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GREEN BUILDING POLICY IN PLACE AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — August 29, 2007 — Cementing its leadership position in advancing sustainable building practices, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners has adopted the Port of Los Angeles [Green Building Policy Resolution](#). The Policy is based on the United States Green Building Council – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (USGBC-LEED) Green Building Rating System. It establishes the LEED Gold Rating as its minimum standard for buildings of at least 7,500 square feet.

The Port also will incorporate additional energy and water efficiency elements to specified future construction projects as part of the policy. Estimated cost increases for building construction is 10 percent. Existing buildings also will be evaluated for the LEED rating system and the Port will maintain a staff dedicated to the advancement and continuous refinement of its sustainable building practices.

“The Port and the City of Los Angeles are on the leading edge for enacting proactive environmentally-responsible policies,” said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., executive director for the Port of Los Angeles. “While the financial burden is greater to implement stringent environmentally sustainable standards, we cannot put a price on a cleaner, greener future. This policy ensures that our buildings at the Port fall in line with this vision.”

The Port is actively following the leadership of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa who has instructed all City departments to review their practices and to adopt a Statement of Sustainable Building Policies. The Mayor also recently released a Plan for a Private Sector Green Building Initiative which requires private building developments to attain a minimum LEED Silver rating. The Port’s

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Green Building Policy responds to Executive Directive No. 10 and goes beyond what is outlined for the private sector in the Statement of Sustainable Building Policies.

Celebrating its Centennial in 2007, the Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading seaport in the nation in terms of shipping container volume and cargo value, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars. At the Port of Los Angeles, high priority is placed on responsible growth initiatives, combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. For its industry leading environmental initiatives, the Port received two Environmental Protection Agency awards in 2006. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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