

## INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on December 9, 2024 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

**PRESENT:** Kathleen Murphy, Steven Thompson, Dirk Sonneborn, Rickey T. Brown, Kenneth Kinsey

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:** **Staff Present:** Eric Ennis, Susan Katzoff, Esq., Cole King, Lori McRobbie; **Others Present:** Paul Reichel, Esq., Janice McKenna, Joe McNinch, Eli Sands, Tom Clifford, Kerry Quaglia, Lowell Niemetz, Barry Lentz, Rick Moriarty

The following resolution was offered by Dirk Sonneborn and seconded by Rickey T. Brown:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING,  
ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND  
COMPLETION OF A PROJECT; APPOINTING THE  
COMPANY AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION,  
EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT;  
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND  
DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
AGENCY AND THE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “*Agency*”) is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the “*State*”), as amended, together with Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State of New York, as amended from time to time (collectively, the “*Act*”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, and to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, lease and sell real property and grant financial assistance in connection with one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act); and

**WHEREAS**, 800 South Wilbur Ave, Syracuse, LLC, a New York limited liability company, or an entity to be formed (the “**Company**”), by application dated November 5, 2024 (the “**Application**”), requested the Agency undertake a project (the “**Project**”) consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 8.0 acres of a larger piece of land located at 800 S. Wilbur Ave. Rear, (tax map no.: 098.2-01-05.2); and 802 S. Wilbur Ave (tax map no. 098.2-01-05.4); which parcels are located in the City of Syracuse, New York, with such acreage to be re-subdivided, in one or more lots from the larger parcel (the “**Land**”); the construction of two five story buildings, each containing approximately 130 units for an aggregate of approximately 261 residential units consisting of approximately: (34) studios, (112) one-bedroom units, (86) two-bedroom units and (28) three-bedroom units (all of which will meet or exceed the City of Syracuse's Zoning Ordinance for affordability and which will include a unit for an on-site superintendent and 20 units designed and fully adapted to meet ADA design requirements for households with individuals who have hearing, vision or mobility disabilities; amenity space for residents including: lobby, fitness center, community room, playroom, central laundry room, maintenance and management office, mechanical room, mail and package room and leasing office; outdoor spaces, including but not necessarily limited to, a park, a playground and surface parking sufficient for approximately 257 vehicles (collectively, the “**Facility**”) to support the Facility and the Condominiums (as defined herein); as well as approximately 27 condominiums for single family ownership which the Company will, or will cause to be, constructed and completed as part of the Project, but the costs of which are not subject to the Financial Assistance (as defined herein) being sought hereunder (the “**Condominiums**”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “**Equipment**” and together with the Land and the Facility, the “**Project Facility**”); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property tax and State and local sales and use tax with respect to the Project Facility (collectively, the “**Financial Assistance**”); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Financial Assistance, the Company requested the Agency consider a payment in lieu of tax (“**PILOT**”) abatement schedule which deviates from with the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (“**UTEP**”) established pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 874(4); and

