

Public Hearing

SKF USA, Inc.

February 25, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Village of Falconer

Community Building

101 West Main Street

Falconer, New York

County of Chautauqua

Attendance:

Carol Rasmussen, Project Manager, County of Chautauqua IDA

Marjorie Briggs, 7 Harmon Avenue, Falconer, NY 14733

Cora Aldrich, 210 E. Jamestown Street, Falconer, NY 14733

Brent Agett, Falconer Central School District, Treasurer

Pat Fralick, 28 Harman Street, Falconer, NY 14733 and

1865 Elmwood Street, Falconer, NY 14733

Martha Armstrong, 220 East Main Street, Falconer, NY 14733

Sam Ognibene, DPW Superintendent

George Schneider, 1 Harmon Avenue, Falconer, NY 14733

Good morning. My name is Carol Rasmussen. I am the Project Manager of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (hereafter, the "Agency") and I have been directed by the members of the Agency to hold a public hearing. Today is February 25, 2010 and the time is now 9:11 a.m. We are at the Village of Falconer Community Building, 101 West Main Street, Falconer, County of Chautauqua, New York.

This is a public hearing pursuant to section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended. The Agency has received an application for financial assistance in connection with the following matter:

SKF USA Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign corporation (the "Applicant"), presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project in one (1) or more phases (collectively, the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 66.3 acre parcel of land located at and around One Maroco Road, in the Village of Falconer and Town of Ellicott, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "One Maroco Parcel"), (2) the renovation of an existing approximately 216,700 square foot building, together with related improvements, located on the One Maroco Parcel (collectively, the "Existing Building"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "One Maroco Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute a manufacturing and commercial facility (collectively, the "One Maroco Project Facility"); (B) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 5.85 acre parcel of land located adjacent to the One Maroco Parcel, in the Village of Falconer and Town of Ellicott, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "Expansion Parcel"), (2) the construction of one (1) or more buildings comprising approximately 96,000 square feet, together with related improvements, on the Expansion Parcel (collectively, the "New Building" and together with the Existing Building, the "Building"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "New Equipment" and together with the One Maroco Equipment, the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute a manufacturing and commercial facility (collectively, the "New Project Facility" and together with the One Maroco Project Facility, the "Project Facility"); (C) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential

exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (but not including special assessments and ad valorem levies) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (D) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the One Maroco Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and (E) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the New Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency and, if applicable, the sublease of the New Project Facility by such other entity to the Applicant. The Project Facility would be initially owned, operated and/or managed by the Applicant.

Notice of this public hearing was published in *The Jamestown Post-Journal* on January 26, 2010 and provided to the Chief Executive Officer of each affected tax jurisdiction.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the Project.

Is there anyone wishing to be heard with respect to the Project? If so, please state your name and affiliation.

Marjorie Briggs – The project is right in my backyard, right next to my house. I don't care to have any fumes coming toward my house from the factories and into my windows. I would like them to make an offer and see what we can do because I would not want to stay. It's a great idea, but not with me in the middle of it.

Martha Armstrong – My concern is Truck-Lite because there were a rumor going around yesterday that Truck-Lite was selling to SKF. Is this true, or are they just buying land from Truck-Lite? How will this effect Truck-Lite? We have 140 people laid off there now. I think

Truck-Lite should have some help too. Also, if this goes through, does it mean it will add jobs?

Is there a number for new jobs?

Carol Rasmussen

Do you work for Truck-Lite?

Martha Armstrong – I am retired from Truck-Lite.

Carol Rasmussen

I will state your concerns, since this is not a question and answer hearing.

Martha Armstrong – But, will there be new jobs?

Carol Rasmussen – In regard to the new facility, it will keep the jobs in our county and New York State. It is a possibility.

Martha Armstrong – Will it close in Jamestown?

Carol Rasmussen - This is an enhanced Heat Treat operation, which will be able to produce more and new products.

Martha Armstrong – In other words, the CCIDA would give an incentive to SKF.

Carol Rasmussen – Yes, this Public Hearing is being held because of the request by SKF for a Tax Incentive.

Martha Armstrong – They would also buy land. Is there an amount they are asking for?

Carol Rasmussen – Yes, in the application.

