# **SL Sherman Due Diligence Resolution**

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session March 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., local time, at the offices of the Agency located at the Fredonia Technology Incubator, 214 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "Incubator").

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Gary Henry
Sagan Sheffield-Smith
Dan Heitzenrater
Steven Thorpe
Rhonda Johnson
Dan DeMarte

Chairperson
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member

## NOT PRESENT:

Bradley Walters Vice Chairperson

Jay Churchill Member Kevin Muldowney Member

# THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise Administrative Director/CEO

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The attached resolution no. 03-28-23-01 was offered by Rhonda Johnson, seconded by Sagan Sheffield-Smith:

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### Resolution No. 03-28-23-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNDERTAKING DUE DILIGENCE FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR SL SHERMAN, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, SL SHERMAN, LLC, a limited liability company duly 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 limited liability company (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 17.4 acre portion of a 31.2 acre parcel of land located at 176 W. Main Street, Village of Sherman and Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a fixed tilt system(ii) inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 4.625 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with

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an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations made by the Applicant therein, in certain supplemental documents and at this meeting, including, without limitation, representations of the Applicant that: (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; (B) the completion of the Project and the leasing and operation of the Project Facility by the Applicant and/or its related designee will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility in the State; (C) the Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; (D) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and (E) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and improve their standard of living, and prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, among other things, a final determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following determinations by the Agency that: (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project and the Financial Assistance have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the "Regulations" and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, "SEQRA"), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Applicant to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, by undertaking the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; and

WHEREAS, although a resolution authorizing the undertaking of the Project has not yet been submitted for approval by the Agency, a due diligence agreement (the "Due Diligence Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

The Agency hereby authorizes the Administrative Director/CEO of the Section 1. Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project: (A) to establish a time, date and place (if applicable) for a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said Public Hearing to be held in the city, town or village within which the Project Facility is or will be located, subject to Applicable Laws; (B) to cause notice of said Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of said Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units within which the Project Facility is or will be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of and to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said Public Hearing, pursuant to the Act, to be given to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and of each city, town, village, school district and other affected tax jurisdiction in which the Project Facility is or will be located; (D) to conduct the Public Hearing or to authorize a hearing officer to conduct the Public Hearing in accordance with the Act; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said Public Hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and (F) to otherwise comply with all other procedural and other requirements imposed on the Agency pursuant to Applicable Laws with respect to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance.

The Applicant is hereby authorized to conduct such environmental, Section 2. engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary or convenient to enable the Agency to make its determination whether to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; provided, however, that such authorization shall not entitle or permit the Applicant to commence the acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of the Project Facility unless and until the Agency shall determine that all requirements of Applicable Laws have been fulfilled. The officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby directed to proceed to do such things or perform such acts as may allow the Agency to proceed to its final consideration of the Project. This Resolution constitutes an authorization to conduct concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning with respect to the Project within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute, either an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purposes of the Act or SEQRA or a commitment by the Agency to approve the Project or to grant the Financial Assistance.

Section 3. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth in the Due Diligence Agreement.

Section 4. The findings of the Agency set forth herein are expressly conditioned upon full compliance of the Applicant, the Project and the Project Facility with all Applicable

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Laws, and the Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of same satisfactory to the Agency prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance.

Section 5. If, following full compliance with all Applicable Laws, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, or any portion thereof, with respect to the Project and the Applicant complies with all conditions set forth in the Due Diligence Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to a deed, lease agreement, assignment of lease, license, bill of sale and/or other documentation to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant (the "Company Lease"); (B) lease (with the obligation to purchase), license or sell the Project Facility to the Applicant or related designee pursuant to an agency lease agreement or an installment sale agreement (the "Agency Lease") to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant; and (C) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, all as contemplated by the Due Diligence Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 6. The form, terms and substance of the Due Diligence Agreement (in substantially the form presented at this meeting) are in all respects approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver said Due Diligence Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting, and the Agency hereby ratifies and approves any action heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the Due Diligence Agreement.

Section 7. From and after the execution and delivery of the Due Diligence Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency, and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Due Diligence Agreement as and when executed.

Section 8. The law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Jamestown, New York, is hereby appointed Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Applicant, to work with the Applicant, counsel to the Applicant, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

<u>Section 9.</u> The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 10.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Gary Henry	AYE
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	AYE
Dan Heitzenrater	AYE
Steven Thorpe	AYE
Rhonda Johnson	AYE
Dan DeMarte	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on June 28, 2022 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) the meeting was duly held by videoconferencing in compliance with the requirements of Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, including, but not limited to, the notice provisions of such Section; (E) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting and the minimum number of members required for a quorum was physically present at one of the locations specified in the notice of the meeting, (F) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law; (G) members of the public were permitted to view such meeting via video and to participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time to the same extent that that public participation was permitted to members of the public present in person.

WE 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 28th day of March, 2023.

[Assistant] Secretary

Vice Chairman

### DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT

THIS DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") dated as of the 28th day of March, 2023, between the COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and SL SHERMAN, LLC, a limited liability company duly 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 limited liability company (the "Applicant").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Proposed Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 17.4 acre portion of a 31.2 acre parcel of land located at 176 W. Main Street, Village of Sherman and Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a fixed tilt system, (ii) inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 4.625 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes

(collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency;; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency held a meeting on June 28, 2022 and approved a resolution (the "Preliminary Due Diligence Resolution") requiring the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Applicant and authorizing its execution and delivery by the Agency, and authorizing the Agency to pursue preliminary action toward the undertaking of the Proposed Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Agency and the Applicant agree as follows:

# Article 1. Representations; No Commitments.

# Section 1.01. The Applicant hereby represents to the Agency that:

- (A) Based on the proposed use of the Project Facility, the economic effects of the Proposed Project on the area in which it is situated and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County of Chautauqua (the "County"), the Proposed Project would constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and would advance the Agency's purposes by preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Proposed Project would constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Act.
- (B) The execution, delivery and performance by the Applicant of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary company action, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Applicant and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Applicant enforceable against the Applicant in accordance with its terms.
- (C) The Project Facility does not and will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project Facility. For purposes of this representation, retail sales shall mean: (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of Section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (ii) sales of a service to such customers.
- (D) The undertaking of the Proposed Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant located in the State of New York (but

outside the County). Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act would not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant.

- (E) Each owner, occupant or operator that would receive Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable federal, state and local tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
- (F) As of the date of this Agreement, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) thereof.
- (G) The granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project would be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Proposed Project in the County.
- (H) The Applicant would not undertake the Proposed Project in the County without the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency.
- (I) The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of the Village of Sherman and the Town of Sherman, County of Chautauqua, and the Sherman Central School District and is not located within the boundaries of any incorporated city or any other incorporated village.
- (J) The Applicant plans to invest a total of at least \$6,603,000 in the Project Facility.
- (K) The Application is and remains true, accurate and complete in all respects as of the date hereof.

