Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Board Meeting Minutes October 6, 2022

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held their board meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY.

Present: Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck, Lisa L'Huillier, David Converse, William Johnson, W. Edward Walldroff

Excused: John Jennings

Absent: None

Also Present: Rob Aiken, Christine Powers

Zoom: Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox (Watertown Daily Times), Brian Drake (Town of Cary)

Staff Present: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Jay Matteson, Joy Nuffer, Robin Stephenson

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Aliasso called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Privilege of the Floor: Chairman Aliasso invited guests to speak. No one spoke.
- IV. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held September 1, 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Converse, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. Carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Warneck reviewed the financials for the period ending September 30, 2022. He said that changes are due to the ARPA grant funds. He mentioned that we received \$300,000 from National Grid to put towards the 146 Arsenal Street remediation project. Mr. Warneck reviewed the delinquent accounts. He said that two demand letters have been issued and noted that Taste of Design and Colleen's Cherry Tree Inn are behind. Mr. Eaton said that he will be reaching out to Harris Beach about the two demand letters that have been issued in order to begin the collection process. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the financial statement as presented, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. Carried.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. Alternative Energy Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Warneck said that he, Mr. Zembiec and Ms. Stephenson met with county officials about their policy for large scale projects. He said that the county confirmed that there have been no changes in their policy which means they expect to receive full taxes on large scale projects.

Mr. Warneck said that there has been no change for the state's temporary restraining order on their valuation model.

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b. Finance Committee

i. 2023 Proposed Budget – Mr. Converse reviewed the committee meeting minutes. He pointed out that the MICRO bad debt reserve was increased to \$90,000. A motion was made Mr. Converse to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. Carried.

VII. Unfinished Business:

1. 146 Arsenal Street update – Mr. Zembiec said the project is moving along well and is on schedule. He mentioned that Washington Street Properties sold their portion of the building to Jake Johnson.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Counsel:

- 1. Project Authorizing Resolution No. 10.06.2022.01 for L2, LLC Chairman Aliasso read the purpose of the resolution. He asked for a motion to discuss the resolution/project. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Converse. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.
- 2. Project Authorizing Resolution No. 10.06.2022.02 for Three Mile Bay Ventures, LLC Chairman Aliasso read the purpose of the resolution. He asked for a motion to discuss the resolution/project. A motion was made by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.
- 3. Project Authorizing Resolution No. 10.06.2022.03 for Wilna PV, LLC Chairman Aliasso read the purpose of the resolution. He asked for a motion to discuss the resolution/project. A motion was made by Mr. Converse, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.
- 4. Authorizing Resolution No. 10.06.2022.04 for Convalt Energy, Inc. and Convalt Manufacturing, LLC (Phase I Project) Chairman Aliasso read the purpose of the resolution. He said it is a six-month extension until 3/15/23 of development rights pursuant to a certain land development agreement with license and exclusive option and transactions. He asked for a motion to discuss the resolution/project. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. Mr. Zembiec said Convalt needs to get the Town of Hounsfield Planning Board the final drawings. He said the project is moving slowly, but noted that they anticipate breaking ground in November. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.

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- 5. Authorizing Resolution No. 10.06.2022.05 for Digicollect LLC Chairman Aliasso read the purpose of the resolution. He said it is a six-month extension until 3/15/23 of development rights pursuant to a certain land development agreement with license and exclusive option and transactions. He asked for a motion to discuss the resolution/project. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. Mr. Zembiec said that they have not started the site plan process since they have been focusing on Convalt. Roll call vote. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.
- **X. Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Sampson

PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(L2, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 10.06.2022.01

OF **JEFFERSON** COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** RESOLUTION THE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) APPOINTING L2, LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT. LEASE PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN): (iv) ADOPTING FINDING WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA"); AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, L2, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 4.21 acres of real property located at County Route 200 in the Town of Watertown, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 73.20-1-2.17); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of approximately 30,000 square feet of building space, portions of which will be leased by the Company to (a) LAWMAN HEATING & COOLING, INC. for operation as a sheet metal and roof manufacturing facility and (b) DESIGN BUILD INNOVATIONS, LLC for operation as a fabrication facility, along with interior office and warehousing spaces, exterior utility and site improvements, parking lots, loading docks, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the

"Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2022, the Agency adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Project Resolution") which (i) accepted the Company's application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the "Financial Assistance", as described herein); and (iv) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement") and Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to be entered into with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Watertown (the "Town"), the County of Jefferson (the "County"), and the General Brown Central School District (the "School", and together with the Town and County, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on September 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., local time, at Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, New York 13601 with respect to the Project (the "Public Hearing") and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board of the Town of Watertown (the "Planning Board") reviewed the proposed Project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as codified under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, "SEQRA") and related Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents; (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include (a) an exemption from all state and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility, (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financings undertaken to construct the Facility; and (c) a partial real property tax abatement

through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and (iv) the review and ratification of findings pursuant to SEQRA in connection with the Project.