**WHEREAS**, by correspondence dated November 25, 2024 and December 4, 2024, in accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, notice of the deviation from the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy with respect to the Project was sent to the affected tax jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land has been owned by the State of New York and/or the City of Syracuse (the “**City**”) for more than one hundred years and has been vacant for at least the past 14 years before being seized through tax foreclosure by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during that time, the Land generated zero dollars in ad valorem taxes to the taxing jurisdictions. The requested Financial Assistance will result in the receipt of over ten million (\$10,000,000) in revenue for the benefit of the taxing jurisdictions over the course of the proposed payment in lieu of tax abatement schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land had become a blight on the neighborhood and has experienced illegal trespassing, property damage, and other forms of vandalism that has led to further worsening of the physical condition of the Land and a drain on other City resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, with the support of the Agency, caused a City-wide housing study to be completed which identified the breadth and scope of the housing crisis, spanning both affordability and conditions, in the City. In recognition of the housing crisis, the Agency and the City continue to coordinate investments, as and when applicable, to leverage resources, as intentionally as possible, to maximize impact, and help to achieve our mutual goal of improving the overall housing market and conditions within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project will result in hundreds of new affordable housing options for residents of the City at a time when the City is facing a housing crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Act, the Agency is tasked, in part, with improving the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people it serves and improves their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency adopted a resolution on November 22, 2024, describing the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance and authorizing a public hearing with respect thereto ("**Public Hearing Resolution**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency conducted a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance on December 9, 2024 pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, notice of which was originally published on November 26, 2024, in the Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Syracuse, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letters dated November 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "**SEQRA**"), the Agency is required to make a determination whether the "action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency may have a "significant impact on the environment" (as said quoted term is utilized in SEQRA), and the preliminary agreement of the Agency to undertake the Project constitutes such an action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company caused a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("**EAF**") to be prepared and submitted to the City of Syracuse Planning Commission (the "**Planning Commission**") to obtain approval for a project that includes, in substantial form, the Project being undertaken by the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission provided notice of its determination that the Project constitutes a Type I Action and its intent to act as Lead Agency for review of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2024, the Planning Commission, as lead agency, and consistent with the procedures and criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7, analyzed the relevant areas of environmental concern using the SEQRA standards and determined that the project will not have a significant environmental impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has given due consideration to the policy, purposes and requirements of the Act, the outcome of the housing study and the Application as well as the representations by the Company that the provision of Financial Assistance: (i) will induce the Company to develop the Project Facility in the City of Syracuse; (ii) will not result in the removal of a commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility located in the State, except as may be permitted by the Act; and (iii) the Project will serve the purposes of the Act by advancing, the standard of living, job opportunities and the economic welfare of the people of the State and the City and improve their standard of living.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the members of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency as follows:

**Section 1.** It is the policy of the State to promote the health, economic welfare, recreation opportunities and prosperity of its inhabitants and to actively promote, attract, encourage and develop recreation and economically sound commerce and industry for the purpose of preventing unemployment and economic deterioration. It is among the purposes of the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of certain facilities, including commercial facilities, and thereby advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living.

**Section 2.** Based upon the representations and projections made by the Company to the Agency, as well as the factors set forth in the recitals hereof all of which are incorporated herein by reference, and considering the comments made or submitted at the public hearing, if any, the Agency hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(A) The Project constitutes a “*project*” within the meaning of the Act;

(B) The acquisition of a controlling interest in the Project Facility by the Agency and the designation of the Company as the Agency’s agent for completion of the Project will be an inducement to the Company to acquire, construct, equip and complete the Project Facility in the City, and will serve the purposes of the Act by, among other things, advancing job opportunities, the health, standard of living and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the City, by among other things, increasing housing options in the City;

(C) The Project will not result in the removal of a commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility located in the State, except as may be permitted by the Act;

(D) The Financial Assistance approved hereby includes an exemption from State and local sales and use taxes in an amount not to exceed **\$2,537,368**. **Such exemption shall not be used for the Condominiums.** The Agency shall separately consider the Company's request for exemptions from real property taxes; and

(E) To appointment the Company as agent of the Agency as further set forth herein.

**Section 3.** The Company shall execute and deliver a copy of the agreement attached hereto at **Exhibit "A"** to the Agency within **fourteen (14) business days** from the date of this Resolution (the "**Agreement**"). The Agency shall have no obligation to confer any approved benefits authorized herein or in any other resolution adopted by the Agency with respect to the Project, and all such approvals shall be subject to rescission should the Company fail to execute and deliver the Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof.

