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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## EARLS COURT WELCOMES OCCUPIERS FOLLOWING NEW OFFICE COMPLETION.

Northern Trust is pleased to confirm that they have secured two new lettings at their new office development at Earls Court, Grangemouth following completion of Building 7, 8 and 9 at the end of last year.

The development adds 7,378 sq ft of new office space to the existing Earls Court office scheme, taking the total floor area to c 25,000 sq ft.

This new accommodation is contained within a single terraced block and split into a maximum of 6 suites across the ground and first floor. High Street Group Ltd has moved into the ground floor of Building 8 on a 5 year lease term, whilst Graypen Ltd has leased the ground floor of Building 9, also on a 5 year deal.

High Street Group Ltd commented on their move "High Street Developments are delighted with our new office which provides us with a central base for the growth of our homes business in Central Scotland."

Danny Payne, Operations Director at Graypen Ltd added "The decision to relocate to Earls Court was made very easy when we were initially presented with the plans of the building and offices and realised that we would be moving to first class facilities in order to support our growing business and to further enhance our local reputation. The location couldn't be any more perfect for our core business 'Shipping Agency' being so close to the Grangemouth Docks. All in all we couldn't be happier with the move."

Jonathan Houghton, Property Portfolio Manager at Northern Trust commented "We are delighted to welcome our new occupiers to Earls Court. During the construction phase we received strong interest in the development, and securing the new lettings shows that there is demand in the area for the high quality product that we offer. The offices have been constructed to a high specification and provide a modern

working environment in an excellent location, with direct access to junctions 5, 5A and 6 of the M9 motorway."

Cameron Whyte from Ryden, joint letting agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust added: "I am delighted the offices in the second phase of Earls Court have let so quickly with over 50% of the development under offer prior to the construction works completing and shortly before this Phase One reaching fully let status. I am confident the quality of the space and prominent location will see the last remaining suites follow suit shortly."

Mike McIntyre, director at DM Hall, joint letting agents on the scheme commented, "It's fantastic to see high quality tenants coming to Earls Court, with deals done before the buildings were complete. I am firmly of the opinion that the quality of accommodation on offer, combined with its excellent motorway links, is putting us in a great position to attract occupiers looking for space in the Grangemouth and Falkirk areas."

For more details on the new development or to register your interest in the available space please contact the Whittle Jones Scottish office on 0131 220 4844 or email <a href="mailto:Scotland@whittlejones.co.uk">Scotland@whittlejones.co.uk</a>. You can also contact the joint lettings agents DM Hall on 01324 628321 or Ryden on 0131 225 6612.

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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

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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 inhouse 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 <a href="https://www.northerntrust.co.uk">www.northerntrust.co.uk</a>