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

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire title to or other interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease or sell the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement or sale agreement, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction with the Company; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and
- (E) Based upon a review of the Application and the EAF submitted to the Agency, the Agency hereby:
 - (i) consents to and affirms the status of the Planning Board as Lead Agency for review of the Facility, within the meaning of, and for all purposes of complying with SEQRA; and
 - (ii) ratifies the proceedings undertaken by the Planning Board under SEQRA with respect to the construction and equipping of the Facility pursuant to SEQRA; and

(iii) Based upon the review by the Agency of the EAF, Negative Declaration and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency and other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that (a) the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (b) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA); and (c) no "environmental impact statement" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA) for purposes of SEQRA.

Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement and/or Leaseback Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2023 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).

Section 3. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to approximately \$3,500,000.00, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed \$168,000.00. The Agency agrees to consider any requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to

make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, PILOT Mortgage, and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

The Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Section 6. Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter with the Straight Lease Documents, the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided, that, in all events, recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

Section 7. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees,

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on October 6, 2022, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this day of October, 2022.

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W. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretary

[SEAL]

$\frac{\text{EXHIBIT } A}{\text{PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS}}$



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 12, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/ RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To:

The Chief Executive Officers of

Affected Tax Jurisdictions on Schedule A

Re:

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

L2, LLC Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, New York 13601, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the Project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Watertown Daily Times* for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-(a), as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

Very truly yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Schedule A Affected Tax Jurisdiction Officials

Jefferson County, New York

Attn: William W. Johnson, Chairman County Legislature 195 Arsenal Street

Watertown, New York 13601

General Brown Central School District

Attn: Kelly Milkowich, President Board of Education 17643 Cemetery Road Dexter, New York 13634

Town of Watertown, New York

Attn: Joel Bartlett, Town Supervisor Town of Watertown Municipal Building 22867 County Route 67 Watertown, New York 13601 Jefferson County, New York

Attn: Robert F. Hagemann, III County Administrator 195 Arsenal Street

Watertown, New York 13601

General Brown Central School District

Attn: Barbara J. Case Superintendent 17643 Cemetery Road Dexter, New York 13634

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 "Act") will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on September 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, New York 13601 in connection with the matter described below.

L2, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 4.21 acres of real property located at County Route 200 in the Town of Watertown, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 73.20-1-2.17); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of approximately 30,000 square feet of building space, portions of which will be leased by the Company to (a) LAWMAN HEATING & COOLING, INC. for operation as a sheet metal and roof manufacturing facility and (b) DESIGN BUILD INNOVATIONS, LLC for operation as a fabrication facility, along with interior office and warehousing spaces, exterior utility and site improvements, parking lots, loading docks, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") 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 construction and equipping of the Facility; (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing; and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

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's project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: https://www.jcida.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/L2-LLC-Application-and-CBA.pdf. The Agency will also live stream the public hearing through its webpage and also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601, Attn: David Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer and/or via email at dzembiec@jcida.com.

Dated: September 14, 2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing Minutes September 26, 2022

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 26, 2022, at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Route 67, Watertown, New York, and via live stream for L2, LLC for a Straight Lease transaction.

Project Information:

L2, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 4.21 acres of real property located at County Route 200 in the Town of Watertown, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 73.20-1-2.17); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of approximately 30,000 square feet of building space, portions of which will be leased by the Company to (a) LAWMAN HEATING & COOLING, INC. for operation as a sheet metal and roof manufacturing facility and (b) DESIGN BUILD INNOVATIONS, LLC for operation as a fabrication facility, along with interior office and warehousing spaces, exterior utility and site improvements, parking lots, loading docks, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

Staff: Marshall Weir, Deputy CEO

Public Present: No public was present.