**Section 4.** As a condition to the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency, and the conference of any approved Financial Assistance (A) the Company and the Agency shall first execute and deliver: (i) the Agreement; (ii) a project agreement in substantially the same form used by the Agency in similar transactions (the "**Project Agreement**"); and (iii) the Lease Documents (as defined herein), unless otherwise authorized by the Agency; and (B), and the Company shall provide proof that (i) they have acquired title to the Land from the City; (ii) evidence satisfactory to the Agency providing for the timely construction and completion of the Condominiums; and (iii) all real estate taxes due and owing on the Project Facility are current. The Chair, Vice Chair or Executive Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agreement, the Project Agreement and the Lease Documents (as defined herein), in form and substance similar to other such agreements and documents used by the Agency for similar transactions, with changes in terms and form as shall be consistent with this Resolution and as the Chair or Vice Chair shall approve. The execution thereof by the Chair, Vice Chair and/or Executive Director shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval. Subject to the due execution and delivery by the Company of the Agreement, the Project Agreement and the Lease Documents, the satisfaction of the conditions of this Resolution, the Agreement, the Project Agreement, the Lease Documents and the payment by the Company of any attendant fees and costs of the Agency, the Company and its designees, are appointed the true and lawful agent of the Agency to proceed with the reconstruction, renovation, restoration, preservation, equipping and completion of the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf.

**Section 5.** Subject to the terms of this Resolution and the execution and delivery of, and the conditions set forth in the Agreement and the Project Agreement, the Agency will:

(i) acquire an interest in the Land and Facility pursuant to a lease agreement (the “***Lease***”) to be entered into between the Company and the Agency; accept an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company (the “***Bill of Sale***”); (ii) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement (the “***Sublease***” and with the Lease and the Bill of Sale, and all other documents required by the Agency for similar transactions, including but not limited to, an environmental compliance and indemnification agreement, collectively, the “***Lease Documents***”) to be entered into between the Agency and the Company; (iii) grant the approved Financial Assistance, subject to the approval and execution of the PILOT Agreement; and (iv) provided that no default shall have occurred and be continuing under the Agreement and provided the Company has executed and delivered all documents and certificates required by the Agency in conjunction with the Agency’s undertaking of the Project, execute and deliver all other certificates and documents necessary or appropriate for the grant of the approved Financial Assistance, in form and substance acceptable to the Agency.

**Section 6.** The terms and conditions of subdivision 3 of Section 875 of the Act are herein incorporated by reference and the Company shall agree to such terms as a condition precedent to receiving or benefiting from an exemption from State and local sales and use tax exemptions benefits.

**Section 7.** Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Agreement and the Project Agreement, the Company may utilize, and is hereby authorized to appoint, a Project operator, contractors, agents, subagents, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents (collectively, “***Additional Agents***”) to proceed with the reconstruction, renovation, restoration, preservation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf, provided the Company execute, deliver and comply with the Agreement. The Company shall provide, or cause its Additional Agents to provide, and the Agency shall maintain, records of the amount of State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits provided to the Project Facility and the Company shall, and cause each Additional Agent, to make such records available to the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance (the “***Commissioner***”) upon request. The Agency shall, within thirty (30) days of providing any State sales and use tax exemption benefits, report to the Commissioner the amount of such benefits for the Project Facility, identifying the Project Facility, along with any such other information and specificity as the Commissioner may prescribe. As a condition precedent to the Company or Project Facility’s receipt of, or benefit from, any State or local sales and use tax exemptions, the Company must acknowledge and agree to make, or cause its Additional Agents to make, all records and information regarding State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits realized by the Project Facility available to the Agency or its designee upon request. for purposes of exemption from New York State (the “***State***”) sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested, “sales and use taxation” shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the New York State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight.

**Section 8.** The Chair, Vice Chair and/or the Executive Director of the Agency, acting individually, are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the documents and agreements identified herein and any such

additional certificates, instruments, documents or affidavits, to pay any such other fees, charges and expenses, to make such other changes, omissions, insertions, revisions, or amendments to the documents referred herein as the (Vice) Chair deems appropriate, and to do and cause to be done any such other acts and things, as they determine, on advice of counsel to the Agency, may be necessary or desirable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, the Agreement and/or the Project Agreement.

**Section 9.** The obligation of the Agency to consummate any transaction contemplated herein or hereby is subject to and conditioned upon the Company's execution and delivery of the documents set forth in Sections 3, 4 and 5 hereof and in compliance with the terms of this Resolution.

