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**CIH INVESTS IN NEW YORKSHIRE WAREHOUSE AS PART OF MAJOR DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR MEMBERS**

Combined Independents (Holdings) Ltd (CIH), part of Euronics, Europe's largest electrical buying organisation, has announced the opening of a new 125,000 sq ft warehouse in Tankersley, South Yorkshire to facilitate product range growth and provide better stock availability for its members.

The brand new, state of the art facility is owned by CIH and has been completely fitted out in readiness for the start of operations from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. It will replace the company's smaller rented distribution facility for Northern members which was located in Preston, Lancashire. The investment signals a move to an even 50:50 distribution arrangement, with the North now served by the new Tankersley warehouse whilst members in the South continue to be supplied by the existing Andover facility at the CIH Head Office. This will make the stockholding and delivery process more efficient and reliable for CIH members, wherever they are in the country.

"This is a significant investment for CIH on behalf of its members," comments Steve Scogings, Chairman, CIH. "During the next few months and in the years ahead, we are confident that it will be worth its weight in gold. It gives us the space to buy and hold more stock of our key product lines which will help members serve their customers better, especially as our market continues to wrestle with product supply issues, along with other sectors of industry."

As a result of the new warehouse investment in Tankersley, CIH has also appointed a new delivery partner, DX, who will serve Northern members and take over from the current provider, Panther. This change will ensure that CIH can streamline delivery patterns and ensure the highest standards of cost-efficient service to its members going forwards.

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## **About CIH**

Combined Independents (Holdings) Ltd (CIH) is an electrical buying group, part of Euronics, Europe's largest electrical buying group, which operates in over 30 countries with an annual turnover of €19 billion. With around 500 members and approximately 1000 stores across the UK and Ireland, CIH provides a range of services and benefits to support each independent electrical retailer, as well as exclusive ranges that the members' customers are unable to find anywhere else on the high street, or internet. More information at [www.euronics.co.uk](http://www.euronics.co.uk).

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