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**Tishman International Honored to Sponsor U.S. Events for National Bulgarian Celebrations**

***Bulgarian Liberation, Rescue of Jews from Nazis and U.S. Diplomatic Relations***

(Los Angeles – March 2013) – Tishman International, a real estate investment firm based in Los Angeles with major interests in Bulgaria, was invited to cosponsor U.S. events to celebrate Bulgaria's liberation from occupation by the Ottoman Empire, the National Day of the Republic of Bulgaria, March 3 at the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, DC, and Los Angeles Consulate, as well as 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rescue of Bulgarian Jews and 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bulgarian – U.S. diplomatic relations.

U.S.-Bulgarian diplomatic relations were formally established in 1903, but trade and commerce between the two nations had begun in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Friendship turned into reluctant hostility during World War II and ideological confrontation during the Cold War, then returned to partnership with the United States in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Beginning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the relationship has resulted in growing political, military and economic ties.

"We are honored to be a part of these national celebrations, which are an important part of Bulgarian history and culture," said Alan D. Levy, Chairman of Tishman International and Honorary Consul for the Republic of Bulgaria in Southern California. The Los Angeles celebration took place at the Beverly Hills Country Club, which was hosted by local Bulgarian Consul General Marin J. Dimitrov.

Tishman International's invitation to sponsor these celebrations is indicative of the company's growing role as a major force in Bulgaria's business community. Development of the firm's 1.8-million-square-foot, LEED-certified Sofia Airport Center (SAC) office and logistics complex, marked the first major U.S. investment in Bulgaria and positioned Tishman as integral to the nation's future growth economically and sustainably. Over the last couple of years, Tishman has

emerged as a mentor to Bulgarian business leaders and officials on implementing Western business practices to attract foreign investors.

Since entering the Bulgarian market, Tishman has been a force in educating the Bulgarian business community about green development; innovative building technologies; and Western-style management services, leasing concepts and amenities. Tishman is a member of the Bulgarian Green Building Council (BGBC), a nonprofit organization that supports the EU's sustainable development policy, and is a key sponsor of the BGBC Annual Sustainability Conference. Tishman also plays a key role in BalRec's annual real investment and real estate market conference held in Sofia and provided expert speakers for both the 2011 and 2012 programs. The company is also a member of Cleantech Bulgaria's newly established Club for Sustainable Business Development, the Green Business Network, and hosted the network's first meeting at SAC in February.

Tishman recently cosponsored, along with the *Financial Times*, an InvestBulgaria forum, which was held in the Silicon Valley to introduce the California tech community to opportunities to invest in Bulgaria's growing tech sector, as well Bulgaria's business-friendly attributes, which include low taxes, a highly educated local technology talent with foreign language skills, lowest cost of doing business in the European Union, and a pro-American environment.

Tishman was also invited to participate in the second Annual American Chamber of Commerce Bulgaria (AmCham) Roadshow last May. Levy was among AmCham's delegation of Bulgarian dignitaries and business leaders who met with local business leaders in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Austin, TX to discuss untapped opportunities for U.S. companies in software development, business process outsourcing and franchising of various innovative products and services, as well as incentives provided by the European Union (EU) and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for energy development and efficiency.

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*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.