Section 1.02. By the Preliminary Due Diligence Resolution, the Agency has approved the execution of this Agreement. The Agency intends this Agreement to constitute its binding commitment, subject to the terms hereof, to accept the Application; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not commit the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant to the Applicant any Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project. The members of the Agency shall decide, in their sole and absolute discretion, whether or not to undertake the Proposed Project and to grant such Financial Assistance, and then only following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations and the policies and procedures of the Agency (collectively, "Legal Requirements") have been fulfilled.

# Article 2. <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Agency</u>.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Applicant, and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

- Section 2.01. The Agency shall undertake formal consideration of the Proposed Project and the Financial Assistance relating to the Proposed Project, subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 1.02 above and the following conditions:
- (A) The Agency shall receive, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, such rulings, approvals, resolutions, consents, certificates, opinions of counsel and other instruments and proceedings as shall be specified by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project and the various documents to be executed in connection with the Proposed Project;
- (B) The Applicant shall provide the Agency and all other "involved/interested agencies" with all information and statements that may be required by said respective entities to ensure compliance by said entities with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA");
- (C) The Applicant shall comply with and shall provide the Agency with all information, documentation and statements required for the Agency to comply with the requirements of all Legal Requirements; and
- (D) The Applicant shall pay all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project (including, without limitation, counsel fees and disbursements) and shall pay all fees of the Agency.

# Article 3. <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Applicant</u>.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Applicant agrees as follows:

Section 3.01. The Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold the Agency (and its members, officers, agents, attorneys and employees) harmless from any and all liability, damages, causes of actions, losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with: (A) examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application, the Proposed Project or the Financial Assistance are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility, and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Proposed Project; including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) all fees and expenses of the Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants (if deemed necessary or advisable by the Agency) heretofore or hereafter incurred, and (ii) all other expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any suits, actions or proceedings that may

arise as a result of any of the foregoing. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Agency decides not to proceed with consideration of the Application or the proposed Project or the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the Application or if the Applicant is unable to secure third party financing, if required, or otherwise fails to conclude the Proposed Project, then upon presentation of an invoice by the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, as the case may be, all fees and expenses reflected in any such invoice.

Section 3.02. The Applicant agrees that each of the Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, and that each of them may (but shall not be obligated to) enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect the fees and expenses of such party or person incurred by the Agency (whether or not first paid by the Agency) with respect to the Application. The Applicant further agrees that the Agency may (but shall not be obligated to) directly enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement against the Applicant, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect such fees and expenses.

Section 3.03. The Applicant will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as the Agency may deem necessary to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as the Agency may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

Section 3.04. This Agreement is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the Proposed Project, and neither this Agreement nor any discussions or course of conduct between the parties or their representatives shall constitute an agreement, offer or legally binding commitment by the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant the Financial Assistance. This Agreement does not purport to summarize or contain all the conditions, covenants, representations, warranties and other provisions that would be contained in the definitive documentation between the Agency and the Applicant relating to the Proposed Project.

## Article 4. General Provisions.

Section 4.01. (A) All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (i) when mailed by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (ii) when delivered by hand delivery to the undersigned, or (iii) the date of delivery (or refusal) after deposit with Federal Express or other nationally recognized overnight courier for next business day delivery, addressed as follows:

# (1) To the Agency:

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency 201 West 3rd Street, Suite 115 Jamestown, NY 14701

Attn: Mark Geise

(2) To the Applicant:

SL Sherman, LLC 57 Exchange Street, Suite 100 Portland, ME 04101 Attn: Nathan Rizzo

(B) The Agency and the Applicant may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates and other communications shall be sent.

Section 4.02. All covenants and agreements herein contained by or on behalf of the Agency and the Applicant shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective permitted successors and assigns of the Agency and the Applicant, as the case may be, whether so expressed or not.

Section 4.03. The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein shall be deemed the obligations and agreements of the Agency, and not of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his individual capacity, and the members, officers, agents and employees of the Agency shall not be liable personally hereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability based upon or in respect hereof or of any transaction contemplated hereby. The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York or of the County, and neither the State of New York nor the County, shall be liable thereon; and further, such obligations and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency, but rather shall constitute limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from the revenues of the Agency derived and to be derived from the lease, sale or other disposition of the Project Facility.

Section 4.04. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Agency shall not be obligated to take any action pursuant to any provision hereof unless (A) the Agency shall have been requested to do so in writing by the Applicant; and (B) if compliance with such request is reasonably expected to result in the incurrence by the Agency (or any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency) of any liability, fees, expenses or other costs, the Agency shall have received from the Applicant security or indemnity satisfactory to the Agency for protection against all such liability and for the reimbursement of all such fees, expenses and other costs.

Section 4.05. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signatures by facsimile or in Portable Document Format shall be deemed to constitute originals.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
By:
Name: Richard E. Dixon
Title: CFO

# **SL Sherman II Due Diligence Resolution**

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### Resolution No. 03-28-23-02

# RESOLUTION APPROVING UNDERTAKING DUE DILIGENCE FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR SL SHERMAN II, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, SL SHERMAN II, LLC, a limited liability company duly 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 limited liability company (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 16.6 acre portion of a 21 acre parcel of land located at 191 W. Main Street, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a fixed tilt system, (ii) inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 5 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase),

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license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations made by the Applicant therein, in certain supplemental documents and at this meeting, including, without limitation, representations of the Applicant that: (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; (B) the completion of the Project and the leasing and operation of the Project Facility by the Applicant and/or its related designee will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant, such related designee or any other occupant of the Project Facility in the State; (C) the Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; (D) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and (E) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and improve their standard of living, and prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, among other things, a final determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following determinations by the Agency that: (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project and the Financial Assistance have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the "Regulations" and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, "SEQRA"), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Applicant to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, by undertaking the Project in the County of Chautauqua, New York; and

WHEREAS, although a resolution authorizing the undertaking of the Project has not yet been submitted for approval by the Agency, a due diligence agreement (the "Due Diligence Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

The Agency hereby authorizes the Administrative Director/CEO of the Section 1. Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project: (A) to establish a time, date and place (if applicable) for a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said Public Hearing to be held in the city, town or village within which the Project Facility is or will be located, subject to Applicable Laws; (B) to cause notice of said Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of said Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units within which the Project Facility is or will be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of and to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said Public Hearing, pursuant to the Act, to be given to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua, New York, and of each city, town, village, school district and other affected tax jurisdiction in which the Project Facility is or will be located; (D) to conduct the Public Hearing or to authorize a hearing officer to conduct the Public Hearing in accordance with the Act; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said Public Hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and (F) to otherwise comply with all other procedural and other requirements imposed on the Agency pursuant to Applicable Laws with respect to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance.

The Applicant is hereby authorized to conduct such environmental, Section 2. engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary or convenient to enable the Agency to make its determination whether to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; provided, however, that such authorization shall not entitle or permit the Applicant to commence the acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of the Project Facility unless and until the Agency shall determine that all requirements of Applicable Laws have been fulfilled. The officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby directed to proceed to do such things or perform such acts as may allow the Agency to proceed to its final consideration of the Project. This Resolution constitutes an authorization to conduct concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning with respect to the Project within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute, either an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purposes of the Act or SEQRA or a commitment by the Agency to approve the Project or to grant the Financial Assistance.

