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METAL BOX GOES PLATINUM WORKSPACE'S METAL BOX FACTORY AWARDED TOP WIRED CERTIFICATION

MOZILLA SIGNS UP TO WORKSPACE

Workspace Group PLC (“Workspace”), home to New and Growing Companies across London, is delighted to announce it has been rated Wired Certified Platinum by WiredScore at Metal Box Factory, SE1, where web browser Mozilla has taken space.

The Wired Certification programme was launched by the Mayor of London in November 2015 and acts as a trusted mark for buildings independently certified as providing cutting-edge digital infrastructure. This provides landlords and developers with a benchmark from which they can improve and market their buildings’ connectivity standards.

The Wired Certified Platinum rating, currently held by only six other buildings in the UK, assures Workspace’s customers in Metal Box Factory that they have access to world-class, secure and reliable connectivity that matches their business needs now and in the future.

James Friedenthal, Head of Corporate Development at Workspace, said:

“Connectivity is a top priority for fast growing, digitally dependent businesses and this fantastic recognition from WiredScore is testament to our commitment as a business to providing our customers with the highest quality workspaces. Through the managed fibre network owned and delivered by Excell Group, we are able to deliver reliable, dedicated fibre connectivity to each of our customers in Metal Box Factory. We are proud to have been awarded the Wired Certified Platinum rating and will continue to invest in the technological infrastructure of our buildings for our customers.”

Workspace has long understood that connectivity is of the utmost importance to its customer base of New and Growing Companies and has invested in state-of-the-art infrastructure, as well as a managed connected services solution delivered in partnership with Excell Group. On top of this, the unique Dot11 platform provides building-wide Wi-Fi allowing customers to work how and where they want both in the building and across the wider portfolio.

This has allowed Workspace to attract some of London’s most digitally disruptive, fast growing businesses, including Mozilla, creator of the Firefox web browser, who has taken a 3,200 sq. ft. office in Metal Box Factory.

Rob Middleton, Director of WorldWide Workplace Resources at Mozilla, said:

“We are really pleased with our exciting new office in Metal Box Factory. In particular, the connectivity here is fantastic and it meets the very challenging connectivity demands that we have at Mozilla.”

William Newton, UK Director, WiredScore said:

“Internet connectivity plays an increasingly important role in all businesses – from the very large to the small and growing. That’s why reliable and resilient connectivity is fundamental to office spaces.

“Workspace has made a forward looking investment to ensure occupiers have access to the best connectivity available, future-proofing the building as a place for further innovation and success.”

Since undergoing a major refurbishment in 2014, Metal Box Factory has become a landmark destination in Southwark and is home to more than 150 New and Growing Companies, including Moonpig, Joseph Joseph, and the renowned Hixter restaurant.

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Notes to Editors:

About Workspace:

- Workspace is a FTSE250 property company and has been listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1993
- Workspace owns and manages around 70 properties all across London and is home to some 4,000 new and growing companies
- Workspace provides the right properties in the right locations to attract its customers and the right services to retain them and help them grow
- Workspace is growing through deep market knowledge, operational excellence and strong customer relationships
- For more information on Workspace, please visit www.workspace.co.uk

About WiredScore:

- When it comes to making property decisions, knowing how well connected a certain building is – or is not – has become crucial. Surprisingly however, given the connected world in which we now live and work, occupiers have historically experienced a lack of transparency or at best, inconsistent information, about the technological capabilities of office buildings.
- WiredScore is addressing this by affording landlords, occupiers and leasing agents complete transparency about levels of digital connectivity in commercial office buildings, with its Wired Certification rating enabling comparison of buildings' technological capabilities like never before. There are two types of certification- Wired Certification for Occupied Buildings and Wired Certification for Developments & Redevelopments.
- Originally launched by Mayor Bloomberg in New York in 2013, WiredScore UK launched in October 2015 in partnership with the Mayor of London in a bid to raise the profile and quality of digital connectivity in London's commercial buildings.
- Since launch, the introduction of Wired Certification for London's commercial buildings has been met with enthusiasm from occupiers, landlords, developers and office leasing agents alike, with over 15m sq ft of commercial buildings and developments already committed to the certification programme. Those actively supporting the scheme include some of property's leading developers, asset managers and occupiers including Derwent London, British Land, Land Securities and Legal & General, Workspace whilst collaborative workspace provider WeWork now insists on Wired Certification reports when evaluating all new property acquisitions.