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DODD GROUP OPENS NEW WALSALL OFFICE AT BENTLEY LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Northern Trust Company Ltd has welcomed Dodd Group to Bentley Lane Industrial Estate in Walsall, following the completion of a 15-year lease on its two-storey office building, extending to 3,100 sq ft.

The move sees Dodd Group establish its ninth Midlands-based office at the well-connected Bentley Lane Industrial Estate, providing the growing business with a dedicated base to support its expanding regional operations.

Established in 1947, Dodd Group has grown from a small electrical contracting business in Shropshire into a nationally recognised provider of mechanical, electrical and building services. Remaining family-owned, the company now employs more than 1,200 people across 24 offices nationwide, with its headquarters in Telford.

The new Walsall office represents a further investment in the West Midlands, providing additional space for Dodd Group's growing team and supporting its extensive portfolio of Property Services contracts across the region.

James Dutton, Senior Contracts Manager at Dodd Group, said: *"The Midlands is a key region for us, with many of our long-term Property Services contracts in the area. Before our new Walsall office opened, our growing team was working out of a small, shared office space. We were looking to expand due to an increase in the value of the contracts that we were working on, alongside the steady growth of our team. We took our time to find the right space to fulfil our needs, and we're so pleased with our new office, which has already made a fantastic difference for both our staff and clients and has given us plenty of space to grow. Having our team under one roof makes a big difference and has already improved our efficiency and made communication a lot easier."*

For further information about Dodd Group, visit www.doddgroup.com.

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Elle Joannou, Asset Manager at Northern Trust, added: *"We're delighted to welcome Dodd Group to Bentley Lane and having secured a 15-year lease on the office building. It's particularly pleasing to see the accommodation supporting an established and growing business with its continued investment in the Midlands. The building provides an excellent working environment, with generous office space, dedicated parking and a secure setting, while its proximity to the M6 makes it an ideal location for a business operating across the region. We wish James and the whole team at Dodd Group every success in their new surroundings."*

Bentley Lane Industrial Estate extends to 62,190 sq ft and provides a secure and established commercial environment, with gated access, palisade perimeter fencing and externally monitored CCTV. Its location, less than one mile from Junction 10 of the M6 motorway, also offers excellent connectivity across the wider Midlands region and beyond.

For more information on Northern Trust's available business space in the Midlands region, please contact the Midlands team on 01543 478900 or email midlands@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