- Section 3. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth in the Due Diligence Agreement.
- Section 4. The findings of the Agency set forth herein are expressly conditioned upon full compliance of the Applicant, the Project and the Project Facility with all Applicable

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Laws, and the Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of same satisfactory to the Agency prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance.

Section 5. If, following full compliance with all Applicable Laws, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, or any portion thereof, with respect to the Project and the Applicant complies with all conditions set forth in the Due Diligence Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to a deed, lease agreement, assignment of lease, license, bill of sale and/or other documentation to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant (the "Company Lease"); (B) lease (with the obligation to purchase), license or sell the Project Facility to the Applicant or related designee pursuant to an agency lease agreement or an installment sale agreement (the "Agency Lease") to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant; and (C) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, all as contemplated by the Due Diligence Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 6. The form, terms and substance of the Due Diligence Agreement (in substantially the form presented at this meeting) are in all respects approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver said Due Diligence Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting, and the Agency hereby ratifies and approves any action heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the Due Diligence Agreement.

Section 7. From and after the execution and delivery of the Due Diligence Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency, and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Due Diligence Agreement as and when executed.

Section 8. The law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Jamestown, New York, is hereby appointed Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Applicant, to work with the Applicant, counsel to the Applicant, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

<u>Section 9.</u> The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 10.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Gary Henry	AYE
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	AYE
Dan Heitzenrater	AYE
Steven Thorpe	AYE
Rhonda Johnson	AYE
Dan DeMarte	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on June 28, 2022 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) the meeting was duly held by videoconferencing in compliance with the requirements of Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, including, but not limited to, the notice provisions of such Section; (E) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting and the minimum number of members required for a quorum was physically present at one of the locations specified in the notice of the meeting, (F) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law; (G) members of the public were permitted to view such meeting via video and to participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time to the same extent that that public participation was permitted to members of the public present in person.

WE 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 28th day of March, 2023.

[Assistant] Secretary

ice] Chairman

### DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT

THIS DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") dated as of the 28th day of March, 2023, between the COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and SL SHERMAN II, LLC, a limited liability company duly 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 limited liability company (the "Applicant").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Proposed Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 16.6 acre portion of a 21 acre parcel of land located at 191 W. Main Street, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a 1-axis tracking steel structure, (ii) inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 5 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial

Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency;; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency held a meeting on June 28, 2022 and approved a resolution (the "Preliminary Due Diligence Resolution") requiring the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Applicant and authorizing its execution and delivery by the Agency, and authorizing the Agency to pursue preliminary action toward the undertaking of the Proposed Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Agency and the Applicant agree as follows:

# Article 1. Representations; No Commitments.

# <u>Section 1.01</u>. The Applicant hereby represents to the Agency that:

- (A) Based on the proposed use of the Project Facility, the economic effects of the Proposed Project on the area in which it is situated and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County of Chautauqua (the "County"), the Proposed Project would constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and would advance the Agency's purposes by preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Proposed Project would constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Act.
- (B) The execution, delivery and performance by the Applicant of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary company action, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Applicant and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Applicant enforceable against the Applicant in accordance with its terms.
- (C) The Project Facility does not and will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project Facility. For purposes of this representation, retail sales shall mean: (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of Section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (ii) sales of a service to such customers.
- (D) The undertaking of the Proposed Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant located in the State of New York (but

outside the County). Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act would not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant.

- (E) Each owner, occupant or operator that would receive Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable federal, state and local tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
- (F) As of the date of this Agreement, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) thereof.
- (G) The granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project would be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Proposed Project in the County.
- (H) The Applicant would not undertake the Proposed Project in the County without the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency.
- (I) The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of the Town of Sherman, County of Chautauqua, and the Sherman Central School District and is not located within the boundaries of any incorporated city or any incorporated village.
- (J) The Applicant plans to invest a total of at least \$7,100,000 in the Project Facility.
- (K) The Application is and remains true, accurate and complete in all respects as of the date hereof.

Section 1.02. By the Preliminary Due Diligence Resolution, the Agency has approved the execution of this Agreement. The Agency intends this Agreement to constitute its binding commitment, subject to the terms hereof, to accept the Application; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not commit the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant to the Applicant any Financial Assistance with respect to the Proposed Project. The members of the Agency shall decide, in their sole and absolute discretion, whether or not to undertake the Proposed Project and to grant such Financial Assistance, and then only following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations and the policies and procedures of the Agency (collectively, "Legal Requirements") have been fulfilled.

# Article 2. <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Agency</u>.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Applicant, and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

- Section 2.01. The Agency shall undertake formal consideration of the Proposed Project and the Financial Assistance relating to the Proposed Project, subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 1.02 above and the following conditions:
- (A) The Agency shall receive, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, such rulings, approvals, resolutions, consents, certificates, opinions of counsel and other instruments and proceedings as shall be specified by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project and the various documents to be executed in connection with the Proposed Project;
- (B) The Applicant shall provide the Agency and all other "involved/interested agencies" with all information and statements that may be required by said respective entities to ensure compliance by said entities with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA");
- (C) The Applicant shall comply with and shall provide the Agency with all information, documentation and statements required for the Agency to comply with the requirements of all Legal Requirements; and
- (D) The Applicant shall pay all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the Proposed Project (including, without limitation, counsel fees and disbursements) and shall pay all fees of the Agency.

# Article 3. <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Applicant</u>.

Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Applicant agrees as follows:

Section 3.01. The Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold the Agency (and its members, officers, agents, attorneys and employees) harmless from any and all liability, damages, causes of actions, losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with: (A) examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application, the Proposed Project or the Financial Assistance are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility, and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Proposed Project; including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) all fees and expenses of the Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants (if deemed necessary or advisable by the Agency) heretofore or hereafter incurred, and (ii) all other expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any suits, actions or proceedings that may

arise as a result of any of the foregoing. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Agency decides not to proceed with consideration of the Application or the proposed Project or the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels, or neglects the Application or if the Applicant is unable to secure third party financing, if required, or otherwise fails to conclude the Proposed Project, then upon presentation of an invoice by the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, attorneys or assigns, as the case may be, all fees and expenses reflected in any such invoice.

Section 3.02. The Applicant agrees that each of the Agency's general counsel, transaction counsel, economic development consultant, real property tax valuation consultant and other experts and consultants is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, and that each of them may (but shall not be obligated to) enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect the fees and expenses of such party or person incurred by the Agency (whether or not first paid by the Agency) with respect to the Application. The Applicant further agrees that the Agency may (but shall not be obligated to) directly enforce the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement against the Applicant, whether by lawsuit or otherwise, to collect such fees and expenses.