Mr. Weir opened the hearing at 11:00 a.m. and read the public hearing rules and public hearing notice. He reviewed the financial assistance for the project as well as the cost benefit analysis. He said the cost benefit analysis shows a 98:1 benefit to cost ratio. The estimated costs of exemptions show a discounted value of \$521,800 with total benefits to state and region of \$50,954,771.

At 11:06 am., Mr. Weir closed the hearing.

Marshall Weir Hearing Officer

<u>EXHIBIT B</u> SEQRA MATERIALS

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project:				
Office, manufacturing, warehouse facility on Lot 10	1			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Lot 10, County Route 200, Jefferson County Corporate Park				
Brief Description of Proposed Action; Construction of a 29,320 s.f. office, manufacturing, warehouse facility				
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Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Telephone: 315-493-2493				
Michael E. Lundy, Lundy Construction, LLC E-Mail: frontdesk@mlundygroup.com				
Address:				
18841 US Route 11				
City/PO: State: Zip Code: New York 13601				
 Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, loca administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the e may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to ques 	nvironmental resources th	at V T		
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NY State Building Permit		NO YES		
a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	4.21 acres 3.0 acres 8.80 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☑ Industrial ☐ Commercia ☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Special Parkland	•	ban)		

5. Is the proposed action,	ИО	YES	N/A	
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		V		
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		V		
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			YES	
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7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES	
If Yes, identify:		V		
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		7	井	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed		V	H	
action? 9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:		140	I ES	
Trans proposed action with exceed requirements, describe design realisted and techniciogram.				
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10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water:		_		
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11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:				
11 10, describe memor for provious wastewater treatment.			V	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district	t	NO	YES	
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the		V		
State Register of Historic Places?				
		П		
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?		ш		
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		H	V	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:				
Federal wetland on Lots 10 and 11 will be mitigated.				

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☑ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?	V	П
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
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17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,		V
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	П	V
1. Will storm water disclosure he directed to established accordance from from discount during)?	一	V
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	Libration	
A storm water plan will be developed for this site.		200
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	NO	YES
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	-	
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
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20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:		
	V	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BI MY KNOWLEDGE	ST OF	
Applicant/sponsor/name: Michael E. Lundy Date: 8-1-23	<u>-</u>	
Signature:		
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Project:	A	ency Use Only [If applicable]
	Project:	
Date:	Date:	

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

20. (0.00)		No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	区	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	X	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	M	
4,	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Arca (CEA)?	X	
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	Ø	
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	区	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	区	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	X	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	X	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	X	
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	XI,	
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	X	

Agen	cy Use Only [If applicable]
Project:	
Dates	

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

- 1. The project is within existing land us plans of the Town of Watertown.
- 2. No effect on any archeological, historic, or natural sites.
- 3. Will be connected to existing water and sw\ewage lines.
- 4. The project will have no effect on existing wetlands, groundwater, waterbodies or air quality.
- 5. The project will not increase erosion or drainage areas.
- 6. A SWPPP will be prepared for this site.
- 7. SEQR coordination was completed with the Jerrerson County Development Authority.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.				
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.				
Town of Watertown Planning Board September 1, 2022				
Name of Lead Agency	Date			
C. Randy Vaas	SEQR Coordinator			
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer			

PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(Three Mile Bay Ventures LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 10.06.2022.02

COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** OF **JEFFERSON** RESOLUTION THE APPOINTING THREE MILE BAY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) VENTURES LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, THREE MILE BAY VENTURES LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 57.68 acres of real property located at 7828 NYS Route 12E in the Town of Lyme, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 60.08-1-24.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of an approximately 10,000 square foot event-center destination facility, including five (5) cottages and laundromat space, along with utility and site improvements, parking lots, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2022, the Agency adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Project Resolution") which (i) accepted the Company's application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the "Financial Assistance", as described herein); (iv) adopted certain findings with respect to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and (v) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement") and Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to be entered into with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Lyme (the "Town"), the County of Jefferson (the "County"), and the Lyme Central School District (the "School", and together with the Town and County, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on September 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., local time, at Town of Lyme Municipal Building, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York 13622 with respect to the Project (the "Public Hearing") and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents; and (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include (a) an exemption from all state and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility, (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financings undertaken to construct the Facility; and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire title to or other interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease or sell the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement or sale agreement, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction with the Company; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.
- Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement and/or Leaseback Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2023 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).
- Section 3. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to approximately \$3,450,000.00, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed \$276,000.00. The Agency agrees to consider any

requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or Section 4. recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, PILOT Mortgage, and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 6. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary

to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter with the Straight Lease Documents, the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided, that, in all events, recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

Section 7. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments 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, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

<u>Section 8</u>. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on October 6, 2022, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this

day of <u>October</u>, 2022.

W. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretar

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS



Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 12, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/ RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To: The Chief Executive Officers of

Affected Tax Jurisdictions on Schedule A

Re: Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

Three Mile Bay Ventures LLC Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Town of Lyme Municipal Building, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York 13622, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the Project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Watertown Daily Times* for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-(a), as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

Very truly yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Schedule A Affected Tax Jurisdiction Officials

Jefferson County, New York

Attn: William W. Johnson, Chairman County Legislature 195 Arsenal Street

Watertown, New York 13601

Lyme Central School District

Attn: Deanna Lothrop, President Board of Education 11868 Academy Street Chaumont, New York 13622

Town of Lyme, New York

Attn: Terry Countryman, Town Supervisor Town of Wilna Municipal Building 12175 NYS Route 12E Chaumont, New York 13622 Jefferson County, New York

Attn: Robert F. Hagemann, III County Administrator 195 Arsenal Street Watertown, New York 13601

Lyme Central School District

Attn: Cammy J. Morrison, Superintendent 11868 Academy Street Chaumont, New York 13622

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 "Act") will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on September 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Lyme Municipal Building, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York 13622 in connection with the matter described below.

THREE MILE BAY VENTURES LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 57.68 acres of real property located at 7828 NYS Route 12E in the Town of Lyme, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 60.08-1-24.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of an approximately 10,000 square foot event-center destination facility, including five (5) cottages and laundromat space, along with utility and site improvements, parking lots, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") 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 construction and equipping of the Facility, (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financings undertaken to construct the Facility, and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

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's project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: https://www.jcida.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TMBV-Sally-Port-Application-and-CBA.pdf. The Agency will also live stream the public hearing through its webpage and also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601, Attn: David Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer and/or via email at dzembiec@jcida.com.

Dated: September 14, 2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing Minutes September 27, 2022

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at the Town of Lyme Municipal Building, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, New York, and via live stream for Three Mile Bay Ventures, LLC for a Straight Lease transaction.

Project Information:

THREE MILE BAY VENTURES LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 57.68 acres of real property located at 7828 NYS Route 12E in the Town of Lyme, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 60.08-1-24.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of an approximately 10,000 square foot event-center destination facility, including five (5) cottages and laundromat space, along with utility and site improvements, parking lots, access and egress improvements, signage, curbage, sidewalks, landscaping and stormwater retention improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

Staff: David J. Zembiec, CEO, Robin Stephenson, Economic Development Specialist

Public Present: Terry Countryman, Daniel Villa, Donald Bourquin

Mr. Zembiec opened the hearing at 1:07 p.m. and read the public hearing rules and public hearing notice. He reviewed the financial assistance for the project as well as the cost benefit analysis. He referred to the cost benefit analysis which was available for viewing as having a 28:1 benefit to cost ratio.

Mr. Terry Countryman of Chaumont, NY asked if the \$250,000 in the application was a grant by the JCIDA. Mr. Zembiec pointed out that was for loan financing split between the JCIDA and the North Country Alliance, not a grant. Mr. Donald Bourquin, also from Chaumont, NY, asked what the Town of Lyme would receive from the PILOT. Mr. Zembiec referred him to the cost benefit analysis summary on the table.

At 1:15 p.m., Mr. Zembiec closed the hearing.

David J. Zembiec
Hearing Officer

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Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

Public Hearing Sign In Sheet

Start Time: 1:00 p.m. Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Location: Town of Lyme Municipal Office, 12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, NY

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JCIDA Staff Member(s) Present: <u>David Zembiec, CEO</u>, Robin Stephenson

Company Name: Three Mile Bay Ventures LLC

Specialist

Company Name: Three Mile Bay Ventures LLC

Print Name and Address

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PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(Wilna PV, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 10.06.2022.03

