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DENNIS' 7 DEES LANDSCAPING KEY FEATURE OF NEW "GREEN" PARKING /OFFICE STRUCTURE AT PDX

PORTLAND, OREGON (March 5, 2010) – Travelers and employees at Portland International Airport will soon have a much "greener" environment, as a result of recent work completed by Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping & Garden Centers on a new, soon-to-open parking structure and office building there.

The \$1 million landscape project, which Portland-based Dennis' 7 Dees began October 2009, includes new plantings and other landscape enhancements. In total, the project covered more than 103,000 square feet of newly-landscaped area.

The work represents the final phase of a new \$241million, 10-story structure at Portland International Airport, consisting of seven floors of parking with 3,500 stalls and 205,000 square feet of space on the top three floors housing the Port of Portland's administrative offices. Construction on the building started in October 2007 and occupancy is expected to take place in May of this year.

The new structure has been designed and built to be a green and sustainable ecosystem, setting the tone of the city and the region for arriving visitors. It incorporates numerous green features, including a "Living Machine" wastewater recycling system, a ground-source geothermal system, radiant ceiling panels and day lighting.

Dennis' 7 Dees installed a pre-planted eco roof modular tray system on the 10,000 square-foot roof of the building and installed Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design (LEED)-certified polypipe for wastewater irrigation, using a crane to lift all the materials to the rooftop site. It also created a pavers and patio outdoor area for employees on the 8th floor and planted more than 23,000 shrubs and trees – most Oregon natives - as part of the exterior ground level landscaping.

Mark Barbour was the project supervisor for Dennis' 7 Dees with overall project design by the Portland-based landscape architecture firm Mayer/Reed. Hoffman Construction is the general contractor on the building project.

Portland International Airport has consistently been rated among the most popular metro airports in the United States; it was voted "Top Domestic Airport" in three of the past four years in *Conde-Nast Traveler* magazine readership polls.

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ABOUT: *Dennis' 7 Dees has been a leading nursery, garden center and landscape contractor in the Portland area since 1956. They sell a wide variety of plants, shrubs and trees, gardening supplies, tools and other items for home gardens and landscapes and have an ongoing commitment to "Smarter Gardening" based on free, expert gardening advice from their experienced staff. The company also offers a complete range of residential and commercial landscaping services, including installations, patios, decks and walls, water features, lighting systems and maintenance. Dennis' 7 Dees has four garden center locations, three in the Portland metro area and on the Oregon coast in Seaside. For more information call 503-777-7777.*