Section 3.03. The Applicant will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as the Agency may deem necessary to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as the Agency may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

Section 3.04. This Agreement is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the Proposed Project, and neither this Agreement nor any discussions or course of conduct between the parties or their representatives shall constitute an agreement, offer or legally binding commitment by the Agency to undertake the Proposed Project or to grant the Financial Assistance. This Agreement does not purport to summarize or contain all the conditions, covenants, representations, warranties and other provisions that would be contained in the definitive documentation between the Agency and the Applicant relating to the Proposed Project.

## Article 4. General Provisions.

Section 4.01. (A) All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (i) when mailed by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (ii) when delivered by hand delivery to the undersigned, or (iii) the date of delivery (or refusal) after deposit with Federal Express or other nationally recognized overnight courier for next business day delivery, addressed as follows:

# (1) To the Agency:

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency 201 West 3rd Street, Suite 115 Jamestown, NY 14701

Attn: Mark Geise

(2) To the Applicant:

SL Sherman II, LLC 57 Exchange Street, Suite 100 Portland, ME 04101 Attn: Nathan Rizzo

(B) The Agency and the Applicant may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates and other communications shall be sent.

Section 4.02. All covenants and agreements herein contained by or on behalf of the Agency and the Applicant shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective permitted successors and assigns of the Agency and the Applicant, as the case may be, whether so expressed or not.

Section 4.03. The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein shall be deemed the obligations and agreements of the Agency, and not of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his individual capacity, and the members, officers, agents and employees of the Agency shall not be liable personally hereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability based upon or in respect hereof or of any transaction contemplated hereby. The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York or of the County, and neither the State of New York nor the County, shall be liable thereon; and further, such obligations and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency, but rather shall constitute limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from the revenues of the Agency derived and to be derived from the lease, sale or other disposition of the Project Facility.

Section 4.04. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Agency shall not be obligated to take any action pursuant to any provision hereof unless (A) the Agency shall have been requested to do so in writing by the Applicant; and (B) if compliance with such request is reasonably expected to result in the incurrence by the Agency (or any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency) of any liability, fees, expenses or other costs, the Agency shall have received from the Applicant security or indemnity satisfactory to the Agency for protection against all such liability and for the reimbursement of all such fees, expenses and other costs.

<u>Section 4.05</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signatures by facsimile or in Portable Document Format shall be deemed to constitute originals.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

SL SHERMAN II, LLC	COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
By:	By:
Name:	Name: Richard E. Dixon
Title:	Title: CFO



# RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-28-23-03 OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO APPROVE AN AL TECH LOAN or EDA CARES ACT RLF TO BEMUS POINT INN INC.

### March 28, 2023

Resolution authorizing an AL Tech Revolving Loan Fund loan EDA Cares Act RLF to Bemus Point Inn Inc., in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the purpose of working capital.

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency ("CCIDA") has been presented with an AL Tech Revolving Loan Fund application from Bemus Point Inn Restaurant (the "Company") for the purpose of working capital for property located at 4958 Main Street, Bemus Point, NY 14712. The loan request is in the amount of \$125,000.00. The loan term is 5 years ("Term") at 4.00% interest (the "Loan"). There will be 3 monthly payments of interest only followed by 57 monthly payments of principal and interest, and

WHEREAS, the loan shall be secured by (i) a 3rd lien mortgage position on the real estate located at 4958 Main Street, Bemus Point, NY 14712 behind the bank and private lender (SBL No: 333.13-2-16), (ii) a 3rd lien assignment of rents behind the bank and private lender (iii) a 3rd lien position on all business assets including, but not limited to, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, inventory, and accounts receivable, (iv) unlimited personal guarantee provided by Laurie L. Miller, and

WHEREAS, Life Insurance Assignment for Laurie L. Miller has been waived, and

WHEREAS, the Company shall maintain fire and hazard insurance on all company assets, with CCIDA listed as assignee and loss payee in an amount equal to the outstanding indebtedness to CCIDA at all times over the course of the loan, and appraisals for the property must be received prior to the loan closing, and

WHEREAS, commitment and financing documents of other lenders are to be satisfactory to the CCIDA, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Director, Chairman, or any officer of CCIDA, are hereby authorized by the Members to sign any and all documents and other instruments necessary in order to effectuate the above.

By Chairman
Date 3/27/23

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session on March 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., local time, at the Fredonia Technology Incubator, 214 Central Avenue, 1st floor, City of Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "IDA Office").

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Gary Henry Chairman
Sagan Sheffield-Smith Treasurer
Daniel Heitzenrater Secretary
Steven Thorpe Member
Rhonda Johnson Member
Dan DeMarte Member

## NOT PRESENT:

Brad Walters Vice Chairman

Jay Churchill Member Kevin Muldowney Member

# THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise Administrative Director/CEO

Richard E. Dixon Chief Financial Officer

Milan K. Tyler, Esq. Counsel Greg Peterson Counsel Lisa Cole Counsel

Paul Wendel County Executive

Kristine Morabito **IDA Staff** Rosie Strandburg **IDA Staff** Kayla Strandburg **IDA Staff** Carol Rasmussen **IDA Staff** Nate Aldrich **IDA Staff** Rebecca Wurster **IDA Staff** Jeanette Lo Bello **IDA Staff** Jason Toczydlowski **IDA Staff** Crystal Erhard **IDA Staff** Monica Simpson **IDA Staff** 

Bill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC
Jill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

The attached resolution no. 03-28-23-04 was offered by Dan Heitzenrater, seconded by

Sagan Sheffield-Smith:

### **Resolution No. 03-28-23-04**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR CHAUTAUQUA LAKE HOSPITALITY, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES

Name of Project: Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

**Location:** 20 Lakeside Drive, Village of Bemus Point, Town of Ellery, Chautauqua

County, New York (SBL 333.09-1-56, 333.09-1-57, 33.09-1-76)

**SEQR Status:** Unlisted

**Determination** 

of Significance: Negative Declaration

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to, among other things, (i) acquire by purchase, lease, gift, bequest, devise or otherwise real or personal property or interests therein; and (ii) acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE HOSPITALITY LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 2.14 acre parcel of land located at 20 Lakeside Drive, Village of Bemus Point, Town of Ellery, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "Land"), (2) the renovation of an existing approximately 35,888 square foot multi-building facility on the Land, together with the construction of an

approximately 7,245 square foot addition thereto consisting of third-floor employee housing, a solarium and a rooftop bar (collectively, the "Building"), together with related improvements to the Land, and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Building, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as a waterfront tourism destination hotel project; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York ("NYSDEC"), being 6 NYCRR Part 617, et. seq., as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, the Agency has received and reviewed: (1) a Short Environmental Assessment Form dated February 1, 2023 and an email from the Applicant dated February 20, 2023 clarifying aspects of the EAF (collectively, the "EAF"); (2) NYSDEC's Environmental Resource Mapper ("NYSDEC Mapper"); (3) the New York State Cultural Resource Information System ("CRIS"); (4) an Application for Financial Assistance ("PILOT Application"); (5) revised drawings for the Project dated November 9, 2022 ("Drawings"); and (6) other relevant environmental information (collectively, 1-6 shall be referred to as the "Environmental Information"); and

WHEREAS, prior to making a recommendation about the potential environmental significance of the Project, the Agency has reviewed the Environmental Information, consulted various information sources, and considered the list of activities which are Type I Actions outlined in Section 617.4 of the SEQRA regulations, the list of activities that are Type II Actions outlined in Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations and the criteria for determining significance outlined in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA regulations; and

WHEREAS, a thorough analysis of the Environmental Information and potential environmental impacts associated with the Project reveals that the Project will not have any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Agency issue a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF

## CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the Project and Environmental Information, and upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Land and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

- (A) The Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA, as the Project does not exceed any of the thresholds set forth in the Type I list;
- (B) The Agency has undertaken an uncoordinated review of the Project in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA; and
- (C) No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted in the Environmental Information and none are known to the Agency.

