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Goodman responds to strong customer demand at Interlink Distribution Centre

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Practical completion of a combined 135,000 sqm has been achieved for well-known brand names, Kimberly-Clark, Woolworths and Linfox at the 40 hectare Interlink Distribution Centre ("Interlink") at Sydney's Erskine Park.

Interlink has been rapidly developed over the past 18 months by Goodman and joint venture partner Brickworks Limited ("Brickworks") in response to significant pre-commitments from these three customers. A further 10,800 sqm is slated for completion by the end of 2008 for Ubeeco Packaging Solutions.

Goodman's Australian Managing Director, Jason Little said, "The Interlink site is well located in close proximity to the M4, M5 and M7 Motorways and its development by Brickworks and Goodman in such a short period of time recognises the importance of the efficiency of the supply chain to logistics users.

"Moreover, Goodman is pleased to be working with these customers to help them find solutions to their immediate and future accommodation needs. What we have achieved at Interlink demonstrates the value of our integrated business model and the importance of building strong, long-term relationships with customers."

The anchor tenant at Interlink, Kimberly-Clark, is a long-standing customer of Goodman and was relocated from Goodman's Villawood Distribution Centre to a new and larger distribution facility at Interlink of 45,000 sqm. The facility is divided equally over two buildings with an interconnecting hardstand of approximately 18,000 sqm. The entire facility occupies a site area of 8.6 hectares, or more than 20% of the 40 hectare Interlink Distribution Centre site.

Woolworths subsequently pre-committed to a new 52,888 sqm facility to consolidate their expanding liquor business supply chain. Goodman facilitated Woolworths' relocation from their existing distribution centre at Moorebank. The new facility provides Woolworths with a more efficient operation for their Woolworths Liquor, BWS and Dan Murphy's Stores in the Sydney basin.

The Kimberly-Clark and Woolworths pre-commitments were a major milestone for the joint venture achieving a development commitment of over 50% of the entire 40 hectare site within the first six months of ownership.

Interlink has continued to prove that it is a sought after destination for major logistics and distribution users, with Linfox and Ubeeco committing to 10 year lease terms for new facilities of 36,000 sqm and 10,800 sqm respectively.

A further leasing opportunity of up to 27,000 sqm of industrial space is currently available on the Interlink site.

Mr Lindsay Partridge, Managing Director of Brickworks said "The practical completion of a combined 135,000 sqm for Kimberly-Clark, Woolworths and Linfox within 18 months since ownership is a fantastic achievement and testament to the success of the joint venture between Brickworks and Goodman."

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