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**STATEMENT**

Statement by HRTDC President Peter Wohl as directed by HRTDC Board Chairman John C. Egan regarding today's meeting of the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation Board:

“The HRTDC Board continues to make significant progress toward contract discussions with the Columbia Development team, and has today enthusiastically endorsed several key components with respect to the redevelopment of the Campus. Together, we have agreed that initial development will occur in an area consisting of 20 acres or less to be located in the northwest sector of the campus. The Board has decided a short-term lease would allow the developer to more effectively market the property, with the understanding this would eventually convert to a land sale. And finally, while we continue to work on refining the conceptual plan for the campus, we have officially approved allowable uses of the development area, limiting it to high technology activities. We're greatly encouraged by this forward momentum and look forward to the next steps as we work toward compliance through the SEQR process.”

The Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Empire State Development, is dedicated to transforming Albany's W. A. Harriman State Office Campus into a regional growth engine for New York State's "Innovation Economy." The Harriman redevelopment project brings technology-based employment to the Capital District by serving as the catalyst for continued growth by partnering with the research and product development currently underway at the University at Albany and other educational institutions, particularly the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and the College of Computing and Information.

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