**Section 10.** No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement contained in this resolution or any document referred to herein shall be deemed to be the covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity. Neither the members nor officers of the Agency, nor any person executing any documents referred to above on behalf of the Agency, shall be liable thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution or delivery thereof.

**Section 11.** Should the Agency's participation in the Project, or the appointments made in accordance herewith, be challenged by any party, in the courts or otherwise, the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and its members, officers and employees from any and all losses arising from any such challenge including, but not limited to, the fees and disbursement of the Agency's counsel. Should any court of competent jurisdiction determine that the Agency is not authorized under the Act to participate in the Project, this Resolution shall automatically become null, void and of no further force and effect, and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise.

**Section 12.** Bousquet Holstein PLLC, as counsel to the Agency, is hereby authorized to work with the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the grant of Financial Assistance and consummate the Lease Documents.

**Section 13.** The Secretary and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and may distribute copies of this Resolution and do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 14.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately. A copy of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

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| Kathleen Murphy | X                 |                   |
| Steven Thompson | X                 |                   |
| Dirk Sonneborn  | X                 |                   |
| Rickey T. Brown | X                 |                   |
| Kenneth Kinsey  | X                 |                   |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.



STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA )

I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “***Agency***”) held on December 9, 2024, with the original thereof on file on file in the office of the Agency, and that the same (including all exhibits) is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of the whole of such original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters referred to therein.

**I FURTHER CERTIFY** that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting, (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

**I FURTHER CERTIFY** that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

on 1/8/2025 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency

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Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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## EXHIBIT "A"

### AGENCY/COMPANY AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is between **CITY OF SYRACUSE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "**Agency**"), with an office at One Park Place, 300 South State Street, Suite 700, Syracuse, New York 13202 and 800 South Wilbur Ave, Syracuse, LLC, with a mailing address of 1001 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, New York 11530 (the "**Company**").

**Article 1. Preliminary Statement.** Among the matters of mutual inducement which have resulted in the execution of this agreement are the following:

1.01. The Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "**State**"), as amended, and Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State (collectively, the "**Act**") to designate an agent for constructing, renovating and equipping "projects" (as defined in the Act).

1.02. The purposes of the Act are to promote, attract, encourage and develop recreation and economically sound commerce and industry in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration. The Act vests the Agency with all powers necessary to enable it to accomplish such purposes, including the power to acquire and dispose of interests in real property and to appoint agents for the purpose of completion of projects undertaken by the Agency.

The Company, by application dated November 5, 2024 (the "**Application**"), requested the Agency undertake a project (the "**Project**") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 8.0 acres of a larger piece of land located at 800 S. Wilbur Ave. Rear, (tax map no.: 098.2-01-05.2); and 802 S. Wilbur Ave (tax map no. 098.2-01-05.4); which parcels are located in the City of Syracuse, New York, with such acreage to be re-subdivided, in one or more lots from the larger parcel (the "**Land**"); the construction of two five story buildings, each containing approximately 130 units for an aggregate of approximately 261 residential units consisting of approximately: (34) studios, (112) one-bedroom units, (86) two-bedroom units and (28) three-bedroom units (all of which will meet or exceed the City of Syracuse's Zoning Ordinance for affordability and which will include a unit for an on-site superintendent and 20 units designed and fully adapted to meet ADA design requirements for households with individuals who have hearing, vision or mobility disabilities; amenity space for residents including: lobby, fitness center, community room, playroom, central laundry room, maintenance and management office, mechanical room, mail and package room and leasing office; outdoor spaces, including but not necessarily limited to, a park, a playground and surface parking

sufficient for approximately 257 vehicles (collectively, the “**Facility**”) to support the Facility and the Condominiums (as defined herein); as well as approximately 27 condominiums for single family ownership which the Company will, or will cause to be, constructed and completed as part of the Project, but the costs of which are not subject to the Financial Assistance (as defined herein) being sought hereunder (the “**Condominiums**”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “**Equipment**” and together with the Land and the Facility, the “**Project Facility**”); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property tax and State and local sales and use tax with respect to the Project Facility (collectively, the “**Financial Assistance**”); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement.

