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WINCANTON AND SCREWFIX ANTICIPATE CONTINUED GROWTH WITH NEW-BUILD DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

[Wincanton](#) has extended its relationship with Screwfix, part of Kingfisher plc, to design and manage a newly-built 562,000ft warehouse in support of the retailer's expected growth through 2017 and beyond.

Construction work on the site at Prologis Park, Fradley near Lichfield, which is the size of seven football pitches, commenced in December 2016. The new warehouse is expected to create 200 new jobs initially, with plans to increase to 700 over the next five years.

Martin Lee, Supply Chain, Logistics and IT Director for Screwfix, commented: "We are currently enjoying an exciting period of growth and it's important to us that we maintain the highest levels of customer service as we expand. Our existing relationship with Wincanton has proven to be successful and, as a partner, they have demonstrated good knowledge of the market and a dedication to providing our customers with the best service possible."

Liam McElroy, Managing Director, Retail & Consumer, Wincanton, said: "The relationship between Screwfix and Wincanton is built on a successful nine-year partnership and an understanding of the unique set of needs Screwfix customers have. The addition of a new warehouse at Lichfield will provide Screwfix with a base from which to sustainably grow their multichannel operations and meet future business needs.

"This new facility will also allow us to assist the company in providing their customers with a seamless multi-channel experience, building further on our own industry-leading eCommerce expertise. We look forward to enjoying many more successes with our colleagues at Screwfix." Wincanton, the largest British logistics company, already manages Screwfix distribution centres in Stafford and Trentham which service Trade Counter and eCommerce operations. With an expanding retail presence, currently one new store a week, this new purpose-built site has been designed to meet Screwfix's growing logistics requirements.

Due to open in December 2017, the purpose-built site has been selected in consultation with Screwfix to be able to flex with demand and demonstrate cutting edge sustainability – it will feature solar panels, LED lighting and a system for rainwater harvesting.

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Find out more at www.wincanton.co.uk

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Wincanton plc

Wincanton is the largest British logistics firm, providing supply chain consultancy and solutions to some of the world's most admired brands. We employ approximately 18,000 people across more than 200 sites and have a 3,400-strong fleet of vehicles.

Our business started in 1925 delivering milk and dairy products. Although our heritage means a lot us, we have since expanded to provide supply chain solutions across a wide range of sectors including retail, construction, defence and energy.

As a trusted and respected business partner, we design and implement services 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 billion
- Circa 18,000 employees including 4,000+ drivers
- Operates from 200+ locations with 6.6 million square feet of warehousing across the UK and Ireland
- Operating responsibility for around 3,400 vehicles