## PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION

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(National Vacuum Environmental Services Corp. Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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

### PRESENT:

Stephen Brady

Chairperson

Mark A. Onesi Joan G. Aul First Vice Chairperson Second Vice Chairperson

Jerald I. Wolfgang

Assistant Secretary

William L. Ross Arthur G. Pappas Member Member

Daryl Bodewes

Member

### ABSENT:

Kevin McCabe

Secretary

Willie C. Dunn

Member

### THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Susan C. Langdon

Interim Executive Director

Andrea Klyczek

Director of Regional & International Marketing

Michael S. Dudley

Finance Manager

Barbara A. Gill

Administrative Coordinator

Mark Gabriele, Esq.

Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wolfgang, seconded by Mr. Onesi, to wit:

### Resolution No. 18-05-7.2.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL VACUUM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP. WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AGENCY FOR THE BENEFIT OF NATIONAL VACUUM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP. OR AN ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED; (ii) AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (iv) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, NATIONAL VACUUM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP., and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located in Vantage International Park in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of a 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will hold public hearings and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) negotiate a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") and payment-in-lieu of tax mortgage (the "PILOT Mortgage") with the Company, (iii) take or retain fee title to,

leasehold or other interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and PILOT Mortgage have been negotiated), and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has scheduled public hearings and provided notice of the public hearings pursuant to Section 850-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency must determine whether the undertaking of the Project and the providing of the contemplated financial assistance with respect to the same will be in conformance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (said law and regulations hereinafter collectively referred to as "SEQR").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's 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) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Niagara County 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 civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing 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 plant or facility 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. For purposes of investigating the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review under SEQR with respect to the Project and determining whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such term is defined under SEQR), the Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to take the following actions:
- (A) To obtain an Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF) with respect to the Project from the Company; and
- (B) To review the EAF with counsel to the Agency and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with SEQR; and
- (C) To contact all other "involved agencies" with respect to the Project for the purposes of ascertaining whether they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project; and
- (D) Upon completion of the foregoing, to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the environmental review process with respect to the Project.
- Section 3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to hold public hearings in compliance with the Act and negotiate (but not execute or deliver) the terms of (A) an Agent Agreement, whereby the Agency appoints the Company as its agent to undertake the Project and to immediately provide sales tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the renovation, construction and equipping of the project, (B) a Lease Agreement, whereby the Company leases the Facility to the Agency, (C) a related Leaseback Agreement, conveying the Facility back to the Company, (D) a PILOT Agreement, whereby the Company agrees to make certain payments-in-lieu-of real property taxes, (E) a PILOT Mortgage, securing the payment of the amounts due under the PILOT Agreement and (F) related documents; provided, (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 4. The Agency is hereby authorized to conduct public hearings in compliance with the Act.

Section 5. 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 6.</u> These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Arthur G. Pappas Daryl Bodewes	[ X ] [ X ]			

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on May 9, 2018 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

Jerald I. Wolfgang, Assistant Secretary

# FINAL RESOLUTION

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(National Vacuum Environmental Services Corp. Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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

### PRESENT:

Stephen Brady

Mark A. Onesi

Joan G. Aul

Kevin McCabe

Jerald I. Wolfgang Arthur G. Pappas

William L. Ross Daryl Bodewes Chairperson

First Vice Chairperson Second Vice Chairperson

Secretary

**Assistant Secretary** 

Member Member

### ABSENT:

Willie C. Dunn

Member

### THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Susan C. Langdon

**Executive Director** 

Andrea Klyczek

Director of Regional & International Marketing

Michael S. Dudley

Finance Manager

Barbara A. Gill

Administrative Coordinator

Mark Gabriele, Esq.

Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Onesi, seconded by Mayor Pappas, to wit:

### **Resolution No. 18-06-7.1.1**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY NIAGARA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF NATIONAL VACUUM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP. AND/OR AN INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE, SUBSIDIARY, OR ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW); (ii) DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT; (iii) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT. MORTGAGE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS: AND (iv) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF (A) A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, (B) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE FINANCING RELATED TO THE PROJECT; AND (C) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE MORTGAGE RELATED TO THE PILOT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, NATIONAL VACUUM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORP., and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located in Vantage International Park in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of a 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); (D) the leasing of the Project back to the Company, and (E) the providing of financial assistance to the Company for qualifying portions of the Project in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2018, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Preliminary Resolution") accepting the Application and directing that a public hearing be held; and

WHEREAS, it was contemplated that the Agency would hold a public hearing and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) negotiate a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") and payment-in-lieu of tax mortgage (the "PILOT Mortgage") with the Company, (iii) take or retain fee title to, leasehold or other interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and PILOT Mortgage have been negotiated), and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption for financing related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at 3 p.m. at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the "Public Hearing") 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 along with the Notice of Public Hearing published and forwarded to the affected taxing jurisdictions prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted to the Agency a Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") in compliance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, "SEQR") with respect to the Project, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's 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) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities and retaining existing jobs in Niagara County 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 civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing 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 plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.
- (E) The Project involves an "unlisted action" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQR). The review is "uncoordinated" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQR). Based upon the review by the Agency of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") 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 (i) the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (ii) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQR); and (iii) no "environmental impact statement" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQR) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQR) for purposed of SEQR. The Agency's findings are incorporated in Part II of the EAF.
- Section 2. Subject to the Company executing an Agent Agreement by and between the Agency and the Company and 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, construction 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 the date as indicated in the Agent Agreement (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Section 3. 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 against, 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, constants, 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 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; or (iv) the 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. As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

The Agency hereby confers on the Company in connection with the Section 4. Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) an exemption benefit from mortgage recording tax, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes benefit conferred through a certain Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. The Agency will provide the Company with Project incentives totaling \$525,999.00, comprised of real property tax exemption benefits, in the estimated amount of \$393,999.00 and sales and use tax exemption benefits of approximately \$132,000. To effectuate this Resolution, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate and execute (A) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (B) the related Leaseback Agreement conveying the Project back to the Company, and (C) the PILOT Agreement with real property tax exemption benefits; provided (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 5. 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 6. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
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COUNTY OF NIAGARA	)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on June 13, 2018 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Kevin McCabe, Secretary

### EXHIBIT A

### **EXHIBIT B**

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### IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent

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### Instructions

### Filing requirements

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date the IDA appoints any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and compensating use tax exemptions.

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the principle of the person of signal to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA need not file this form if the IDA does not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

fan IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, the IDA must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

if an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an egent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA must, within 30 days, send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment of the property of that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no tonger valid, and the effective date of the change. It should attach to the leller a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA need not send a letter for a form that is not written to the form it originally filed. The IDA need not send a letter for a form that is not written that the "Completion date of project" has

### Purpose of project

For Purpose of project, enter one of the following: Construction

- Services
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- Finance, insurance, real estate Transportation, communication, electric, gas, sanitary services

a form that is not valid merely because the "Completion date of project" has

Wholesale trade

Retail trade

- Manufacturing

- Other (specify)

### Need help?

Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

**IDA UNIT** 

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### PILOT

### NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### AND

### J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

### PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

Relating to the Premises located at 6393 Inducon Drive in the Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York

Affected Tax Jurisdictions:
Niagara County
Town of Wheatfield
Niagara Wheatfield Central School District

Tax Map No. part of SBL#: 147.00-1-81.112

Dated as of July 1, 2018

### PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT (the "PILOT Agreement"), dated as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2018, is by and between the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with its offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite 1, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Agency") and **J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.**, a corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at 408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 (the "Company").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 6393 Inducon Drive, in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); all pursuant to:

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to acquire, construct and equip the Facility, the Agency is willing to take a leasehold interest in the land, improvements and personal property constituting the Facility and lease said land, improvements and personal property back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Leaseback Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof (the "Leaseback Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(1) of the Act, the Agency is exempt from the payment of taxes imposed upon real property and improvements owned by it or under its jurisdiction, control or supervision, other than special ad valorem levies, special assessments and service charges against real property which are or may be imposed for special improvements or special district improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company deem it necessary and proper to enter into an agreement making provisions for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes by the Company to the Agency for the benefit of Niagara County (the "County"), the City of Niagara Falls (the "City"), the Niagara Falls School District (the "School District" and, collectively with the County and City, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

