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DE POL ASSOCIATES LTD RELOCATES TO ACKHURST BUSINESS PARK IN CHORLEY

Northern Trust Company Ltd has welcomed De Pol Associates Ltd to Balmoral House at Ackhurst Business Park in Chorley, following the letting of a 988 sq ft first-floor office suite on a five-year lease.

The move sees the planning consultancy relocate from Farington House in Leyland to one of Lancashire's premier business locations, while continuing a professional relationship with Northern Trust that spans more than 25 years. During this time, the two businesses have worked together on a range of planning consultancy matters and planning applications.

Established in 1986, De Pol Associates is a family-run chartered town planning consultancy providing advice and support across all aspects of planning and development. Working with clients ranging from major development and regeneration companies to individual landowners and homeowners, the company has extensive experience across residential, commercial, retail, leisure and rural development projects. Its services include planning applications, appeals, development potential assessments and strategic planning advice, helping clients navigate the planning process and unlock opportunities for their land and property.

With a strong client base across the North West and experience working on projects throughout the UK, De Pol Associates combines specialist planning expertise with a personal, client-focused approach. For further information, visit www.depol.co.uk.

Alexis De Pol, of De Pol Associates Ltd, said: *"We are delighted to have moved into our new offices at Balmoral House, Ackhurst Business Park. Having worked with Northern Trust for more than 25 years, we have built a strong working relationship over that time, so it was a natural choice to work with them again when looking for our new premises. We are very pleased with our new base in Chorley and look forward to continuing our relationship with Northern Trust for many years to come."*

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Ackhurst Business Park extends to 83,358 sq ft and comprises 16 modern, detached office buildings set within fully maintained landscaped grounds. Designed to meet the needs of a wide range of occupiers, the development offers high-quality office accommodation, from flexible smaller suites for growing businesses to larger individual suites and dedicated office buildings with their own entrances.

Neil McManus, Senior Development Executive at Northern Trust, added: *"It's great to see Alexis and the team move into their new offices at Balmoral House. We've enjoyed a strong working relationship with De Pol Associates, working together on planning consultancy and applications, so it's particularly pleasing to be able to support them with their own move. We were delighted to help make the transition as smooth as possible and we wish Alexis and the team every success in their new home at Ackhurst Business Park"*

The latest letting underlines the appeal of Ackhurst Business Park as a location for businesses seeking quality office accommodation, flexibility and accessibility in Lancashire. Located approximately one mile from Chorley town centre, the Business Park benefits from convenient access to the North West's motorway network, providing strong regional and national connectivity.

For more information on available office space at Ackhurst Business Park, please contact Northern Trust's North West office on 01257 238666 or email 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 over 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 NTProperties.co.uk 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 NTLand.co.uk 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 www.northerntrust.co.uk