

## **RENOVOTEC PRESS RELEASE**

### **RENOVOTEC TO DRIVE WHITWORTHS WAREHOUSE MODERNISATION WITH VOICE PICKING AND WIRELESS NETWORKING TECHNOLOGY**

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***For immediate release 20 May 2021***—Renovotec, the UK’s fastest growing rugged hardware, software and services provider for supply chain companies is to drive Whitworths’ planned warehouse modernisation with new voice picking and wireless networking technology it was announced today. The agreed project ROI is less than one year for the new systems and infrastructure investment, led by a 35% increase in voice-driven picking productivity. Based in Northants, Whitworths is the UK sector leader in dried fruits, nuts and seeds and a 130-year-old, 350-employee, family-run business with its factories, warehousing and head office located on a single 22-acre site. “The company is transforming its operations for 21<sup>st</sup> century warehousing and smart manufacturing” says Whitworths supply chain director Claire Aldred.

Whitworths’ new voice-driven picking environment will replace its paper-based predecessor, giving the company the speed and flexibility it needs to respond to changes in consumer buying habits and retail needs - notably an escalation in picking-intensive e-commerce. Whitworths has 173,880 pick assignments per annum; its goal is to reach 99.8% picking accuracy.

“Renovotec are a good partnership choice because they have the ability to work at pace and are professional” Claire Aldred observes. “Going forward we also plan to work with them as a strategic partner for smart manufacturing”.

#### **Whitworths’ voice picking system**

The Renovotec Voice Manager system being deployed by Whitworths is wearable, hands-free and eyes-free and driven by unique middleware that generates a guided workflow, telling the user which area of the warehouse to go to and what product to select. In addition to picking the system will also be used by Whitworths to drive other warehouse processes including put-away, stocktaking and replenishment. Renovotec Voice Manager’s analytics provide in-depth performance and productivity data that allow management to optimise warehouse workflows.

#### **Company background ([www.renovotec.com](http://www.renovotec.com))**

Renovotec is the UK’s fastest growing provider of rugged hardware software and services for supply chain users. The company’s approach to rugged hardware purchase and rental is customer-driven and manufacturer-independent. Renovotec’s rugged-hardware-as-a-service (r-HaaS) combines ongoing user support with zero capital outlay, allowing companies to scale their hardware flexibly, and

with confidence. Renovotec is an expert in field mobility service technology running on rugged mobile devices, and is the UK's leading exponent of automatic data capture (AIDC) on rugged and mobile hardware using voice, scanning and RFID technology.