### Section I - Payment in lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes:

Subject to the completion and filing by the taxable status date Section 1.1 A. (March 1, 2019) (the "Taxable Status Date") of New York State Form RP-412-a Application For Real Property Tax Exemption (the "Exemption Application") under Section 412-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law and Section 874 of the Act and the approval of the Exemption Application by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, the Facility shall be exempt from Real Estate Taxes for the periods set forth in Section 1.3 hereof. For purposes of the foregoing "Real Estate Taxes" means all general levy real estate taxes levied against the Facility by the City, County and School. The Company shall provide to the Agency with the information necessary for the completion and filing of the Exemption Application and shall provide such additional information and take such actions as are required by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review to process and approve the Exemption Application. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Leaseback Agreement to the contrary, in the event the exemption from Real Estate Taxes is denied for any reason, the Company shall pay (and hereby agrees to pay) all Real Estate Taxes levied upon the Facility as they become due. After giving written notice to the Agency, the Company may in good faith contest the denial of the Exemption Application, provided that (i) the overall operating efficiency of the Facility is not impaired and the Facility continues to qualify as a "project" under the Act; (ii) neither the Facility nor any part of or interest in it would be in any danger of being sold, forfeited or lost; or (iii) neither the Company nor the Agency, as a result of such contest, shall be in any danger of any civil or criminal liability. The Company hereby waives any claim or cause of action against the Agency, and releases the Agency from any liability to the Company, arising from the denial of an exemption from Real Estate Taxes except to the extent that such denial results solely from the failure of the Agency to file the Exemption Application with the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review by the Taxable Status Date.

B. <u>Payee</u>. As long as the Agency has fee title to or leasehold or other interest in the Facility, the Company agrees to pay annually to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions as a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, on or before October 1 of each calendar year for School taxes and on or before January 1 of each calendar year for County and City taxes (collectively, the "Payment Date"), commencing on October 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020, respectively, an amount equal to the PILOT Payment, as described on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto.

The parties agree and acknowledge that payments made hereunder are to obtain revenues for public purposes, and to provide a revenue source that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions would otherwise lose because the subject parcels are not on the tax rolls.

- 1.2 <u>Allocation</u>. To the extent the Agency receives any PILOT Payment, the Agency shall remit to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions amounts received hereunder within thirty (30) days of receipt of said payment and shall allocate said payments among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in the same proportion as ad valorem taxes would have been allocated but for the Agency's involvement, unless the Affected Tax Jurisdictions have consented in writing to a specific allocation.
- 1.3 <u>Tax Rates</u>. For purposes of determining the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, the Agency shall use the last tax rate utilized for levy of taxes by each such jurisdiction. For County, City and special district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment shall be the tax rates relating to the calendar year which includes the PILOT payment due date. For school district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the PILOT payment shall be the rate relating to the school year which includes the PILOT payment due date.
- Valuation of Future Additions to the Facility: If there shall be a future addition to the Facility constructed or added in any manner after the date of this PILOT Agreement, other than the Project, the Company shall notify the Agency of such future addition ("Future Addition"). The notice to the Agency shall contain a copy of the application for a building permit, plans and specifications, and any other relevant information that the Agency may thereafter request. Upon the earlier of substantial completion, or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any such Future Addition to the Facility, the Company shall become liable for payment of an increase in the Total PILOT Payment. The Agency shall notify the Company of any proposed increase in the Total PILOT Payment related to such Future Addition. If the Company shall disagree with the determination of assessed value for any Future Additions made by the Agency, then and in that event that valuation shall be fixed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any disagreement between the Company and the Agency, the Company shall pay the increased PILOT payment until a different Total PILOT Payment shall be established. If a lesser Total Annual Payment is determined in any proceeding or by subsequent agreement of the parties, the Total PILOT Payment shall be re-computed and any excess payment shall be refunded to the Company or, in the Agency's sole discretion, such excess payment shall be applied as a credit against the next succeeding PILOT payment(s).
- 1.5 Period of Benefits. The tax benefits provided for herein should be deemed to include (i) the 2019/2020 School tax year through the 2033/2034 School tax year, and (ii) the 2020 County and City tax year through the 2033 County and City tax year. This PILOT Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2034; provided, however, the Company shall pay the 2034/2035 School tax bills and the 2035 County and City tax bills on the dates and in the amounts as if the Agency were not in title on the tax status date with respect to said tax years. In no event shall the Company be entitled to receive tax benefits relative to the Facility for more than the periods provided for herein, unless the period is extended by amendment to this PILOT Agreement executed by both parties after any applicable public hearings. The Company agrees

