PRESS RELEASE

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**Wincanton opens fifth Screwfix distribution centre in Stafford**

Wincanton, the largest British third-party logistics company has opened a new 128,000 sq ft distribution centre in Stafford, to support its customer Screwfix, the major UK retailer of trade tools, accessories and hardware products, in its continuing business growth.

The latest site on Prologis Park in Stafford will add to its network of four Distribution Centres (DCs) across Staffordshire. The scale of the new operation will support Screwfix’s customer proposition through its peak period, and enable staff to continue to stay safe at work and observe social distancing guidelines as volumes increase.

The new distribution centre is in addition to volume that Wincanton has taken on through its shared user network during COVID-19, to support the delivery of seasonal products and enhance the customer proposition

Wincanton is drawing on its considerable experience to set up the site to a tight deadline, as operations are due to commence in August. Wincanton’s nationwide logistics network means it can also utilise its shared-user facilities and create scalability opportunities for future expansion that supports Screwfix’s business growth.

Paul Taylor, Contract General Manager at Wincanton, says:

“Mobilising an end-to-end solution to support the Screwfix business with a seamless customer experience in just four weeks is quite an achievement and demonstrates our agility and commitment to our customers. Wincanton’s ability to match space across our network and work in a flexible way ensures we continue to add value to our customer’s delivery and service proposition.”

Rosemary Wilkins, Director of Logistics at Screwfix, says:

“It’s great to work with a logistics partner who can draw upon their scale to mobilise quickly to support the changing requirements of the business.”

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**Notes to Editors**

**Wincanton plc**

Wincanton is the largest British third-party logistics firm, providing supply chain solutions to some of the world’s most admired brands across a wide range of industries including retail, construction, defence and energy.

As a trusted and respected business partner, we design and implement services and solutions that range from setting up and operating distribution networks through to bonded warehouses, technology hosting, container transport and storage. We strive for operational excellence in everything we do.

We work hard to understand and respond to our customers’ needs, build long term relationships and use our skills and expertise to deliver a smarter, added value service, every day. Our customers rely on us to make their businesses operate more efficiently and to gain a competitive advantage in their sector.

Improved stock visibility and availability, reduction of lead times, collaborative warehousing and transport models, and an absolute commitment to continuous improvement, are just some of the reasons why many of our customer relationships extend to more than 20 years.

**Key facts:**

* Annual revenue in the UK & Ireland exceeds £1.2 billion
* 19,100 colleagues including 5,500+ drivers
* Operates from 200+ locations with 14 million square feet of warehousing across the UK and Ireland
* Operating responsibility for around 3,500 vehicles

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