1.03(a). All documents necessary to effectuate the Agency’s undertaking of the Project and the granting of the approved Financial Assistance between the Agency and the Company, including but not limited to, a project agreement, a company lease agreement, an agency lease agreement, a bill of sale and an environmental compliance and indemnification agreement, shall be collectively referred to herein as the “**Lease Documents**”.

1.03. The Company hereby represents to the Agency that undertaking the Project, the designation of the Company as the Agency’s agent for the construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility, and the use and appointment, as necessary, by the Company of a Project operator, contractors, agents, subagents, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents (collectively, “**Additional Agents**”): (i) will be an inducement to it to construct and equip the Project Facility in the City of Syracuse (the “**City**”); (ii) will not result in the removal of a commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or of any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or of any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility located in the State, except as may be permitted by the Act; and (iii) undertaking the Project Facility will promote, create and/or preserve private sector jobs in the State.

1.04. The Agency has determined that the acquisition of a controlling interest in, and the construction and equipping of the Project Facility and the subleasing of the same to the Company will promote and further the purposes of the Act.

1.05. On December 9, 2024, the Agency adopted a resolution (the “**Inducement Resolution**”) agreeing, subject to the satisfaction of all conditions precedent set forth in such Resolution, to designate the Company as the Agency’s agent for the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project Facility and determining that the leasing of the same to the Company will promote further purposes of the Act. For purposes of that designation, the Agency authorized as part of the approved Financial Assistance, State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits in an amount not to exceed **\$2,537,368. Such exemption shall not be used for the Condominiums.**

1.06. In the Resolution, subject to the execution of, and compliance with, this Agreement by the Company, the execution and delivery of a project agreement by the Company, and other conditions set forth in the Resolution and herein, the Agency appointed the Company as its agent for the purposes of construction and equipping the Project Facility, entering into contracts and doing all things requisite and proper for construction and equipping the Project Facility.

**Article 2. Undertakings on the Part of the Agency.** Based upon the statement, representations and undertakings of the Company and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

2.01. The Agency confirms that it has authorized and designated, pursuant to the terms hereof, the Company as the Agency's agent for constructing and equipping the Project Facility.

2.02. The Agency will adopt such proceedings and authorize the execution of such Agency documents as may be necessary or advisable for: (i) acquisition of a controlling interest in the Project Facility; (ii) designation by the Company of Additional Agents for construction and equipping of the Project Facility subject to the terms hereof; and (iii) the leasing or subleasing of the Project Facility to the Company, all as shall be authorized by law and be mutually satisfactory to the Agency and the Company.

2.03. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require the Agency to apply its funds to Project costs.

2.04. After satisfying the conditions precedent set forth in the Sections 2.05, 3.06 and 4.02 hereof and in the Inducement Resolution, the Company may proceed with the construction and equipping of the Project Facility and the utilization of and, as necessary the appointment of, Additional Agents.

2.05. Subject to the execution of the Lease Documents, the Inducement Resolution and Section 4.02 hereof, the Company is appointed the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) for the construction and equipping of the Project Facility; and (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency, and in general to do all things which may be requisite or proper for the construction and equipping of the Project Facility, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf.

2.06. The Agency will take or cause to be taken such other acts and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement the aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof. The Agency may in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "**SEQRA**"), undertake supplemental review of the Project. Such review to be limited to specific significant adverse environmental impacts not addressed or inadequately addressed in the Agency's review under SEQRA that arise from

changes in the proposed Project, newly discovered information or a change in the circumstances related to the Project.

**Article 3. Undertakings on the Part of the Company.** Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein the Company agrees as follows:

3.01. (a) The Company shall indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from all losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of or based on labor, services, materials and supplies, including but not limited to, equipment, ordered or used in connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in, and construction and equipping of the Project Facility and/or the Condominiums (including any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing), whether such claims or liabilities arise as a result of the Company or Additional Agents acting as agent for the Agency pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise.