<u>Section 2</u>. Based upon the Agency's review of the Environmental Information and investigations of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project, considering both the magnitude and importance of each potential environmental impact indicated, and upon the Agency's knowledge of the Land and surrounding area and such further investigations of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. The reasons supporting this determination are as follows:

1. <u>Impact on Land.</u> As shown in the EAF and the Drawings, the Project consists of the renovation of an existing approximately 35,888 square foot multi-building hotel on the Land, together with the construction of an approximately 7,245 square foot addition thereto consisting of third-floor employee housing, a solarium and a rooftop bar. The hotel will feature 40 guest rooms, a wellness spa, outdoor deck, pool and elevator. An existing onsite pump house will be renovated and turned into a bakery, flower shop and creamery. Three houses adjacent to the Building will be renovated and used for family-style lodging. Additionally, short or long-term housing for employees will be provided in a section of the Building. The Project will also bring the Building up to fire safety code. According to the EAF, a goal of the Project is to transform the Project Facility into a year-round destination.

The EAF states that approximately 0.02 acres of the approximately 2.14 acre parcel will be physically disturbed by the Project. According to the Village Zoning Map, the Land is zoned R3 (Medium Density Town House/Apartments), and as noted in the EAF, the Project will result in a continued use permitted under the zoning regulations. Thus, the Project is consistent with the Land's existing zoning classification and will not impact or deter existing or future adjacent land use. The Project is consistent with the Village's Zoning Code because it preserves and enhances the natural and manmade resources of the unique waterfront areas. While neither the Village of Bemus Point nor the Town of Ellery has adopted a Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Plan laying out its vision or land use goals, the Project is consistent with the Chautauqua County 20/20 Comprehensive

Plan because it furthers its goals of promoting tourism and economic development.

As stated in the EAF, the Project will only disturb 0.02 acres of land and is not anticipated to materially increase stormwater discharge from the Site. The Project will be constructed in accordance with all applicable local laws for flood damage prevention. Additionally, the mitigation requirements of section 627 of the Village Zoning Code will ensure that any stormwater runoff is adequately managed.

As noted in the EAF and NYSDEC Mapper, the Project is not within a Coastal Area or a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area. While the Land is located in the Waterfront Area, the Project is consistent with the Chautauqua Local Waterfront Revitalization Program goals laid out in section 20-120 of the Village's Waterfront Consistency Regulations.

The Project will result in generally the same use of the Land. The additional wellness spa, outdoor deck, pool elevator, and bakery/flower shop/creamery are all uses which will complement the existing uses without significantly increasing the intensity of the use of the Land. Similarly, the Project proposes a use for the three family-style lodging houses that is fairly consistent to the existing use.

In sum, while a small expansion will result, the Project will not result in a significant increase in intensity of use of the Land. As such, the Project may have a small impact to land use intensity. The land use is consistent with surrounding development patterns and is not anticipated to create a new need for additional infrastructure or eliminate any important habitat types. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use.

Based on the foregoing, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use.

- 2. <u>Impact on Geological Features.</u> The Project does not contain and is not adjacent to any unique geologic features or National Natural Landmarks. Accordingly, the Project will not create any potentially significant adverse impacts to geological features.
- 3. <u>Impact on Surface Water.</u> As noted in the EAF and NYSDEC Mapper, while the Land is near Chautauqua Lake (the "Lake"), the Land itself does not contain any surface water body features. The Land is separated from the Lake by Lakeside Drive, and the Project will in no way impinge or touch the Lake. Further, any drainage resulting from the Project will mirror existing drainage conditions and, as noted above, all stormwater will be managed in accordance with state and local regulations. As such, there will be no disturbance of the wetlands on or near the Site. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on surface water.
- 4. <u>Impact on Groundwater.</u> The EAF and Project Application demonstrate that the Project will not create a new demand for water, generate or discharge liquid wastes, or involve bulk storage of chemicals or production of hazardous waste or any other activities that would pose a threat to groundwater. As the EAF Mapper shows, the site is at least in part

over a principal aquifer. However, the aquifer will not be impacted by the Project because the Project does not involve the types of activities that pose a risk of contamination to groundwater. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to groundwater.

5. <u>Impact on Flooding.</u> The EAF states that the Project will not result in the development of lands which are subject to flooding and does not include the impoundment of water. The Project is not within a designated floodway, the 100-year or 500-year floodplain.

The Project will be constructed in accordance with any applicable local laws for flood damage prevention. Additionally, the mitigation requirements of SPDES General Permit GP-0-20-001 will ensure that any stormwater runoff is adequately managed. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to flooding.

- 6. <u>Impact on Air.</u> The Project will not include significant sources of air emissions. The Project does not entail the types of activities or operations that require the Applicant to obtain air registration permits or that are associated with a significant potential for air emissions. Further, any impacts to air quality from construction activities will be minor and temporary in nature. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to air resources.
- 7. <u>Impact on Plants and Animals.</u> The Project site is already developed and contains no significant animal or plant habitats nor any species that are listed as threatened or endangered. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on plants or animals.
- 8. <u>Impact on Agricultural Land Resources.</u> The EAF notes that the Project is not located in a designated agricultural district, and the Project will not result in the conversion of any agricultural lands to other uses. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to agricultural land.
- 9. <u>Impact on Aesthetic Resources.</u> According to the NYSDEC Mapper, the Land does not contain and is not near any listed aesthetic resources. While the Lake may be considered an aesthetic resource, as shown in the EAF and Drawings, the Project will improve the visual qualities of the Building and the Land, and the Project was designed to be visually consistent with the surrounding lakefront community. Further, the Project will not block any important scenic views or change the aesthetic character of the area because it is far away from any aesthetic resources and is not a large obstructive structure. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to aesthetic resources.
- 10. <u>Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources.</u> According to CRIS and the NYSDEC Mapper, the Land does not contain and is not near a building which is listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places. While CRIS notes the Land is within an archeological buffer, the Land is already developed and the expansion of the buildings are on land that is already developed. Accordingly, the Project will not create any