that it will not seek any tax exemption for the Facility which could provide benefits for more than the periods provided for herein and specifically agrees that the exemptions provided for herein, to the extent actually received (based on the number of lease years elapsed), supersede and are in substitution of the exemptions provided by Section 485-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL"). It is hereby agreed and understood that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions can rely upon and enforce the above waiver to the same extent as if they were signatories hereto.

### Section II - Special Assessments and Service Charges.

2.1 Special district charges, special assessments, and special ad valorem levies (specifically including but not limited to fire district charges), and pure water charges and sewer charges are to be paid in full in accordance with normal billing practices.

### Section III - Transfer of Facility.

3.1 In the event that the Facility is transferred from the Agency to the Company (the lease/leaseback agreements are terminated), and the Company is ineligible for a continued tax exemption under some other tax incentive program, or the exemption results in a payment to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in excess of the payment described in Section I herein, or this PILOT Agreement terminates and the property is not timely transferred back to the Company, the Company agrees to pay no later than the next tax lien date (plus any applicable grace period), to each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, an amount equal to the taxes and assessments which would have been levied on the Facility if the Facility had been classified as fully taxable as of the date of transfer or loss of eligibility of all or a portion of the exemption described herein or date of termination.

### Section IV - Assessment Challenges.

- 4.1 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility, with respect to any proposed assessment or change in assessment with respect to the Facility by any of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions and likewise shall be entitled to protest before and be heard by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, and shall be entitled to take any and all appropriate appeals or initiate any proceedings to review the validity or amount of any assessment or the validity or amount of any tax equivalent provided for herein.
- 4.2 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any tax, service charge, special benefit, ad valorem levy, assessment, or special assessment or service charge in lieu of which the Company is obligated to make a payment pursuant to this PILOT Agreement, as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility.
- 4.3 The Company shall (i) cause the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers to assess the Facility and apply tax rates to the respective assessments as if the Facility were owned by the Company, (ii) file any accounts or tax returns required by the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers.

### Section V - Changes in Law.

5.1 To the extent the Facility is declared to be subject to taxation or assessment by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change, or by final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Company hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void.

### Section VI - Events of Default and Remedies.

- The following shall constitute "Events of Default" hereunder. The failure by the 6.1 Company to: (i) make the payments described in Section I within thirty (30) days of the Payment Date (the "Delinquency Date"); (ii) make any other payments described herein on or before the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty; or (iii) the occurrence and continuance of any events of default under the Leaseback Agreement after any applicable cure periods. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder, in addition to any other right or remedy the Agency and/or the Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have at law or in equity, the Agency and/or Affected Tax Jurisdictions may, immediately and without further notice to the Company (but with notice to the Agency with respect to actions maintained by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions) pursue any action in the courts to enforce payment or to otherwise recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default. The Agency and the Company hereby acknowledge the right of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default pursuant to Section 874(6) of the General Municipal Law and the Company shall immediately notify the Agency of any action brought, or other measure taken, by any Affected Tax Jurisdiction to recover any such amount.
- 6.2 If payments pursuant to Section I herein are not made by the Delinquency Dates, or if any other payment required to be made hereunder is not made by the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty, the Company shall pay penalties and interest as follows. With respect to payments to be made pursuant to Section I herein, if said payment is not received by the Delinquency Date defined in Section 6.1 herein, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, (i) a late payment penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the amount due and (ii) for each month, or any part thereof, that any such payment is delinquent beyond the first month, interest on the total amount due plus the late payment penalty, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) per month. With respect to all other payments due hereunder, if said payment is not paid within any applicable cure period, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, the greater of the applicable penalties and interest or penalties and interest which would have been incurred had payments made hereunder been tax payments to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.
- 6.3 Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, the liability of the Company hereunder shall be all amounts due pursuant to Section I hereof through, but not including, the date on which the Facility is no longer exempt from Real Estate Taxes together will all other amounts due pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof and clause (a) of Section 7 of the PILOT Mortgage (as hereinafter defined).