(b) The Company shall not permit to stand, and will, at its own expense, take all steps reasonably necessary to remove, any mechanics' or other liens against the Project Facility for labor or material furnished in connection with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project Facility.

(c) The Company shall indemnify and hold the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents and anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any one of them may be liable, harmless from all claims and liabilities for loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned subsequent to the date hereof by any cause whatsoever in relation to the Project Facility and/or the Condominiums, including any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of the foregoing.

(d) The Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from all losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of or based on the non-disclosure of information, if any, requested by the Company in accordance with Section 4.05 hereof.

(e) The defense and indemnities provided for in this Article 3 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement and shall apply whether or not the claim, liability, cause of action or expense is caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the activities, acts, fault or negligence of the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents, anyone under the direction and control of any of them, or anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any of them may be liable, and whether or not based upon the breach of a statutory duty or obligation or any theory or rule of comparative or apportioned liability, subject only to any specific prohibition relating to the scope of indemnities imposed by statutory law.

(f) The Company shall provide and carry: (i) worker's compensation and disability insurance as required by law; and (ii) comprehensive liability and property insurance with such coverages (including without limitation, owner's protective coverage for the benefit of the Agency, naming the Agency as an additional insured on all policies of coverage regarding the

Project; providing the coverage with respect to the Agency be primary and non-contributory; and contractual coverage covering the indemnities herein provided for), with such limits and which such companies as may be approved by the Agency. Upon the request of the Agency, the Company shall provide certificates, endorsements, binders and/or policies of insurance in form satisfactory to the Agency evidencing such insurance.

(g) The Company shall apply and diligently pursue all approvals, permits and consents from the State of New York, the City, the City Planning Commission and any other governmental authority which approvals, permits and consents are required under applicable law for the development, construction and equipping of the Project and any related site improvements. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Agency's findings and determinations under SEQRA do not and shall not in and of themselves (except as specifically set forth in SEQRA) satisfy or be deemed to satisfy applicable laws, regulations, rules and procedural requirements applicable to such approvals, permits and consents.

(h) The Company shall complete a Local Access Agreement to be obtained from the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency and agrees to utilize, and cause its Additional Agents to utilize, local contractors and suppliers for the construction, equipping and completion of the Project unless a waiver is received from the Agency in writing. For purposes of this Agency Agreement, the term "**Local**" shall mean Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Madison, Cayuga and Cortland Counties. The Company agrees that such Local contractors shall be provided the opportunity to bid on contracts related to the Project Facility.

3.02. The Company agrees that, as agent for the Agency or otherwise, it will comply at the Company's sole cost and expense with all the requirements of all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations of whatever kind and howsoever denominated applicable to the Agency and/or Company with respect to the Project, the acquisition of a controlling interest therein, construction and equipping thereof, the operation and maintenance of the Project, supplemental review of adverse environmental impacts in accordance with SEQRA and the financing of the Project. Every provision required by law to be inserted herein shall be deemed to be set forth herein as if set forth in full, including, but not limited to, Section 875 of the Act; and upon the request of either party, this Agreement shall be amended to specifically set forth any such provision or provisions.

3.03. The Company agrees that, as agent for the Agency or otherwise, to the extent that such provisions of law are in fact applicable (without creating an obligation by contract beyond that which is created by statute) it will comply with the requirements of Section 220 of the Labor Law of the State of New York, as amended.

3.04. The Company will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

3.05. If it should be determined that any State or local sales or compensatory use taxes are payable with respect to the acquisition, purchase or rental or machinery or equipment, materials or supplies in connection with the Project Facility, or are in any manner otherwise

payable directly or indirectly in connection with the Project Facility, the Company shall pay the same and defend and indemnify the Agency from and against any liability, expenses and penalties arising out of, directly or indirectly, the imposition of any such taxes.

