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WATSON TOOL HIRE MAKE IT A FULL HOUSE AT MIDDLEFIELDS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Northern Trust Company Limited is pleased to announce that their Middlefields Industrial Estate in South Shields is fully let following the recent letting to Watson Tool Hire.

Watson Tool Hire has evolved over the last 30 to 40 year from a small, family run business, to the complete tool hire and spare parts supply centre. The business specialises in the supply of quality tools along with a tool repairing service. They moved into Unit 3D at the 10,727 sq ft Middlefields Industrial Estate following a period of expansion.

Gordon Watson commented about the move “One of our customers, Darren from Garden Restorations, rang and told me that Northern Trust had a depot available in South Shields. We still had around five years left on our previous depot, but went to have a look and were really impressed with the set-up and other nearby occupiers. We’ve been here now for nearly two months, but the entire process of moving from one site to the other took just three weeks. The estate is easily accessible and a great location for us to serve our customer base and expand our operations further.” For more details on Watson Tool Hire please visit their website at www.watsonstoolhire.co.uk

Middlefields Industrial Estate is situated on the outskirts of South Shields town centre, and is accessed via the A194 Jarrow Road and B1302 which provides excellent transport links to the wider region with the A19 only 2 miles away.

Jill Harland, Asset Manager for Northern Trust added “We are delighted we were able to facilitate Watson Tool Hire’s occupational requirements. Gordon and his team are an excellent addition to the site and have been a pleasure to deal with, and we are excited to see the business continue to grow.”

For more details on availability of business units to let in South Shields, please contact the North East team on 0191 221 1999 or via email at northeast@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 regeneration.

The existing property portfolio extends to over 8.5 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 5,000 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 almost 1 million 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 www.NTProperties.co.uk website.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with over 625,000 sq ft currently under construction or in the development pipeline.

Northern Trust has also secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last two years, and with the current projects covering more than 50 sites where there is potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward strategic land regeneration opportunities

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