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HDNL LAUNCH COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT MODEL

Home Delivery Network Limited (HDNL) has introduced a new proposition to its portfolio of Customer Services called 'HDNL Transport'. The proposition is to offer a UK wide delivery and collection service, which will utilise 'empty transport legs' and offer temporary, overflow storage facilities at their central sort centre at Crick, Northampton.

HDNL Transport operates a significant transport fleet that covers all of the UK every day. Using a centralised transport planning and management system HDNL is looking to utilise its empty running by offering this capacity into the market at competitive rates. It is also hoped that take up of this service will result in HDNL reducing overall freight movements within the UK and add to HDNL's already strong environmental credentials as winner of two OLGA awards.

The 'empty leg' facility will offer flexible transport solutions for businesses, on a 'one-off' or contract basis. HDNL's existing tractor units and trailers will be available for single loads up to 20 tonnes, with full or shared capacity for loose, palletised and caged goods.

Brian Gaunt, Chief Executive of HDNL:

"Home Delivery Network has historically provided collection services from clients into strategically located hubs for sortation and onward distribution to a nationwide network of 58 depots. The cost of moving goods to market continues to be high and it is important that we maximise the utilisation of our vehicles by offering our empty capacity to the haulage market. By doing this at

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competitive rates we are providing a way for HDNL to improve the overall efficiency of the UK supply chain whilst also making a significant contribution to the environment”

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Notes to Editors:

- Home Delivery Network Limited (HDNL) is the UK’s largest home delivery and collection service.
- HDNL delivers to all 1,760,000 UK postcodes in 120 postal regions.
- HDNL operates 58 parcel depots covering the UK, four specialised operations sites which distribute heavy and large items throughout the UK, two national sort centres at Shaw in Oldham and Droitwich in Worcestershire, and has its head office located in Whiston, Merseyside.
- HDNL separated from Littlewoods Shop Direct Group in May 2008.