RESOLUTION OF THE **JEFFERSON** COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) APPOINTING WILNA PV, LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT. LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, WILNA PV, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 21.21 acres of real property located at County Route 41 in the Town of Wilna, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 68.00-1-40.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of (a) a 3MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2022, the Agency adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Project Resolution") which (i) accepted the Company's application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the "Financial Assistance", as described herein); (iv) adopted certain findings with respect to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and (v) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement") and Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to be entered into with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Wilna (the "Town"), the County of Jefferson (the "County"), and the Carthage Central School District (the "School", and together with the Town and County, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on September 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., local time, at the Town of Wilna Municipal Building, 414 State Street, Carthage, New York 13619 with respect to the Project (the "Public Hearing") and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents; (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include (a) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financings undertaken to construct the Facility; and (b) a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire title to or other interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease or sell the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement or sale agreement, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction with the Company; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.
- Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement and/or Leaseback Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2023 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).
- Section 3. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Company has not requested, nor has the Agency approved the provision of financial assistance in the form of exemptions from New York State and local sales and use tax in connection with the construction or equipping of the Project. The Agency may consider any requests by the Company for sales and use tax exemption benefits upon being provided with a supplemental application and appropriate documentation detailing the purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or Section 4. recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, PILOT Mortgage, and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 6. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter with the Straight Lease Documents, the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman (or

Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided, that, in all events, recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

Section 7. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments 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, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

<u>Section 8</u>. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on October 6, 2022, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency, this 6

day of October, 2022.

. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretary

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EXHIBIT A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 12, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/ RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To:

The Chief Executive Officers of

Affected Tax Jurisdictions on Schedule A

Re:

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

Wilna PV, LLC Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. local time, at the Town of Wilna Municipal Building, 414 State Street, Carthage, New York 13619, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the Project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Watertown Daily Times* for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-(a), as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

Very truly yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

<u>Schedule A</u> Affected Tax Jurisdiction Officials

Jefferson County, New York

Attn: William W. Johnson, Chairman County Legislature 195 Arsenal Street Watertown, New York 13601

Carthage Central School District

Attn: Garry Schwartz, President Board of Education 36500 NYS Route 26 Carthage, New York 13619

Town of Wilna, New York

Attn: Paul H. Smith, Town Supervisor Town of Wilna Municipal Office 414 State Street Carthage, New York 13619 Jefferson County, New York

Attn: Robert F. Hagemann, III County Administrator 195 Arsenal Street Watertown, New York 13601

Carthage Central School District

Attn: Jennifer L. Premo, Superintendent 36500 NYS Route 26 Carthage, New York 13619

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 "Act") will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on September 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Wilna Municipal Building, 414 State Street, Carthage, New York 13619 in connection with the matter described below.

WILNA PV, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 21.21 acres of real property located at County Route 41 in the Town of Wilna, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 68.00-1-40.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of (a) a 3MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") 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 construction and equipping of the Facility, (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption for project financing and (c) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

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's project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: https://www.jcida.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/WPV-Application-and-CBA.pdf. The Agency will also live stream the public hearing through its webpage and also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601, Attn: David Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer and/or via email at dzembiec@jcida.com.

Dated: September 14, 2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing Minutes September 28, 2022

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Town of Wilna Municipal Building, 414 State Street, Carthage, New York, and via live stream for Wilna PV, LLC for a Straight Lease transaction.

Project Information:

WILNA PV, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 21.21 acres of real property located at County Route 41 in the Town of Wilna, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 68.00-1-40.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of (a) a 3MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); 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 "Straight Lease Transaction").

Staff: David J. Zembiec, CEO

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Public Present: None

Mr. Zembiec opened the hearing at 3:03 p.m. and read the public hearing rules and public hearing notice. He noted that the company's application and the agency's cost-benefit analysis was available at the sign-in table – although no one was in attendance – and also on the agency's website.

With no one present in person or via remote participation, he closed the hearing at 3:08 p.m.

David J. Zembiec Hearing Officer

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(Convalt Energy, Inc. and Convalt Manufacturing, LLC - Phase 1 Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 10.06.2022.04

COUNTY INDUSTRIAL RESOLUTION OF THE **JEFFERSON EXTENSION** THE DEVELOPMENT **AGENCY** APPROVING Α CERTAIN LAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PURSUANT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LICENSE AND EXCLUSIVE OPTION AND TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, CONVALT ENERGY, INC., for itself and/or on behalf of an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project or projects (collectively, the "Convalt Project") consisting of: (i) the disposition by the Agency of all or portions of approximately 88.51 acres of real property owned by the Agency and located in the vicinity of State Route 12F in Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York, (ii) the planning, design, construction, equipping and operation of (a) the phased development of up to 500,000 square foot manufacturing facility to accommodate solar panel manufacturing and solar power plant generation, including building improvements for manufacturing, warehousing, office space, and related internal spaces, external parking improvements, storm water management and related site improvements, and related on and offsite utility improvements, and (b) one or more photovoltaic solar energy arrays installed for testing and energy production and sale for on and offsite usage, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Convalt Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition in and around the Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Convalt Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Convalt Facility"), 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 one or more leasehold interests in the Convalt Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company; and

