

Matthew W. Daus, Commissioner/Chair

**Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****April 17, 2008****TLC UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES REGULATIONS LEADING TO A
CLEANER, GREENER NYC BLACK CAR FLEET**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today voted unanimously to approve a regulation requiring that, beginning January 1, 2009, all black car vehicles coming into service must be capable of achieving a city mileage rating of 25 miles per gallon (mpg). This regulation also provides that, one year later, as of January 1, 2010, all new Black Car vehicles must have a minimum city driving rating of 30 mpg. The city's approximately 10,000 black cars service corporate clientele.

"The Commission's unanimous vote has once again proven that New York is the most progressive city in the nation. As did the similar requirements for medallion taxicabs, this regulation – the first of its kind anywhere – will create the cleanest, greenest large city black car fleet in the world," said TLC Commissioner and Chairman Matthew W. Daus. "Thanks to the leadership and vision of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the steps we took today will reverberate around the world, and I anticipate that they will have a profound positive effect in the For-Hire industries of many major cities with similar environmental challenges.

"Perhaps the most exciting aspect of this initiative for the black car industry itself will be the fuel savings realized by driver/owners. Black will be the new green for the black car industry, and drivers will see a new shade of green when they save money every time they fill up at the fuel pump."

Following the vote, Commissioner Daus thanked the TLC's Board of Commissioners, and the business and environmental leaders whose companies are working closely with City government and partnering to create an investment fund that will to help black car drivers finance the clean vehicles' higher down payments, including John Acierno, President of the Executive Transportation Group; Kathryn Wylde, President of the Partnership for New York City; Seth Waugh, CEO, Deutsche Bank Americas; and Scott Freidheim, Co-Chief Administrative Officer of Lehman Brothers. He also thanked black car industry leaders Berj Haroutunian and Victor Dizengoff for their hard work and cooperation on this important initiative.

Black cars release 272,000 tons of CO₂ equivalents annually, which make up 2% of the City's transportation related emissions. Under the new standards, emissions from black cars will be cut in half.