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**Schooner Bay Opens Visitor Center at New Marsh Harbour International Airport Terminal**

*New Terminal Allows for More Flights into The Abaco Islands and Easier Access to Schooner Bay*

**(July 15, 2014)—**The Abaco Islands in the Bahamas was once a remote island chain where a select group of people came for superior fishing and relaxation, but not anymore. The Abacos are becoming a hub for tourism with a new international airport terminal that just opened its doors to welcome visitors.

The new terminal, boasting pink, blue and green Bahamian-style decor features three concourses. There is one departure concourse where passengers can comfortably await their departing flights with the option of buying snacks and beverages after they pass the security checkpoint. There are also two arrival concourses, one for passengers coming from other islands in the Bahamas and the other for passengers arriving from international locations.

After passengers arrive at Marsh Harbour airport they will be able to pull their bags from the luggage belt and proceed to ground transportation. Schooner Bay, the area’s first golf-cart-only, eco-friendly development will have a welcome alcove beyond the baggage claim area where travelers will be able to enjoy a special Bahamian cocktail and learn more about Abaco’s revolutionary sustainable community. The Schooner Bay Visitor Welcome Center will offer guests transportation to and from the property along with information on sales, rentals and activities within the one-of-a-kind development.

Schooner Bay is offering buyers the chance to purchase land and build a unique home in one of the most tranquil locations. “Aside from the gorgeous ocean and clear skies, there are so many activities to participate in from yoga to paddle boarding, eco-tours, snorkeling or taking advantage of some of the best fishing in the world,” said Mark Pordes, CEO of Pordes Residential whose company is in charge of sales and marketing at Schooner Bay. “The Abaco Islands have it all.”

Schooner Bay is located just 75 miles from Nassau and is one of the largest scale residential projects currently being marketed in the Bahamas.

Construction of the $30 million airport project began in 2011 when coordinators saw bigger things for Marsh Harbour than just a small island airport. With that, they began planning to make it a nerve center for international travel in the Bahamas. During the construction process, 1,500 feet of runway was added for a total of 6,100 feet to allow for the arrival and departure of regional jets. In addition, a state-of-the art air traffic control tower was built and a new taxiway was also constructed for outbound flights.

Plans are currently in the works with WestJet, JetBlue and Delta to create direct flights from Canada, New York and Atlanta. There will be in addition to current flights added from Orlando, West Palm Beach and Miami.

“Adding non-stop flights from these key cities is a major stepping stone for new residential developments on Great Abaco and for the Abaco Islands as a whole,” added Pordes. “The world should be able to see everything these islands have to offer and now they can.”

For more information, please visit [www.schoonerbaybahamas.com](http://www.schoonerbaybahamas.com) or call the Schooner Bay Sales Office at 242-366-2048 or 888-275-1639.

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