3.06 The Company shall proceed with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project and advance such funds as may be necessary to accomplish such purposes. The Company may appoint Additional Agents as agents of the Agency in furtherance of the Project Facility. Any appointment of an Additional Agent is conditioned upon the Company first obtaining and providing the Agency the following:

(1) A written, executed agreement, in form and substance acceptable to the Agency, from each Additional Agent which provides for the assumption by the Additional Agent, for itself, certain of the obligations under this Agreement relative to the appointment, work and purchases done and made by each Additional Agent; (ii) a commitment to utilize local contractors and suppliers for the construction and equipping of the Project (“local” being defined in Section 3.01(h) hereof); (iii) an acknowledgement that the Additional Agent is obligated, to timely provide the Company with the necessary information to permit the Company, pursuant to General Municipal Law §874(8), to timely file an Annual Statement with the Agency and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on “Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions” (Form ST-340) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Additional Agent claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on it by the Company with respect to this Project; (iv) an acknowledgment by the Additional Agent that the failure to comply with the foregoing will result in the loss of the exemption; and (v) such other terms and conditions as the Agency deems necessary; and

(2) A completed “IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent for Sales Tax Purposes” (Form ST-60) for each Additional Agent appointed within fifteen (15) days of the appointment of each Additional Agent such that the Agency can execute and deliver said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment of each such Additional Agent.

Failure of the Company to comply with the foregoing shall nullify the appointment of any Additional Agent and may result in the loss of the Company’s exemption with respect to the Project Facility at the sole discretion of the Agency.

The Company acknowledges that the assumption by the Additional Agent in accordance with Section 3.06(1) above, does not relieve the Company of its obligations under those provisions or any other provisions of this Agreement with respect to the Project.

For the avoidance of doubt, no exemptions from State or local sales and use taxes that forms the basis for the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency, shall be used or realized with respect to the Condominiums.

3.07 The Company ratifies and confirms its obligations to pay an annual administrative reporting fee in accordance with the Agency’s fee schedule to cover administrative and reporting requirements to comply with New York State reporting regulations on Agency assisted projects.

In addition, the Company ratifies and confirms its absolute obligation **to pay on demand** all of the Agency's legal fees associated with the undertaking of the Project, including but not limited to, review of the application, preparation of resolutions and attendance at meetings and to correspondence and calls, regardless of whether benefits are ultimately conferred on the Project.

#### **Article 4. General Provisions.**

4.01. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the execution hereof by the Agency and the Company and, subject to Section 4.04 hereof, shall remain in effect until the Lease Documents become effective. It is the intent of the Agency and the Company that, except as to those provisions that survive, this Agreement be superseded in its entirety by the Lease Documents.

4.02. (a) It is understood and agreed by the Agency and the Company that the grant of Financial Assistance and the execution of the Lease Documents and related documents are subject to: (i) payment by the Company of the Agency's fee and Agency's counsel fees; (ii) obtaining all necessary governmental approvals, permits and consents of any kind required in connection with the Project; (iii) approval by the members of the Agency; (iv) approval by the Company; and (v) the condition that there are no changes in New York State Law, including regulations, which prohibit or limit the Agency from fulfilling its obligations hereunder; and

(b) the Company, by executing this agreement, acknowledges and agrees to make, or cause its Additional Agents, to make, all records and information regarding State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits given to the Project Facility as part of the Financial Assistance available to the Agency upon request, including but not limited to the Form ST-340 for itself and each Additional Agent; and

