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Downtown Alliance Statement on Reopening of Peter Minuit Plaza and Downtown Alliance Information Kiosk



New York, N.Y. (May 12, 2011) – Downtown Alliance Chairman Robert R. Douglass and President Elizabeth H. Berger issued the following statement today celebrating the opening of Peter Minuit Plaza and the dedication of the Nieuw Amsterdam Plein and Pavilion in front of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal at State and Whitehall streets in Lower Manhattan:

“The new Peter Minuit Plaza recalls the city’s earliest days as Nieuw Amsterdam while heralding the future with cutting-edge architecture, modern amenities and 21st Century technology. What a perfect location for the Downtown Alliance’s third visitor information kiosk. Thanks to the Battery Conservancy and the New York City Departments of Parks and Recreation and Transportation for creating an ideal gateway to Lower Manhattan.”

Douglass and Berger joined Parks & Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe, Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu, Battery Conservancy President Warrie Price, State Senator Daniel Squadron, City Council Member Margaret Chin, Dutch Ambassador for International Cultural Cooperation of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Margriet Leemhuis, and Community Board 1 Chair Julie Menin at the event. You can learn more about the event at http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_newsroom/press_releases/press_releases.php?id=20986.