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RECOGNITION FOR NORTHERN TRUST'S VORTEX COURT!

Following the recent letting at Vortex Court to Liverpool Primary Care Trust, Northern Trust has announced a second letting at their prestigious Liverpool office scheme. Human Recognition Systems have taken part of building 2000, Vortex Court extending to 5,000 sq ft, on a 10 year lease.

Vortex Court is the second phase of the prestigious office scheme at Wavertree Technology Park, Liverpool which was developed to complement the first phase, a 22,900 sq ft office Northern Trust developed in 2002. Vortex Court comprises 2 detached office buildings of 14,285 sq ft and 18,827 sq ft; with suites available from 3,500 sq ft upwards.

Human Recognition Systems Ltd was established in 2002 to help both businesses and governments harness the enabling power of biometrics and human behaviour analysis. Neil Norman CEO commented "Human Recognition Systems has always had a home at Wavertree Technology Park and it was important to stay close to our roots. Vortex Court has given HRS the opportunity to design a world class working environment and focus on the development of our people. A key aspect of the move was the chance to sustain our internal growth, while externally working on large scale projects with high profile clients".

Mike Grindrod Development Director at Northern Trust commented "Wavertree Technology Park is a flagship scheme for Northern Trust. It is a mark of the scheme's success that we have been able to secure the lettings of Liverpool Primary Care Trust and Human Recognition Systems, and we are thrilled they have chosen Wavertree Technology Park to relocate".

With £2.3 million secured in grant funding from the Objective One programme through the Eastern Approaches Strategic Investment Area Initiative, Vortex Court was constructed to achieve a "very good" BREEAM rating. BREEAM is a measure of best practice in environmental design and management set up by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to assess the environmental performance of new and existing

buildings. Vortex Court is one of the first office developments in the region to pilot an innovative, environmentally friendly and sustainable approach to energy. Northern Trust has incorporated wind turbines on its £5m prestigious new office park development in order to generate electricity at the site.

Wavertree Technology Park is Liverpool's premier out of centre office park located approximately 1 mile from the M62 motorway and 2 miles from the city centre. The Park also benefits from the recent opening of a new Merseyrail Station providing important links to the regional railway network.

Joint agents for the scheme are Irving Rice and Partners (0151 476 0001), and GVA Grimley (0151 255 1910).

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Notes to Editors

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Northern Trust, one of the UK's largest and most successful privately owned property investment, development, and land regeneration companies, has an extensive property portfolio with in excess of 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks. In 2000 a dedicated development division of Northern Trust was established to undertake commercial development for retention in the Northern Trust portfolio. More than 1.5 million sq ft has been developed or is under construction by Northern Trust in over 30 locations throughout the Midlands and North of England. Continued expansion of the Northern Trust portfolio is on-going through new investment, development, and land regeneration opportunities. For further information on Northern Trust please visit our new website www.northerntrust.co.uk.