NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law (the õActö) will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the õAgencyö) on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Suite 800, Watertown, New York 13601, in connection with the matter described below.

MLR Realty, LLC, for itself and/or on behalf of an entity to be formed (collectively, the õCompanyö), has submitted an Application for Financial Assistance (the õApplicationö) requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a certain project (the õProjectö) consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in an approximately 40 acres of real property located at or adjacent to 901 Rail Drive, Watertown, New York 13601 (the õLandö, being more particularly described as TMID No 9-43-101.008 (approx. 21 acres), portions of TMID No 9-43-101.220 (approximately 10 acres), TMID No 9-43-101.210 (approximately 6 acres), and 9-26-102.001 approximately 3 acres)), along with the existing improvements located thereon including approximately 100,000 square feet of building space and related onsite improvements (the õExisting Improvementsö) utilized for warehousing, storage and office space by Renzi Bros, Inc. d/b/a Renzi Food Service (õRenzi Foodserviceö), (ii) the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, modification and equipping of the Existing Improvements and the addition of approximately 20,000 square feet of building addition to provide for expanded docking, refrigerated storage and warehousing space, including warehousing, storage, shipping, receiving, office and mechanical spaces, additional external parking improvements, driveways, curbage, landscaping, storm water management and related site improvements (collectively, the õImprovementsö), and (iii) the acquisition in and around the Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the õEquipmentö and, collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the õFacilityö), and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the õStraight Lease Transactionö).

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the õFinancial Assistanceö) in the form of: (A) an exemption from all State and local sales and use taxes with respect to qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility; (B) mortgage recording tax exemption(s) relating to financings undertaken by the Company in furtherance of the Project; and (C) a partial real property tax abatement provided through a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (õPILOT Agreementö).

In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company® Project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency® website at: <u>JCIDA - Jefferson County</u>, <u>NY Economic Development</u>. Interested parties will be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to the Project. The Agency will also broadcast the public hearing at <u>Home - Jefferson County</u>, <u>NY Economic</u>

<u>Development (jcida.com)</u>. Finally, the Agency also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record, which can be submitted to David Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer, Jefferson County IDA, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601 and/or <u>dzembiec@jcida.com</u>.

DATED: October 16, 2021 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY