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BUSINESSES LIKE THE BUZZ AT THE BEEHIVE, BLACKBURN

<u>Whittle Jones</u>; agents acting on behalf of <u>Northern Trust Company Ltd</u> are delighted to announce the success of their newly created flexible office space at The Beehive in Blackburn following the letting of Suite 1A to NMCK Ltd on a 3 year lease agreement.

The Beehive is a prestigious 3 storey office building which has undergone an extensive upgrade program to provide a range of modern flexible office suites from just 179 sq ft (2 persons upwards).

The flexible offices are situated on part of the ground floor and are now occupied by 9 different businesses, including Origin Control Solutions Ltd, Ever Agency Ltd and Business One Page Plan Ltd.

Business One Page Plan Ltd moved into Suite 1C at the beginning of summer. Andrew Botham, Managing Director of Business One Page Plan (Bopp) commented 'I'm delighted with our new office facilities which provides the perfect setting to expand Bopp over the next few years, especially our Business Growth Club which benefits from the exclusive use of the meeting room facilities for workshop events. When choosing the new location for my business I found that The Beehive's recently created flexible office space the best in the area, with free WiFi, extensive free parking and professional reception services." Andrew has invited SME businesses owners to try out Bopp's business growth club, if you're interested in learning more please contact Andrew at bopplan.co.uk for further details.

Ever Agency Ltd is a full service marketing partner providing creative, branding, digital and procurement services to clients across the UK, and the company currently occupies Suite 1G. Adam Arkwright of Ever Agency Ltd said "The facilities at The Beehive, under the management of Whittle Jones, have exceeded our expectations. As a full-service marketing agency it's reassuring to know we have a base from which we can deliver outstanding work to our customers across the country, and we are proud to invite our clients here too. As a satellite office for our sister companies, Ever Facilities Management and Ever Workwear, we have space to grow, and wouldn't hesitate in recommending the offices here." For further details about Ever Agency Ltd please visit www.everagency.co.uk

Origin Control Solutions, who occupy Suite 1L, is a provider of turn-key Energy Efficient Building Management Systems, designed to enhance and maximise the performance of their clients' buildings. A spokesperson added "Our transparent approach towards our clients has proven to be sustainable business ethos. Our customers include well known hotels, hospitals, airports, schools, office / commercial buildings. Origin works throughout the UK and also has contracts in Israel and the US. The location of The Beehive and its excellent transport links are perfect for our needs. Origin can be contacted at energy energy

Businesses at The Beehive can benefit from a high speed internet connection, a new large break out area, meeting room facilities, 24 hour CCTV security and new reception area.

John Marrow, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones stated "We are delighted to announce that following the success of the flexible office space at The Beehive we are now looking to create a further 7 smaller flexible suites on the remainder of the ground floor. These suites will continue to incorporate an all-inclusive pricing structure, making them ideal for new start up or small businesses looking for an office base with flexible leasing options."

Neil Weaver, from Taylor Weaver also joint agents on the scheme also said "Following the recent upgrades to the common areas we have witnessed an increase in demand for office space within the building. We are in talks with a number of potential tenants and hope to announce further lettings in the near future."

The Beehive is situated next to Elder Court in an established business location adjacent to the beehive roundabout at the entrance to Shadsworth Business Park. With Junction 5 of the M65 in close proximity the office scheme benefits from excellent transport links to the wider motorway network with Preston 13 miles away and Manchester within a 40 minute drive. Located to the south of Blackburn, the town centre is only 2 miles away.

For more details about the offices at The Beehive please contact one of the joint letting agents at: Whittle Jones 01257 238666, or Taylor Weaver 01254 699030 or visit the dedicated website at www.thebeehive-blackburn.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.

The existing property portfolio extends to almost 8 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.

Northern Trust works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward regeneration opportunities; and has already secured planning for circa 4,500 homes with the potential of bringing forward a further 2,000 houses over the next 12 months.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 2 million sq ft of commercial space in over 40 locations with a further 0.5 million sq ft currently under construction or with planning being prepared for commencement on site within the next year. The company also benefits from a supplementary land bank for the longer term.

The Commercial and Industrial portfolio contains over 3,600 individual units with 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. In the last 12 months, Northern Trust has added over 500,000 sq ft to its portfolio through new acquisitions. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle**Jones. Whittle Jones have regional offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the **Whittle Jones website**.

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