

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: 5th September 2017****Ref: PR68a Racking Solutions****ONWARD'S 3PL WAREHOUSE SOLUTIONS STACK UP FOR RACKING FIRM**

A decision to view Onward Holdings Ltd's Castleford warehouse has reaped benefits for an industrial racking and shelving supplier, who has seen demand for his firm's products rocket since moving into the Willowbridge Lane facility in West Yorkshire.

Keith Slinger, managing director of Racking Solutions, one of the UK's leading suppliers of shelving for the home, workshops, retailers and warehouses, revealed that he had known of Onward's Castleford site for a while before one day calling in to see if the facility could accommodate his rapidly growing business.

He has no regrets over that decision as since leasing the fully-managed warehouse in the heart of Yorkshire, his business has expanded at a rate of 30% per month - with help from the "five-star service" he receives from warehouse owners Onward Holdings.

Onward Holdings supplies Racking Solutions with a range of vital 3PL services including managing goods inwards from Europe and China, palletising, storing and then distributing up to six times a day using a fleet of vehicles.

Mr Slinger said: "Onward provided the capacity and flexibility I needed and the site is great for the motorway networks. Moving here has enabled us to grow with confidence, without having to look for larger premises. They are great guys to deal with and will help us with our long-term expansion plans. I have no hesitation recommending Onward to other businesses."

Racking Solutions is not alone in benefitting from leasing space at Castleford because of its proximity to the major motorways and the flexibility that a managed 3PL warehouse brings. Among a number of well-known businesses on site is Euro Cash and Carry, which specialises in supplying household goods, toiletries, branded products, pound lines and various items for pets.

Onward Holdings 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.

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A choice of units for long and short-term leases are still available at Onward Holding'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.

In addition to the WMS and solar arrays, Onward Holding's site 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.

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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