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A NEW LAYER TO HARDIDE COATINGS AS THEY EXPAND IN BICESTER

Hardide Coatings, www.hardide.com, the leading global innovator and provider of advanced coatings (improving the fatigue life of products) in the aerospace, oil and gas and power generation industries, have relocated from their Wedgewood Road, Bicester, Oxfordshire premises to Network @ Link 9, www.network19.co.uk, a brand new development at Longlands Road on the outskirts of Bicester and which forms part of the 530,000 sq ft Link 9 commercial development www.link9.co.uk.

Hardide will occupy Unit 9, comprising 22,313 sq ft, and will neighbour Oxford Safety Components, The Oxford Health Company, Teknos and Nottingham Rehab Supplies. This leaves just unit 5 (17,656 sq ft including 1,790 of office space) and unit 6 (30,053 sq ft including 2,441 of office space) remaining available at the site.

Hardide was formed in 2000 by a team of UK venture capitalists to develop and commercialise a patent for the Hardide CVD (chemical vapour deposition) coating process. The headquarters and UK manufacturing facility, established in Bicester in 2003, serves customers all over the world and continues to research and develop coating variants. As an example Hardide-A coating has been selected as the replacement for hard chrome plating (HCP) on Airbus A330 compression flap pads

Philip Kirkham, Chief Executive Officer at Hardide Coatings Ltd, said: *"We were delighted when the Longlands Road development became available as it is a new, spacious location and gives the right modern image for our growing business. The doubling of floor space means we can install additional coating equipment, giving us the extra capacity required to increase our turnover."*

Chris White, Managing Director at White Commercial Surveyors says *"We continue to see the growth and expansion of companies in this strategic location of the London to Birmingham M40, benefitting from its close location to Oxford and its availability of land and new industrial buildings which provide modern facilities for many companies who require image and identity and more efficient working conditions."*



White Commercial Surveyors and **VSL** are joint marketing agents for Network @ Link 9.

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