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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **SURGICAL DYNAMICS DOUBLE THEIR SPACE AT NUMBER ONE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO MEET PPE DEMAND.**

Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust Company Ltd, are pleased to announce that Surgical Dynamics Limited have doubled their space at Number One Industrial Estate, Consett, taking an additional 5,113 sq ft of space on an initial 12 month tenancy agreement.

Surgical Dynamics Ltd, founded in 2014, is a medical device design, development and manufacturing business; who have been occupiers on the estate for over 6 years, occupying Unit 35A (5,199 sq ft). The founders of Surgical Dynamics have been involved in the medical services industry since the mid 1980's and work closely with NHS clinicians and NHS innovations departments.

With the current coronavirus crisis the team at Surgical Dynamics have redoubled their efforts to begin production of their new ['Guard-EX' face shield](#) to help supply the urgent needs of brave front line medical staff, which has resulted in the need for the additional space.

Mark Jessup, Managing Director at Surgical Dynamics Ltd commented "To make the change to PPE production was the right decision for Surgical Dynamics to make, given the overwhelming need for this vital equipment. I am very proud of the whole team here in Consett who have worked so hard to bring this project from initial sketches to finished product in 3 weeks. We will be ramping up production to around 80 – 100,000 face shields per week over the next 2 weeks and believe this will help alleviate the chronic shortage of essential PPE in the NHS.

It is also important that the UK becomes more self sufficient in essential products and we are proud to be part of a thriving UK manufacturing community positioned to fulfil the needs of our NHS."

Barry Nelson, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones, added “In these challenging times, it’s great that we have been able to provide the space that Surgical Dynamics need to expand their operations in order to assist the PPE requirements for the NHS.”

Number One Industrial Estate extends to over 790,000 sq ft of commercial space split into 105 units and is home to over 70 different businesses, and approximately 1,200 employees. Units on site range from 495 sq ft workshops up to the largest factory unit of 122,560 sq ft.

The estate is located around 1/2 mile north of Consett town centre and is readily accessed from the A691 and A692 trunk roads. It is conveniently located for the circa 40,000 surrounding population (2011) and is served by local bus routes along Villa Real Road (A691) and through the estate. Consett has attractive countryside on its doorstep whilst being within easy reach of the major northeast conurbations.

For more details about Number One Industrial Estate visit the dedicated website at [www.numberoneindustrialestate.co.uk](http://www.numberoneindustrialestate.co.uk) or call Whittle Jones North East on 0191 221 1999.

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**Northern Trust** is a privately owned company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development, land management and regeneration.

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. Our current projects covering more than 30 sites incorporate a mixture of uses including the potential of bringing forward a further 5,000 new homes.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 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 circa 4,000 individual units with unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from

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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 development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio. 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](http://www.northerntrust.co.uk)