6.4 Subject to the rights of the mortgagees set forth in Section VIII below, whenever any Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to this PILOT Agreement, the remedies of the Agency shall be limited to the rights hereunder, under the Leaseback Agreement and under the PILOT Mortgage, subject to the rights of any lenders to cure any such Event of Default as set forth in Section VIII hereof.

### Section VII - Assignment.

7. No portion of any interest in this PILOT Agreement may be assigned by the Company, nor shall any person other than the Company be entitled to succeed to or otherwise obtain any benefits of the Company hereunder without the prior written consent of the Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

### Section VIII – Rights of Mortgagees.

- 8.1 For the purposes of this PILOT Agreement, the term "mortgages" shall include any mortgage, leasehold mortgage, purchase money mortgage or other security instrument or instruments encumbering the Facility, such as, without limitation, mortgages, deeds of trust, financing statements, assignments of leases, rents and/or profits, security agreements and other documentation which a mortgage may require, and the terms "holder of a mortgage" and "mortgage" shall mean the secured party under any of the foregoing instruments. ANY MORTGAGE SHALL BE A LIMITED, NON-RECOURSE OBLIGATION OF THE AGENCY AND SHALL IN NO EVENT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT BY THE AGENCY TO ANY PARTY OF ANY AMOUNT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRINCIPAL, INTEREST OR ANY OTHER AMOUNT SECURED BY ANY SUCH MORTGAGE.
- 8.2 So long as the mortgage shall remain unsatisfied of record or until written notice of satisfaction is given by the Mortgagee to the Agency, the following provisions shall, subject to and unless otherwise prohibited by all applicable law including, but not limited to, the Act, apply (in respect of such mortgage and of any other mortgages which also comply with the above):
- (a) There shall be no renewal, cancellation, surrender, acceptance of surrender, amendment or modification of this PILOT Agreement, or the PILOT Mortgage by joint action of the Agency and the Company along, without, in each case, the prior consent in writing of the Mortgagee, nor shall any merger result from the acquisition by, or devolution upon, any one entity of any fee and/or leasehold estates in the Facility.
- (b) The Agency shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, upon receipt of any notice or other communication, whether of default or any other matter, simultaneously serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee, and no such notice of other communication to the Company shall be deemed received unless a copy is so served upon the Mortgagee in the manner provided in this PILOT Agreement for the giving of notice.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Agency serves a notice of default upon the Company, it shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, also serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee at the address set forth in Section 9.2 hereof.
- (d) In the event of any default by the Company under this PILOT Agreement, the Mortgagee shall have fifteen (15) days for a monetary default and thirty (30) days in the case of any other default, after notice to the Mortgagee of such default (which notice shall be given in the manner set forth in Section 9.2 below), to cure or to cause to be cured the default complained of and the Agency shall accept such performance by or at the instigation of the Mortgagee as if same had been done by the Company. Each notice of default given by the Agency will state the amounts of any payments herein provided that are then claimed to be in default.
- (e) If, before the expiration of the Mortgagee's cure period as provided in paragraph (3) above, the Mortgagee shall have notified the Agency in writing of its agreement to pay or cause to be paid, within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of mortgagor's cure period, all payments in this PILOT Agreement provided for and then in default, and/or in the case of non-monetary defaults, shall have agreed within forty-five (45) days to commence or cause to be commenced the cure of such non-monetary defaults, if any are then in default (other than defaults which by their nature cannot be cured), and shall prosecute or cause the prosecution of same to completion with reasonable diligence (collectively, the "extended cure period"), then the Agency shall not exercise any of its rights and remedies hereunder or under the PILOT Mortgage until expiration of the extended cure period.
- (f) The Company (and <u>not</u> the Agency) shall give the Mortgagee notice of any arbitration or other proceeding or dispute by or between the parties hereto, and shall have the right to intervene therein and be made a party to any such arbitration or other proceeding.
- (g) Except where the Mortgagee has succeeded to the interest of the Company in the Facility or assumed the right to cure as provided in this Section VIII, no liability for any payments to be made pursuant to this PILOT Agreement or the performance of any of the Company's covenants and agreements under this PILOT Agreement shall attach to or be imposed upon the Mortgagee, and if the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee succeeds to the interest of the Company in the Facility, all of the obligations and liabilities of the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee shall be limited to such entity's interest in the Facility and as otherwise imposed by this PILOT Agreement and shall cease and terminate upon assignment of this PILOT Agreement (any such further assignment to be approved by the Agency).
- (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this PILOT Agreement, the Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement or the PILOT Mortgage to the contrary, foreclosure of a mortgage or any sale of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility in connection with a foreclosure, whether by judicial proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility to the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee by virtue of or in lieu of foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility by the Mortgagee or its