- significant adverse impacts to historic, archaeological or architectural resources.
- 11. <u>Impact on Open Space and Recreation.</u> The Site is not in an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, is not used by members of the community for public recreation and neither the Site nor any adjoining area is used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant impacts to open space or recreational resources.
- 12. <u>Impact on Critical Environmental Areas.</u> The Project is not located in or substantially contiguous to any Critical Environmental Areas. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant impacts to Critical Environmental Areas.
- 13. <u>Impact on Transportation</u>. The Project does not involve the types of activities or operations that would be associated with a notable increase in flow of traffic. While some traffic impacts may result during construction and operation, the Project will not result in substantial increase in traffic above present levels. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts on transportation.
- 14. <u>Impact on Energy.</u> As noted in the EAF, the Project will meet or exceed the State Energy Code requirements, and the renovation and expansion will not result in a significant increase in energy demand. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts on energy.
- 15. <u>Impact on Noise, Odor and Light.</u> The Project is not expected to appreciably create odors or excessive lighting. While the Project will likely result in an increase in noise levels during construction, construction noise will be limited to the hours allowed by local regulations, and the noise levels during operations should not significantly increase noise over present levels. Moreover, the Project will not change the intensity or use of the Land which would result in material changes to noise, odor or light. In addition, any noise impacts from construction activities will be minor and temporary in nature. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts on noise, odor or light.
- 16. <u>Impact on Public Health.</u> The Project does not involve the use or application of pesticides or herbicides, the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products, the construction or alteration of dams, the generation of hazardous air pollutants, or solid or hazardous wastes or materials. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on human health.
- 17. <u>Impact on Character of the Community and Community Plans.</u> As depicted in the Drawings, the Project involves the renovation and minor expansion of an existing hotel facility to include a wellness spa, outdoor deck, pool, elevator, bakery/flower shop/creamery and three houses for family-style lodging. Along with keeping the existing structures in place, the Project is consistent with the broader landscape and streetscape along the Lake's shoreline and is consistent with the surrounding aesthetics of adjacent shoreline properties.

As discussed above, the Project also complements the adjacent land uses, and the continued hotel and related uses of the Project Facility are consistent with surrounding development patterns and is not anticipated to create a new need for additional infrastructure. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to the character of the community or community plans.

<u>Section 3</u>. Since the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, a negative declaration ("Negative Declaration") pursuant to SEQRA is hereby issued, and the EAF Parts II and III prepared by the Town are hereby adopted by the Agency. This Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director of the Agency are hereby further authorized on behalf of the Agency, or acting together or individually, to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 5</u>. This Resolution, which is adopted by a majority vote of the Agency, shall serve as the Negative Declaration (as defined in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.2(y)) for the Project, and is issued by the Agency pursuant to and in accordance with SEQRA in a coordinated environmental impact review, shall take effect immediately.

**Section 6**. For further information on this Negative Declaration contact:

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency 201 West 3rd Street, Suite 115
Jamestown, New York 14701-6902

ATTN: Mark Geise, Administrative Director/CEO

Phone: 716-661-8900 Fax: 716-664-4515

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

Gary Henry	AYE
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	AYE
Daniel Heitzenrater	AYE
Steven Thorpe	AYE
Rhonda Johnson	AYE
Dan DeMarte	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on March 28, 2023 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) the meeting was duly held by videoconferencing in compliance with the requirements of Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, including, but not limited to, the notice provisions of such Section; (E) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting and the minimum number of members required for a quorum was physically present at one of the locations specified in the notice of the meeting, (F) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law; (G) members of the public were permitted to view such meeting via video and to participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time to the same extent that that public participation was permitted to members of the public present in person.

WE 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

[Assistant] Secretary

## Chautauqua Lake Hospitality LLC -- Final Resolution

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session on March 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., local time, at the Fredonia Technology Incubator, 214 Central Avenue, 1st floor, City of Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "IDA Office").

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Gary Henry
Sagan Sheffield-Smith
Dan Heitzenrater
Steven Thorpe
Rhonda Johnson
Dan DeMarte

Chairperson
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member

### NOT PRESENT:

Bradley Walters Vice Chairperson

Jay Churchill Member Kevin Muldowney Member

### THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise Administrative Director/CEO

Richard E. Dixon Chief Financial Officer

Milan K. Tyler, Esq. Counsel Greg Peterson Counsel Lisa Cole Counsel

Paul Wendel County Executive

**IDA Staff** Kristine Morabito Rosie Strandburg IDA Staff Kayla Strandburg **IDA Staff** Carol Rasmussen **IDA Staff** Nate Aldrich **IDA Staff** Rebecca Wurster IDA Staff Jeanette Lo Bello **IDA Staff** Jason Toczydlowski **IDA Staff** Crystal Erhard **IDA Staff** Monica Simpson IDA Staff Nathan Rizzo SL Sherman

Bill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

Jill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

Sergio Hernandes Cummins, Inc.
Ryan Dernar Cummins, Inc.
Greg Bacon Post Journal

The attached resolution no. 03-28-23-05 was offered by Dan Heitzenrater, seconded by Sagan Sheffield-Smith:

#### Resolution No. 03-28-23-05

# RESOLUTION TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD AND APPROVING THE STRAIGHT LEASE DOCUMENTS FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR CHAUTAUQUA LAKE HOSPITALITY LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE HOSPITALITY LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 2.14 acre parcel of land located at 20 Lakeside Drive, Village of Bemus Point, Town of Ellery, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "Land"), (2) the renovation of an existing approximately 35,888 square foot multi-building facility on the Land, together with the construction of an approximately 7,245 square foot addition thereto consisting of third-floor employee housing, a solarium and a rooftop bar (collectively, the "Building"), together with related improvements to the Land, and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Building, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as a waterfront tourism destination hotel project; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, <u>inter alia</u>, a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the Agency that (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, SEQRA (as hereinafter defined), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project and/or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on March 10, 2023 to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua (the "County") and of each other affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or is to be located, and posted a copy of the Application on the Agency's website; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on March 11, 2023 in *The Post* Journal, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County; (C) caused the Public Hearing to be conducted on March 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., local time, at the Village of Bemus Point, 13 Alburtus Avenue, Village of Bemus Point, Town of Ellery, County of Chautauqua, New York; (D) caused the Public Hearing to be streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and a recording of the Public Hearing to be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the Act, as amended; and (E) caused a written report of the Public Hearing to be prepared which fairly summarizes the views presented at the Public Hearing and collected written comments from the public (collectively, the "Report") and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Applicant and made any necessary comments to the members of the Agency, and the Agency determined that the Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA, as the Project does not exceed any of the thresholds set forth in the Type I list in 6 N.Y.C.R.R; and

WHEREAS, the Agency determined the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment and issued a negative declaration with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now desires to make its determination to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant and/or one (1) or more of its affiliates will (A) execute and deliver a certain Company Lease Agreement (the "Company Lease"), pursuant to which the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) will grant to the Agency a leasehold interest in the Project

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Facility; (B) execute and deliver a certain Agency Lease Agreement (Uniform Project Agreement) (the "Agency Lease"), pursuant to which the Agency will grant to the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) a subleasehold interest in the Project Facility; (C) execute and deliver a certain Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"); and (D) execute and deliver certain other certificates, documents, instruments and agreements related to the Project (together with the Company Lease, the Agency Lease and the PILOT Agreement, collectively, the "Transaction Documents");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis with respect to the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance (the "Analysis"). The Agency has reviewed the Application, the Report and the Analysis, and, based upon the representations made by the Applicant to the Agency and information obtained by the Agency, the Agency has reviewed and assessed all material information necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the Agency to make a determination to approve the Financial Assistance. In addition, the Agency hereby makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

