

WORK BEGINS ON BOUGHEY DISTRIBUTION'S £15 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Boughey Distribution Ltd, the Distribution division of NWF Group plc, and one of the UK's leading ambient grocery distribution and storage companies, celebrated the start of construction to expand its Wardle site in Cheshire yesterday with a Sod Cutting ceremony.

Local dignitaries, councillors, businesses and Boughey colleagues celebrated the beginning of the new £15 million development, which will create an extra 250 permanent jobs in the area and provide an extra 300,000 square feet of storage - doubling the site's current storage capacity.

The new storage facility, which is scheduled for completion in March 2007, will be built in three phases. The first phase is planned to take 26 weeks to complete and will provide storage for an extra 20,000 pallets, the opening of the following two phases will be staggered four weeks apart.

Boughey Distribution has been based in Wardle since the mid 1970's and stores and delivers for customers such as Princes Foods, Heinz, and Pataks. Five years ago the company doubled its storage facility and has since increased its turnover from £8.5 million to £27.5 million, this new phase of development is expected to increase the company's turnover to over £45 million upon completion.

Keith Forster, Boughey Distribution's Managing Director, comments on the development: "We are dedicated to providing a valuable, reliable and efficient service which we consistently deliver for our customers. The evidence supporting this is our success to date. This new storage construction will offer our current customers even further scope to utilise our facilities. It will also allow us to continue to attract more new customers and target new business in the non-ambient storage market."

Graham Scott, Chief Executive of NWF, adds: "The outstanding success of this company is due to its dedication and focus on what customers need. This significant investment will help Boughey Distribution to continue to offer an unprecedented level of service."

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- Boughey Distribution currently employs 430 staff over four sites and operates 110 articulated units, 160 trailers, and manages over 700,000 sq ft of warehousing
- Boughey Distribution was established, in 1964, as a milk haulage company.
- In 1971 Boughey was acquired by the NWF Group plc, and since then the Company has grown and diversified and now accommodates a large site just outside Nantwich in Cheshire, together with warehouses at Winsford and Deeside.