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Tishman International, Sofia Municipality Invest in Better Services for Citizens of Sofia

Ambassador Beyrle, Sofia Mayor Borisov, Iskar District Mayor Tomov, and Tishman International Companies Chairman Alan Levy opened a Customer Service Center at Iskar Municipality in Sofia on Tuesday, June 24. Ambassador Beyrle thanked Mayor Borisov and Chairman Levy for their commitment to that project and said that this One Stop Shop is an example of corporate responsibility, and of Tishman International being a good neighbor to the people of Sofia.

Remarks by Ambassador Beyrle at the Opening of the Newest One-Stop Service Center in Sofia

Mayor Borisov; Mayor Tomov:

When I first met Mayor Borisov more than two years ago we talked about what steps we could take in order to make Sofia a corruption-free municipality. I suggested the idea of opening one-stop service centers for Sofia citizens. We were quite successful in other municipalities like Stara Zagora and Veliko Turnovo, but we had had no success in opening them in Sofia. And now, just two years later, we have 18 or 19 such centers in different districts in Sofia, and the Mayor has said that by the end of the year there will be such customer services centers in all Sofia districts. That is why I want to thank Mayor Borisov and Mayor Tomov for their support of this idea which supports the public welfare.

We found that, while we had support for this idea from the Municipality and from USAID, we needed additional financial support. Fortunately, we found it during my first meeting with Alan Levy, who agreed that Tishman International would help with this project. This shows the highest level of corporate responsibility and corporate citizenship – and I think it also shows that Tishman International is a good neighbor here in Sofia.

Thanks again to all of you, and I wish you good health.