

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017****Ref: PR67a Castleford Euro Cash & Carry****EXPANDING CASH AND CARRY BUSINESS SNAPS UP SPACE AT ONWARD'S CASTLEFORD WAREHOUSE**

One of the UK's leading cash and carry wholesalers has leased space at Onward Holdings Ltd's managed Castleford warehouse to meet growing demand for its range of products in the north west of England.

Euro Cash and Carry, which specialises in supplying household goods, toiletries, branded products, pound lines and various items for pets, chose Castleford to expand its logistics operation because of its ideal location in the heart of Yorkshire, close to the major motorway networks, and the flexibility that a managed 3PL warehouse from Onward brings.

The business is provided with a variety of 3PL services by Onward at the Willowbridge Lane facility, which boasts the latest Warehouse Management System (WMS) technology for streamlining stock taking, order picking and shipping processes as well as improving productivity by freeing up staff to concentrate on other duties and maximise space utilisation.

Euro Cash and Carry's Operations Director, Abdul Hanif, said: "We have a warehouse in Leicester but needed to expand to meet our growing customer base. Castleford is perfect due to its excellent location in the north of England as well as the superb facilities."

A choice of units for long and short-term leases are still available at Onward's managed 3PL warehouse, which is ideal for those businesses that need the flexibility to add more space when needed, or alternatively reduce space when not required, eliminating the cost of owning unused warehouse storage.

Onward Holdings has made significant investments at the Castleford site. In addition to the warehouse management system and solar panels, it is equipped with fork lifts that can handle pallets, IBCs and other items up to three tonnes, whilst for non-rigid packaging, the warehouse can individually handball sacks and cartons up to 50kg in weight on to pallets.

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These investments complement the Castleford warehouse's flexibility, which allows for pallet racked and bulked storage space with two dock level loading doors and several ground level loading doors, including covered loading bays, to facilitate the handling of food and non-food related items, computerised order picking and various pallet handling solutions.

Castleford is within easy reach of the northern container ports, Doncaster Airport and the railway freight network via the nearby Wakefield Europort. According to Onward Holdings around 80% of the UK's population is accessible in four hours, making the site ideal for bulk distribution items.

West Yorkshire-based Onward Holdings is a fourth generation family-run business which specialises in operating highly competitively priced industrial warehousing and retail parks. Promotion of the site is being undertaken by Andrew Miller Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield.

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**Background**

Onward Holdings is a fourth generation family-run business founded in 1930 which is renowned for developing and operating warehousing and industrial units. This includes the provision of bespoke or shared multi-sized warehouse facilities in the M62/M1/A1 corridor of West Yorkshire.

In addition to offering warehousing and fulfilment services at its sites, the business has developed a former coal mine near Barnsley into a gleaming new retail park. ONYX Retail Park, comprising 17,500 square feet of retail space, is based in Wath-Upon-Dearne and is located at the former Manvers main colliery, an area of major regeneration.

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