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**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA CITES TISHMAN INTERNATIONAL'S
SOFIA AIRPORT CENTER AS A MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN EASTERN EUROPE**

(SOFIA, BULGARIA) – In an interview with Bulgaria's leading architecture and design publication, U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria James Warlick cited the developer Tishman International Companies, a leading international commercial real estate development and management company, for its pioneering, "green" joint venture development with GE Real Estate, the Sofia Airport Center (SAC) in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Titled "We Have to Make Way For Green Building Technologies," the interview in the *Stroitelstvo Gradat* weekly—Bulgaria's premier trade publication on architecture, planning, construction, city planning and infrastructure, and real estate investment in Bulgaria and abroad—focused on increasing energy efficiency in Bulgaria, a key strategy for sustainable development.

"The state can play a leading role [as a model to encourage energy efficiency] by its own examples, but the success of the green movement depends, in fact, on the private sector," said Ambassador Warlick. "We can cite Tishman's [SAC] complex of offices, the first office building in Bulgaria to earn LEED certification, for its leading role in energy-saving, ecological design as an example of successful, energy-efficient projects implemented in Sofia," he added.

"We deeply appreciate the Ambassador's mention of our sustainable development efforts," said Alan D. Levy, Chairman of Tishman International. "It is a meaningful recognition of Tishman International's significant investment in environmentally friendly construction in Bulgaria, and we are proud that the Sofia Airport Center serves as a model for green development in Bulgaria—a healthier approach to building for the Bulgarian people and the natural environment," he added.

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

GE Real Estate currently has over €1 billion invested in Central and Eastern Europe. The Company has invested or developed in the retail, office, residential and logistics sectors in the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. The Company made its first investment in Turkey in 2006.

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