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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## NORTHERN TRUST ANNOUNCES LETTINGS AT SNECKYEAT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WHITEHAVEN TO SCRUBMARINE LIMITED AND COLAB ENGINEERING LIMITED

Northern Trust Company Ltd is pleased to announce the successful letting of Units 13C and 13D at its newly developed 22,212 sq ft extension at Sneckyeat Industrial Estate in Whitehaven, to ScrubMarine Limited and Colab Engineering Limited. ScrubMarine Limited has moved into Unit 13C, whilst Colab Engineering Limited has moved into Unit 13D. Both deals were completed on three-year lease agreements.

The new development at Sneckyeat Industrial Estate adds an additional 22,212 sq ft of modern business space, split into eight high-quality units arranged in three blocks. With this expansion, the estate now extends to over 64,322 sq ft, featuring a diverse mix of terraces, semi-detached, and individual buildings designed to support the needs of businesses across various sectors. There is strong demand for the remaining units, highlighting the attractiveness of this location for growing businesses.

ScrubMarine Limited is an early-stage maritime robotics company developing innovative solutions to tackle biofouling in the shipping industry. Based in Cumbria, the company is currently in the research and development (R&D) phase, working towards a pioneering autonomous submersible robot that provides an efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable hull-cleaning service for ship owners and operators. Their solution is designed to significantly reduce fuel consumption, operational costs, and carbon emissions, aligning with global decarbonisation efforts and IMO regulations.

Commenting on the letting, Ben Weaver, Asset Manager at Northern Trust, said: "We are delighted to welcome ScrubMarine Limited and Colab Engineering Limited to Sneckyeat Industrial Estate. ScrubMarine's innovative approach to maritime maintenance is exactly the kind of forward-thinking enterprise we are proud to support. The strong demand for our new business units reinforces the need for high-quality, flexible industrial space in the region, and we are committed to providing businesses with the facilities they need to thrive."

A spokesperson for ScrubMarine Ltd added: "As we continue to grow, securing our new unit at Sneckyeat is a major milestone for ScrubMarine. We required a specific location to develop, construct, and test our state-of-the-art submersible robotics after acquiring capital, and this facility is ideal. We were able to go from key handover during the holiday season to a fully furnished, functional office in less than a month with Northern Trust's help. Their effectiveness and adaptability have been crucial in enabling us to get started right away as we work to transform maritime maintenance."

Strategically located in Whitehaven, Sneckyeat Industrial Estate provides an ideal base for small and medium-sized enterprises, offering unit sizes ranging from 1,098 sq ft to 8,892 sq ft. Each unit is constructed to a high standard and benefits from onsite parking and generous circulation space, ensuring a practical and efficient working environment.

The estate is divided into two main sections off Sneckyeat Road and offers secure 24-hour access, featuring perimeter fencing, CCTV surveillance, and lockable gates for enhanced security.

For further information on available units at Sneckyeat Industrial Estate, please Northern Trust's North West team on 01257 238666 or via email at northwest@northerntrust.co.uk

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**Northern Trust** is a family-owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land promotion.

The existing property portfolio extends to 9 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 4,500 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and new development over 500,000 sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's Regional Teams with offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the <a href="https://www.ntproperties.co.uk">NTProperties.co.uk</a> website.

In addition, the development team has project managed the construction of circa 4 million sq ft of commercial space in 50 locations with over 600,000 sq ft currently on site or in the development pipeline.

The strategic land team at **Northern Trust** has secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last 2 years and has current projects covering more than 60 sites with potential to

bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with landowners, developers, local authorities and local communities to deliver development across the UK. Please see <a href="MtLand.co.uk">NTLand.co.uk</a> website for further details.

**Northern Trust** has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at <a href="https://www.northerntrust.co.uk">www.northerntrust.co.uk</a>