WHEREAS, as and for the first phase of the Convalt Project, the Company, by and through affiliate Convalt Manufacturing, LLC, is requesting that the Agency consider undertaking the first phase of a Project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the disposition by the Agency of all or portions of approximately 88.51 acres of real property owned by the Agency and located in the vicinity of State Route 12F in Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as one or more tax parcels as may be subdivided and/or merged, including TMID Nos 81.00-1-14.1 (29.93 acres), 81.00-1-13.1 (33.49 acres), 82.00-3-2.2 (8.45 acres), 81.00-3-2.3 (7.27 acres), and 82.00-3-5 (10.78 acres)), (ii) the planning, design, construction, equipping and operation of an approximately 300,000 square foot manufacturing facility to accommodate solar panel manufacturing and solar power plant generation, including building improvements for manufacturing, warehousing, office space, and related internal spaces, external parking improvements, storm water management and related site improvements, and related on and offsite utility improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition in and around the Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"), 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 "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project, the Agency and Company entered into a certain Land Development Agreement with License and Exclusive Option, dated as of September 15, 2021 (the "LDA"), pursuant to which the Agency granted the Company with preliminary Project development access rights to the Land and an exclusive option to acquire the Land from the Agency in furtherance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to correspondence dated July 15, 2022, the Company has requested, pursuant to Section 2.1 of the LDA, a six (6) month extension of the Development Term (as defined in the LDA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of the Company, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution authorizing the extension of Development Rights pursuant to the LDA.

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

Section 1. The Agency, upon review of a request from the Company relating to the extension of the LDA to allow sufficient time to perfect certain debt financing relating to the Project, hereby approves the extension of the Development Term, as defined within and governed by Article II of the LDA, to March 15, 2023. Such extension shall be subject tot the conditions approved by the board at this meeting.

Section 2. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments 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, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

<u>Section 3</u>. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on October 6, 2022, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this

day of <u>Choler</u>, 2022.

W. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretary

[SEAL]

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(Digicollect LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 10.06.2022.05

RESOLUTION THE **JEFFERSON** COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** OF **EXTENSION** DEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PURSUANT CERTAIN LAND TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LICENSE AND EXCLUSIVE OPTION AND TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, DIGICOLLECT LLC, for itself and/or on behalf of an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project or projects (collectively, the "Project") consisting of: (i) the disposition by the Agency of all or portions of approximately 12.10 acres of real property owned by the Agency and located at 16904 State Route 12F in the Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as tax parcel No. 81.00-1-5), (ii) the phased planning, design, construction and operation of an approximately 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility for use by the Company to produce data sensors, monitors, data collection and storage and related software developed for renewable energy and utility usage, including building improvements for manufacturing, warehousing, office space, data storage and related internal spaces, external parking improvements, storm water management and related site improvements, and related on and offsite utility improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition in and around the Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"), 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 "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project, the Agency and Company entered into a certain Land Development Agreement with License and Exclusive Option, dated as of September 15, 2021 (the "LDA"), pursuant to which the Agency granted the Company with preliminary Project development access rights to the Land and an exclusive option to acquire the Land from the Agency in furtherance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to correspondence dated July 15, 2022, the Company has requested, pursuant to Section 2.1 of the LDA, a six (6) month extension of the Development Term (as defined in the LDA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of the Company, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution authorizing the extension of Development Rights pursuant to the LDA.

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

Section 1. The Agency, upon review of a request from the Company relating to the extension of the LDA to allow sufficient time to perfect certain debt financing relating to the Project, hereby approves the extension of the Development Term, as defined within and governed by Article II of the LDA, to March 15, 2023. Such extension shall be subject tot the conditions approved by the board at this meeting.

Section 2. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments 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, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 3. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned (Acting) Secretary of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on October 6, 2022, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this

day of Cotober, 2022.

W. Edward Walldroff, (Acting) Secretary

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