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**TISHMAN INTERNATIONAL'S SOFIA AIRPORT CENTER WAS A KEY  
SPONSOR OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE  
OF THE BULGARIAN GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL IN SOFIA**

(SOFIA, BULGARIA – October 3, 2011) – Tishman International Companies, a leading international commercial real estate development and management company, and GE Real Estate were sponsors of one of the most significant events in Bulgaria focusing on sustainable development: the Bulgarian Green Building Council's First Annual Sustainability Conference, themed "More Than Green," held on September 29, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel in Sofia. The sponsors were represented by Sofia Airport Center (SAC), their joint venture development in Sofia, Bulgaria.

As a sponsor, SAC had a high-profile presence at the conference and provided lunch for the attendees, who included developers, architects, designers, engineers, consultants and real estate investors, among others. "As an early promoter of green building, Tishman International was proud to participate in this important new conference and to represent the SAC, home of Bulgaria's first LEED-certified commercial office building," said Alan D. Levy, Chairman of Tishman International. "This outstanding event was marked by its high-level focus on the global importance of sustainable development, design and architecture," added Tishman International Managing Director, Europe, Julian Edwards.

Among the prominent national authorities and experts in the field of sustainable development who participated in the First Annual Sustainability Conference were Minister of EU Funds Tomislav Donchev; Evgeni Angelov, Deputy Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, European Commission member Kristalina Georgieva; and Markus Repnik, World Bank Country Manager for Bulgaria.

Topics of discussion included buildings and urban development, facility management, sustainable technologies, and a discussion of Bulgaria's future in the context of the EU's sustainable development policy. The conference was part of series of global initiatives intended to bring awareness and spread the mission of sustainable development held during the international World Green Building Week, an annual celebration organized by the Green Building Councils of several nations that draws attention to the importance of creating greener, healthier, more sustainable buildings and communities.

About Tishman International - Tishman International Companies is currently active in the United States, United Kingdom and Central & Eastern Europe including Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania. The firm specializes, in the acquisition, development, management and financing of commercial real estate. Tishman has been a consultant and joint venture partner to some of the world's leading institutions and private investors and has recently been appointed by a UK Fund to provide asset and development management services for a portfolio of 12 properties located in Romania, Hungary, and Slovakia.

About Tishman International in Europe - In 1986, Tishman International established its European headquarters in London, England. Since then, the company has developed and managed in excess of six million square feet of premier office and commercial space in the United Kingdom. Additionally, Tishman has provided acquisition and management expertise for millions of square feet of prime real estate assets in Europe, including several Supermarket Centres in the Czech Republic for an International Supermarket Company. Its prestigious roster of clients and partners has included Metropolitan Life, New York Life, Teachers Insurance, Bank of America, Grosvenor International, Citibank, American Express, Fidelity Investments, Lend Lease, HVB Real Estate, and many others.

About GE Real Estate

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