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ROKSERV MOVE INTO NEW UNIT AT GERARDS PARK, ST HELENS

Northern Trust is pleased to confirm that following completion of their new 35,600 sq ft industrial development in St Helens, the estate is over 90% full within 2 months of completion.

The phase two development at Gerards Park is located off College Street, and comprises 20 units, 17 of which are now occupied. Rokserv Limited, specialists in industrial floor cleaning is one of the companies who have recently moved into one of the new units.

Karl Teare, Director at Rokserv commented about their move “As a business that relies on excellent transport links Rokserv chose St Helens as its new home around 5-years ago. We supply floor cleaning machinery to all sectors of the market place from hospitals to industry so we have to have access to the whole country. The M6/M62/M56 and the A580 are all on our doorstep making Gerards Park the ideal place for us to be.

We moved into our first 2 units at Gerards Park phase 1, 5 years ago. It was a big decision for us to move for the simple reason we had already changed buildings 4 times in the previous 5-years. We found Gerards Park and it ticked all of the boxes, at the time there were no single large units available so we took two units side by side.

Our business involves the sales, repair and hire of floor cleaning machinery, we mostly concentrate on the north west of the country but we do have some national contracts mostly for the hire side of things. If a client is laying a new tiled floor in a supermarket they will hire one of our large scrubber dryer machines to clean up after them or even use it to polish the floor with a diamond impregnated pad. Hire is a large part of our business and we can supply a machine for just 1 day or 5 years! All fully serviced and at a fixed cost for the duration of the hire.

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We also sell new equipment from the best manufacturers in the world. We run a small team of service engineers from our building so we needed the space for spare parts storage as well as a workshop area.

Despite saying we would never move again... the chance came when the new development started and our ideal unit was built. We moved in fully last month and we are so happy here, all together in one large unit. It is bright spacious and filled with energy saving tech. We are still sorting and tidying but we are nearly there. It is a great place to bring customers and show them our wares.” For more details on Rokserv you can visit the website at <https://rokserv.com/>

The phase two development has been part funded by the Local Growth Fund. Local Growth Funding is awarded to the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and invested through the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority through its Strategic Investment Fund.

The new development sits alongside Northern Trust’s existing Gerards Park scheme which was developed back in 2012 and is actively managed by Northern Trust’s in house managing agents, Whittle Jones.

Luke Blockley, Assistant Letting / Management Surveyor at Whittle Jones added “We have been delighted with the demand for the new space, and with only 3 remaining available we are confident we will be announcing the development as fully occupied in the near future. The new units at Gerards Park have been constructed to a high specification and have provided much needed workshop accommodation for small and medium sized enterprises looking to set up or relocate to the area. The units are arranged in 3 separate terraced blocks with sizes ranging from 818 sq. ft up to 2,900 sq. ft. The units over 1,000 sq. ft include integral office space, and there is dedicated parking to the front of each unit with good communal circulation space.”

For more details on the phase two development at Gerards Park or to arrange a viewing please contact the Whittle Jones North West office on 01257 238666 or visit the website for more details: www.gerardspark.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 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 in-house surveying

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practice **Whittle Jones**, which has 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](#).

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