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GGA: NEW YORK AREA AIRPORT PASSENGER RECORD ANOTHER REASON FOR MODERNIZATION TO BE TOP PRIORITY OF FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY LEADERS

New York – New Jersey – With the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announcing an all-time record of over 111 million passengers in 2013, the Global Gateway Alliance released the following statement calling it another reason why airport investment and modernization should be a top priority:

“Today’s record is terrific news for the economy and vitality of our region, but it’s also a call to action to all of our federal, state and city partners. While demand continues to rise, the capacity of New York area airports is near a breaking point. If we make smart, strategic investments – expanding runways, implementing NextGen, modernizing slot rules, improving airport amenities – we can harness this opportunity to create good-paying jobs and drive our region’s economy for years to come. That’s exactly what we should do,” said **GGA Chairman Joseph Sitt**.

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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