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MARCH GLOBAL PORT UNVEILS NEW MASTER PLAN

March Global Port's new management team on Tuesday, May 20, presented an updated airport master plan to the Commissioners and Staff of the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA). During the meeting, the new management team had the opportunity to answer questions from Commissioners and Staff, as well as provide an update of the March Global Port's progress.

Reflecting the substantial changes in the aviation market and the new economy, the updated plan starts with a general aviation Fixed Base Operation (FBO) that will service future aviation maintenance facilities, corporate and private jet hangers, and private and scheduled charter services. The new plan also includes a future interim passenger terminal and provides room for off-runway commercial buildings to accommodate aviation-related businesses and users.

"The aviation market is in as bad of shape as it has ever been, but we are fully committed to delivering an FBO at the Global Port as soon as it is possible", said Ray Brimble, Global Port Partner and President of Lynxs Group, an Austin, TX based, international airport developer. "We believe an FBO will generate tremendous interest in March from commercial aviation tenants and is an appropriate use of the existing infrastructure."

During the presentation, some Commissioners had questions about the former Philips Consumer Electronics building that is now empty. After eight years of calling the 225,000 square foot facility at March their home, Philip Consumer Electronics relocated their operations down the street to a much larger building in Moreno Valley. Philips employed several hundred people at March and with their expansion, created several hundred additional jobs.

"Our real estate brokers are actively marketing the building, but the economy is not helping. There are very few businesses in the market looking for a building of that size right now", said Matt Denham, Director of Land Use Services at TMG Communications, Inc., a Riverside-based public affairs firm retained to provide management support and land-use services.

The March JPA showed vision when they negotiated the Global Port's agreement. They spread the risk inherent in development to the private sector. Even with the Philips building sitting vacant, March Global Port continues to make ground lease payments to the JPA. The same holds true for the DHL building. DHL discontinued its operations at March in December 2008. Over the past 10 years, private investment totals more than \$100 million dollars for improvements and infrastructure to advance the Global Port.

"The next step is to share the plan with as many community groups as possible and solicit input from stakeholders so we can move forward. We believe a commercial airport at March will bring several thousand new jobs to the area and will be a welcomed asset to the community," said Aaron Knox, Co-Manager of the March Global Port.

March Global Port is a 350-acre aviation-based industrial business park located on the south end of March Air Reserve Base. The base's 13,000-foot runway is one of the longest runways on the West Coast. The site is located along the I-215 freeway between the cities of Moreno Valley and Perris, Calif. The March Global Port development team is a coalition of local real estate and business interests with more than a century of combined service to their region and an international airport developer with more than a dozen aviation facilities operating throughout North America and Europe.

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