- (a) based on the proposed use of the Project Facility as set forth in the Application, the economic effects of the Project on the area in which it is situated, and the employment reasonably expected to be created and/or maintained by the Project, and an analysis of how the Project contributes to the realization of the public purposes of promoting employment opportunities in the County and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County, the Project will constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and will advance the Agency's purposes by promoting employment opportunities and preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act;
- (b) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County;
- (c) there is a likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant;
- (d) the completion of the Project Facility, the sublease thereof by the Agency to the Applicant and the operation thereof by the Applicant will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant or any other occupant or user located within the State (but outside of the County). Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act are not and will not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant;

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- (e) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs, and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State;
- (f) no funds of the Agency shall be used in connection with the Project for the purpose of preventing the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant, nor shall any funds of the Agency be given in connection with the Project to any group or organization which is attempting to prevent the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant within the State, nor shall any funds of the Agency be used for advertising or promotional materials which depict elected or appointed government officials in either print or electronic media;
- (g) the Project does not and will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project because the facilities and property comprising the Project Facility will primarily be used for hotel room occupancy rather than for the retail sale of goods or services. Furthermore, the Agency finds and determines that the Project Facility is likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region in which the Project Facility is located and, therefore, is a "tourism destination" project as that term is used in the Act. For purposes of this finding, retail sales shall mean: (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (ii) sales of a service to such customers;
- (h) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will encourage and assist the Applicant in undertaking the Project in the County, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County and the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
- (i) the Project will not result in the removal or abandonment of a plant or facility of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Project Facility, currently located within the County.
- Section 2. The Agency hereby ratifies, confirms and approves all actions heretofore taken by the Administrative Director/CEO, Chief Financial Officer and the staff of the Agency with respect to the Application, the Analysis and the Public Hearing, including, without limitation, (a) those actions required to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project, and (b) the appointment of the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP as Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project.
- <u>Section 3</u>. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project.

Section 4. Having considered fully all comments received at or in connection with the Public Hearing, including any correspondence received subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Agency hereby further determines to proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance. The Agency hereby approves the granting of (a) an exemption from real property taxes having an estimated value of \$431,262, (b) an exemption from mortgage recording taxes in the maximum amount of \$62,500, and (b) an exemption from sales and use taxes in the maximum amount of \$332,263.

Section 5. The Agency recognizes that due to the complexities of the proposed transaction it may become necessary that certain of the terms approved hereby may require modifications from time to time which will not affect the intent and substance of the authorizations and approvals by the Agency herein. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency, acting individually or jointly, to approve modifications to the terms approved hereby which do not affect the intent and substance of this Resolution, but may include adjustments to the Financial Assistance granted hereunder. The approval of such modifications shall be evidenced by the certificate of determination of an Agency officer or the execution and delivery by some or all such Agency officers of relevant documents containing such modified terms.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to (a) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to the Company Lease and the other Transaction Documents, (b) grant a subleasehold interest in the Project Facility pursuant to the Agency Lease and the other Transaction Documents, (c) grant the Financial Assistance, and (d) do all things necessary, convenient or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof. All acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the foregoing are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 7. The form and substance of the Transaction Documents, in the forms presented to the members of the Agency, together with such changes as the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO or the Chief Financial Officer may hereafter deem necessary or appropriate, are hereby approved. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, acting together or individually, to execute and deliver the Transaction Documents to which the Agency is a party and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same. The execution and delivery of each such agreement, approval and consent by such person(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

<u>Section 8</u>. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, acting together or individually, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives (as defined in the Agency Lease) of the Agency.

<u>Section 9</u>. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Transaction Documents, to

execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments, agreements and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, convenient or appropriate to effect the purposes of this Resolution and to cause compliance with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Transaction Documents to which the Agency is a party or which are binding on the Agency.

Section 10. The members of the Agency acknowledge the terms and conditions of Section 875(3) of the Act and the duties and obligations of the Agency thereunder with respect to granting of State Sales and Use Taxes (as such term is defined in Section 875 of the Act) with respect to the Project. The members hereby direct the officers of the Agency to comply with such terms and conditions with respect to the Project and hereby direct Counsel to the Agency to include such terms and conditions in all relevant Transaction Documents.

Section 11. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Gary Henry	AYE
Sagan Sheffield-Smith	AYE
Dan Heitzenrater	AYE
Steven Thorpe	AYE
Rhonda Johnson	AYE
Dan DeMarte	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on March 28, 2023 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting; and (E) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

WE 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 28th day of March, 2023.

[Assistant] Secretary

[Vice] Chairman

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session on March 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., local time, at the Fredonia Technology Incubator, 214 Central Avenue, 1st floor, City of Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "IDA Office").

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

### PRESENT:

Gary Henry Chairperson
Sagan Sheffield-Smith Treasurer
Dan Heitzenrater Secretary
Steven Thorpe Member
Rhonda Johnson Member

### NOT PRESENT:

Bradley Walters Vice Chairperson

Jay Churchill Member Kevin Muldowney Member

### THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise Administrative Director/CEO

Richard E. Dixon Chief Financial Officer

Milan K. Tyler, Esq. Counsel Greg Peterson Counsel Lisa Cole Counsel

Paul Wendel County Executive

Kristine Morabito **IDA Staff** Rosie Strandburg **IDA Staff** Kayla Strandburg **IDA Staff** Carol Rasmussen **IDA Staff** Nate Aldrich **IDA Staff** Rebecca Wurster **IDA Staff** Jeanette Lo Bello IDA Staff Jason Toczydlowski **IDA Staff** Crystal Erhard **IDA Staff** Monica Simpson **IDA Staff** Nathan Rizzo SL Sherman

Bill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

Jill Curry Chautauqua Lake Hospitality, LLC

Sergio Hernandes Cummins, Inc.
Ryan Dernar Cummins, Inc.
Greg Bacon Post Journal

The attached resolution no. 03-28-23-06 was offered by Rhonda Johnson, seconded by Dan Heitzenrater:

#### Resolution No. 03-28-23-06

# RESOLUTION TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD AND APPROVING THE STRAIGHT LEASE DOCUMENTS FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR CUMMINS INC. AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, CUMMINS INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign corporation (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 107.7 acre parcel of land located at 4720 Baker Street, Lakewood, Town of Busti, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "Land"), (2) the renovation of an approximately 120,000 square foot portion of the existing approximately 998,000 square foot building located on the Land (collectively, the "Building"), and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Building, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as a manufacturing facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, <u>inter alia</u>, a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the 1626721.3

