry Nelson, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones North East, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust added "The team at Whittle Jones have worked closely with Hydrofit on identifying their business requirements and we are delighted they have chosen Maple Way as their UK base. Home to 8 businesses, the completion of this letting now means that the estate is fully occupied."

The North East division of Whittle Jones manages a portfolio covering 2.7 million sq ft in Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, County Durham and Teesside. For further information please visit the website at www.whittlejones.com or to discuss your requirements further please contact us on 0191 221 1999 or email northeast@whittlejones.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

