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STATEMENT OF GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE ON LAGUARDIA REDEVELOPMENT; CALLS FOR PROGRESS WEBSITE

(NEW YORK) – *Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt released the following statement today on the LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment project:*

“The LaGuardia overhaul is a critical and long-overdue project that will upgrade the airport from ‘third world’ to world class, so we’re pleased that the Port Authority is taking steps to move the project forward. It’s hard to overstate the importance of modernizing the airport to our city’s and our region’s future and reputation.

“However, we’re concerned that taking the full authorization for Terminal B off the Board agenda today adds uncertainty and delay.

“Now the agency should move quickly to provide clear, firm budgets and timelines that give the public confidence in the long-term viability of the entire project.

“We are calling on the Port Authority to launch a website, modeled on wtcprogress.com, that tracks development progress to keep the public informed, increase confidence and support for the project, and help hold the private consortium developing it accountable.

“This common sense step will help finally bring a 21st century airport to our 21st century city.”

A stand-alone public website should:

- House a detailed project timeline and quarterly updates
- Highlight critical milestones
- Show plans, videos and pictures of the project as it develops
- Provide information and updates for passengers and local residents on disruptions to airport operations or to the local area

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ABOUT GGA

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region’s airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit www.globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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