Project following a determination by the Agency that (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, SEQRA (as hereinafter defined), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project and/or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on March 15, 2023 to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua (the "County") and of each other affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or is to be located, and posted a copy of the Application on the Agency's website; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on March 16, 2023 in The Jamestown Post Journal, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County; (C) caused the Public Hearing to be conducted on March 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., local time, at Town Hall, 125 Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood, Town of Busti, County of Chautauqua, New York; (D) caused the Public Hearing to be streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and a recording of the Public Hearing to be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the Act, as amended; and (E) caused a written report of the Public Hearing to be prepared which fairly summarizes the views presented at the Public Hearing and collected written comments from the public (collectively, the "Report") and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Applicant and made any necessary comments to the members of the Agency, and the Agency determined the Project is a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA because the Project involves the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of a structure, in kind, on the same site and the footprint of the facility does not exceed any threshold that would make it a Type I Action; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now desires to make its determination to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant and/or one (1) or more of its affiliates will (A) execute and deliver a certain Bill of Sale to Agency (the "Bill of Sale"), pursuant to which the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) will grant to the Agency an interest in the Equipment and any other portion of the Project Facility required to complete the Project; (B) execute and deliver a certain Uniform Project Agreement (the "Project Agreement"), pursuant to which the Agency will grant to the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) an interest in the Equipment and any other portion of the Project Facility required to complete the Project; and (C) execute and deliver certain other

certificates, documents, instruments and agreements related to the Project (together with the Bill of Sale and the Project Agreement, collectively, the "Transaction Documents");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Based upon the Agency's review of the Environmental Information, the Agency has made the following findings:
  - (a) The Project is a Type II action under SEQRA, precluded from further environmental review, because it consists of the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes," the "purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property" and "reuse of a residential or commercial structure, or of a structure containing mixed residential and commercial uses, where the residential or commercial use is a permitted use under the applicable zoning law or ordinance" in connection with a project and does not meet or exceed any threshold for a Type I action.
  - (b) More specifically, the Project involves the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, because it involves interior renovation and rehabilitation of an existing structure with use and occupancy by a type of use permitted within the zoning district occupied by the Land. The Project will not expand the footprint of the Project Facility nor increase or substantially alter environmental impacts associated with the Land. Finally, the Project includes the acquisition of the Equipment in connection with the above.
- Section 2. In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis with respect to the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance (the "Analysis"). The Agency has reviewed the Application, the Report and the Analysis, and, based upon the representations made by the Applicant to the Agency and information obtained by the Agency, the Agency has reviewed and assessed all material information necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the Agency to make a determination to approve the Financial Assistance. In addition, the Agency hereby makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (a) based on the proposed use of the Project Facility as set forth in the Application, the economic effects of the Project on the area in which it is situated, and the employment reasonably expected to be created and/or maintained by the Project, and an analysis of how the Project contributes to the realization of the public purposes of promoting employment opportunities in the County and the prevention of economic deterioration in the County, the Project will constitute a commercial facility with a significant impact on the area in which it is situated, and will advance the Agency's purposes by promoting employment opportunities and preventing economic deterioration in the County. Therefore, the Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act;

- (b) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in the County;
- (c) there is a likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant;
- (d) the completion of the Project Facility, the granting of an interest therein by the Agency to the Applicant and the operation thereof by the Applicant will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant or any other occupant or user located within the State (but outside of the County). Therefore, the provisions of subdivision (1) of Section 862 of the Act are not and will not be violated as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Applicant;
- (e) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs, and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State;
- (f) no funds of the Agency shall be used in connection with the Project for the purpose of preventing the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant, nor shall any funds of the Agency be given in connection with the Project to any group or organization which is attempting to prevent the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant within the State, nor shall any funds of the Agency be used for advertising or promotional materials which depict elected or appointed government officials in either print or electronic media;
- (g) the Project does not and will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project. For purposes of this finding, retail sales shall mean: (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the New York Tax Law primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph four of subdivision (b) of section 1101 of the New York Tax Law; or (ii) sales of a service to such customers:
- (h) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will encourage and assist the Applicant in undertaking the Project in the County, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County and the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

- (i) the Project will not result in the removal or abandonment of a plant or facility of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Project Facility, currently located within the County.
- Section 3. The Agency hereby ratifies, confirms and approves all actions heretofore taken by the Administrative Director/CEO, Chief Financial Officer and the staff of the Agency with respect to the Application, the Analysis and the Public Hearing, including, without limitation, (a) those actions required to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project, and (b) the appointment of the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP as Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project.
- <u>Section 4</u>. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project.
- Section 5. Having considered fully all comments received at or in connection with the Public Hearing, including any correspondence received subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Agency hereby further determines to proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance. The Agency hereby approves the granting of an exemption from sales and use taxes in the maximum amount of \$3,000,000.
- Section 6. The Agency recognizes that due to the complexities of the proposed transaction it may become necessary that certain of the terms approved hereby may require modifications from time to time which will not affect the intent and substance of the authorizations and approvals by the Agency herein. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director/CEO and Chief Financial Officer of the Agency, acting individually or jointly, to approve modifications to the terms approved hereby which do not affect the intent and substance of this Resolution, but may include adjustments to the Financial Assistance granted hereunder. The approval of such modifications shall be evidenced by the certificate of determination of an Agency officer or the execution and delivery by some or all such Agency officers of relevant documents containing such modified terms.
- Section 7. The Agency is hereby authorized to (a) acquire an interest in the Equipment and any other portion of the Project Facility required to complete the Project pursuant to the Bill of Sale and the other Transaction Documents, (b) grant an interest in the Equipment and any other portion of the Project Facility required to complete the Project pursuant to the Project Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, (c) grant the Financial Assistance, and (d) do all things necessary, convenient or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof. All acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the foregoing are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
- Section 8. The form and substance of the Transaction Documents, in the forms presented to the members of the Agency, together with such changes as the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO or the Chief Financial Officer may hereafter deem necessary or appropriate, are hereby approved. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized, on behalf of

the Agency, acting together or individually, to execute and deliver the Transaction Documents to which the Agency is a party and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same. The execution and delivery of each such agreement, approval and consent by such person(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 9. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, acting together or individually, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives (as defined in the Project Agreement) of the Agency.

Section 10. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Transaction Documents, to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments, agreements and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, convenient or appropriate to effect the purposes of this Resolution and to cause compliance with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Transaction Documents to which the Agency is a party or which are binding on the Agency.

Section 11. The members of the Agency acknowledge the terms and conditions of Section 875(3) of the Act and the duties and obligations of the Agency thereunder with respect to granting of State Sales and Use Taxes (as such term is defined in Section 875 of the Act) with respect to the Project. The members hereby direct the officers of the Agency to comply with such terms and conditions with respect to the Project and hereby direct Counsel to the Agency to include such terms and conditions in all relevant Transaction Documents.

Section 12. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 13</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Gary Henry AYE
Sagan Sheffield-Smith AYE
Dan Heitzenrater AYE
Steven Thorpe AYE
Rhonda Johnson AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on March 28, 2023 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting; and (E) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

WE 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 28th day of March, 2023.

[Assistant] Secretary

e] Chairman