(c) the Company, by executing this Agreement, acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Agency's Recapture of Benefits Policy and Section 875(3) of the Act as if such section were fully set forth herein and further agrees to cause all of its Additional Agents to acknowledge, agree and consent to same. Without limiting the scope of the foregoing the Company acknowledges that pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, and in accordance with the Agency's Recapture of Benefits Policy, the Agency shall, and in some instances may, recover, recapture, receive or otherwise obtain from the Company some or all of the Financial Assistance (the "***Recapture Amount***") including, but not limited to: (1) (a) that portion of the State and local sales and use tax exemption to which the Company was not entitled, which is in excess of the amount of the State and local sales and use tax exemption authorized by the Agency or which is for property or services not authorized by the Agency; or (b) the full amount of such State and local sales and use tax exemption, if the Company fails to comply with a material term or condition regarding the use of the property or services as represented to the Agency in its Application or otherwise; or (c) the full amount of such State and local sales and use tax exemption in the event the Company fails to execute and deliver the Lease Documents in accordance herewith or fails to complete the Project; and (2) any interest or penalties thereon imposed by the Agency or by operation of law or by judicial order or otherwise; and (d) the failure of the Company to promptly pay such Recapture Amount to the Agency will be grounds for the Commissioner to collect sales and use taxes from the Company under Article 28 of the



State Tax Law, together with interest and penalties. In addition to the foregoing, the Company acknowledges and agrees that for purposes of exemption from New York State (the “**State**”) sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested, “sales and use taxation” shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the New York State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight. In addition to the foregoing, the Agency may recapture other benefits comprising the Financial Assistance in accordance with the Agency’s Recapture Policy (a copy of which is on the Agency’s website).

4.03. The Company agrees that it will, within thirty (30) days of a written request for same, regardless of whether or not this matter closes or the Project is completed: (i) reimburse the Agency for all reasonable and necessary expenses, including without limitation the fees and expenses of counsel to the Agency arising from, out of or in connection with the Project, and/or any documents executed in connection therewith, including, but not limited to any claims or actions taken by the Agency against the Company, Additional Agents or third parties; and (ii) indemnify the Agency from all losses, claims, damages and liabilities, in each case which the Agency may incur as a consequence of executing this Agreement or performing its obligations hereunder, including but not limited to, any obligations related to Additional Agents.

4.04. If for any reason the Lease Documents are not executed and delivered by the Company and the Agency on or before **December 9, 2025**, the provisions of this Agreement (other than the provisions of Articles 1.04, 2.02, 2.04, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.05, 3.06, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05 and 4.06, which shall survive) shall, unless extended by agreement of the Agency and the Company, terminate and be of no further force or effect, and following such termination neither party shall have any rights against the other party except:

(a) The Company shall pay the Agency for all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project Facility;

(b) The Company shall assume and be responsible for any contracts for the construction or purchase of equipment entered into by the Agency at the request of or as agent for the Company in connection with the Project Facility; and

(c) The Company will pay the out-of-pocket expenses of members of the Agency and counsel for the Agency incurred in connection with the Project Facility and will pay the fees of counsel for the Agency for legal services relating to the Project Facility, Additional Agents or the proposed financing thereof.

**4.05. The Company acknowledges that Section 875(7) of the New York General Municipal Law (“GML”) requires the Agency to post on its website all resolutions and agreements relating to the Company’s appointment as an agent of the Agency or otherwise related to the Project, including this Agreement; and Article 6 of the New York Public Officers Law declares that all records in the possession of the Agency (with certain limited exceptions) are open to public inspection and copying. If the Company feels that there are elements of the Project or information about the Company in the Agency’s possession**

which are in the nature of trade secrets or information, the nature of which is such that if disclosed to the public or otherwise widely disseminated would cause substantial injury to the Company’s competitive position, the Company must identify such elements in writing, supply same to the Agency: (i) with respect to this Agreement, prior to or contemporaneously with the execution hereof; and (ii) with respect to all other agreements executed in connection with the Project, on or before the Closing Date, and request that such elements be kept confidential in accordance with Article 6 of the Public Officers Law. Failure to do so will result in the posting by the Agency of all information in accordance with Section 875 of the GML.

4.06 That every controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to its conflict-of-laws provisions that if applied might require the application of the laws of another jurisdiction; and that the Company irrevocably and expressly submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, to the exclusion of all other courts, for the purposes of litigating every controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**CITY OF SYRACUSE INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Ennis, Executive Director

**800 SOUTH WILBUR AVE, SYRACUSE, LLC**

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