Pat Fralick – My name is Pat Fralick and I have two homes on Harmon and Elmwood Avenue that I rent out. If they have a big factory there, I will not be able to rent the homes as easily as I can now. Also, like Marge, I am worried about the fumes from the factory and the semi trucks that will be coming and going. The noise and the fumes coming in all hours of the night. If this company is not going to buy homes, are they going to landscape so we will not get the fumes, the

noise or the lights from the parking lot all hours of the night? Right now, they did replace one light and the light is lit right up from my renter. I am concerned about the air, and I hope the health department will get involved (OSHA). I think this is a wonderful thing if it will create jobs. I heard 700 jobs, but I am not sure if that is true. I think it would be nice to keep this in New York State; I am just concerned about keeping everybody healthy. I don't want a plant in my back yard and trucks going by all the time. I would like a layout of the plans. I don't want a big pile of mud in my yard. I think we are entitled to see the plans. We need to make proper arrangements. I am concerned that I will not be able to rent my homes, or Margaret will not be able to sell her home. The noise is a big concern.

George Schneider – I understand that they are going to make the street 50 feet wide. Where would you put 50 feet? They were out all last summer taping and no one is saying anything about it. Something is going out.

Martha Armstrong

All of us neighbors have heard little bits and pieces, and maybe they are rumors. I think we are entitled to know what is going on, and we should get layouts.

Carol Rasmussen – I am hearing your concerns are for lay out plans. Again, I can't answer those questions; however I will bring your concerns.

Martha Armstrong – It is a wonderful thing to keep this in New York and if there will be new jobs, but we want to know what is going on with the land.

Sam Ognibene, DPW Superintendent, Village of Falconer – I don't know all that is going on there also, but I would like to put your mind at ease. Between the DEC and EPA, etc they would not be able to put a plant up that is up to standard, whether it is State or Federal standards. They cannot put a building up that does not comply. As far as excess emissions, it has to meet

standards. I wanted to put you at ease with that topic. As far as a wider road, I have not heard anything, and I am sure that I would have heard.

George Schneider – They were taping the road.

Sam Ognibene – They are probably taping to make sure of property lines.

George Schneider – They were not taping property lines, I know where my property line.

Sam Ognibene – Well, we are not here to argue today.

George Schneider – I know. Who owns the property now?

Sam Ognibene – I have no idea who owns the property.

George Schneider – I believe that you will find out that Gary Lynn owns the property.

Sam Ognibene – Which street are you referring to?

George Schneider – Harmon Avenue

Sam Ognibene – Harmon Avenue is not being made 50 feet wide. I would know being the DPW Superintendent, and it is not being made 50 feet wide.

George Schneider – If they do, the gas line is on my side of the road and the water line is on the other side of the road and breaks two or three times per year. Look in your records.

Sam Ognibene – I am not disputing that.

George Schneider – They would have to bury both of those and be right at the front of my house.

I know where the property line is from my house. It comes in and turns.

Sam Ognibene – They are not making that road 50 feet wide. I would know before you would know.

Pat Fralick – Can we have layouts?

Sam Ognibene – I don't think Frank, Code Officer has layouts. They do that because the village line goes through and they have to determine where the building is going for the tax break for the town, village, etc. Everything is still in the planning stage.

Marjorie Briggs – Do we know how close it is going to be to our house?

Sam Ognibene – I don't know. There is a code law that they have to be so far from the existing property line. Would you like me to go down stairs and look?

Carol Rasmussen – You may after the hearing. This hearing is basically for the tax-lease issue, and for anyone to state concerns. It is not to answer the questions, but to bring the concerns forward.

Sam Ognibene – I do not believe they are going to increase 700 jobs; from what I was told there may be some. I don't know where these figures are coming from. The people employed will not lose their jobs.

George Schneider

There will be construction jobs.

Sam Ognibene

Yes, but there will not be 700 new employees in the factory. Whoever you heard that from does not know what they are talking about. There are a lot of rumors Pat; everyone has a different story. I was told that everyone that has a job will keep their job. It is a big plus to keep your jobs.

Carol Rasmussen – As Sam stated, there seems to be many rumors. Your concerns will be attempted to be answered by the appropriate individuals.

Martha Armstrong

I was told they were paying \$11 million for property, along with the rumor about Truck-Lite.

Pat Fralick – We would like to know what they are going to do ahead of time, so we can decide what to do.

Marjorie Briggs - Are they considering buying out the people who have homes there?

Carol Rasmussen – Is there anything else? Your comments will be part of the minutes and presented to the CCIDA Board of Director's at 1:00 p.m. today.

On behalf of the Agency, I would like to thank the members of the public for attending this public hearing and for their comments with respect to the Project. It is now 9:31 a.m. I now call this hearing to a close.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "C" and "R".

Carol Rasmussen, CCIDA Project Manager

9:31 a.m.

To who it may concern my once quit dead end street with trees to block the view and noise of skys is gone. Now to my understanding there is going to be big ugly building not only to right of my house but also behind it too. These buildings are going to be within feet of my house. Where my grandchildren used to play and we would sit out having family cook outs. Now the traffic ,factory noise and polution is going to be my biggest concern.

*Sincerely,
Lawrence & Marjorie Briggs*