nominee or designee, shall not require the consent or approval of the Agency and shall not be a default or Event of Default hereunder.

### Section IX -- Miscellaneous.

- 9.1 This PILOT Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- 9.2 All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the Agency:

Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One

Sanborn, New York 14132-9099

Attn: Executive Director

With Copy To:

Gabriele & Berrigan, P.C. 800 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Niagara Falls, New York 14302 Attention: Mark J. Gabriele, Esq.

To the Company:

J & S Niagara Leasing Corp.

408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, New York 14304 Attn: John Kozlowski, President

With Copy To:

John J. DelMonte, Esq. 2706 Pine Avenue

Niagara Falls, New York 14301

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

9.3 This PILOT Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Niagara County, New York.

- 9.4 Notwithstanding any other term or condition contained herein, all obligations of the Agency hereunder shall constitute a special obligation payable solely from the revenues and other monies, if any, derived from the Facility and paid to the Agency by the Company. Neither member of the Agency nor any person executing this PILOT Agreement on its behalf shall be liable personally under this PILOT Agreement. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or interest on amounts due hereunder or for any claim based upon or in respect of any modification of or supplement hereto against any past, present or future member, officer, agent, servant, or employee, as such, of the Agency, or of any successor or political subdivision, either directly or through the Agency or any such successor, all such liability of such members, officer, agents, servants and employees being, to the extent permitted by law, expressly waived and released by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the execution of this PILOT Agreement.
- 9.5 The Company hereby agrees that it shall, as security for its obligations hereunder, grant to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions a mortgage lien on the Facility pursuant to a certain PILOT Mortgage, dated as of July 1, 2018, from the Company and the Agency to the Agency, for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (the "PILOT Mortgage"), which PILOT Mortgage shall constitute a priority mortgage lien on and security interest in the Facility.

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### [Signature Page to PILOT Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this PILOT Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

> NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Name: Susan C. Langdon

Its:

**Executive Director** 

J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

Name: John Kozlowski

Title: President

### SCHEDULE A

### TO PILOT AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JULY 1, 2018 BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND J&S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 1.2 of this PILOT Agreement, Total PILOT Payment shall mean an amount per annum as follows:

PILOT Year	School Tax Year	County and City Tax Year	Percentage of Normal Tax
Year 1	2019/20	2020	20%
Year 2	2020/21	2021	20%
Year 3	2021/22	2022	30%
Year 4	2022/23	2023	30%
Year 5	2023/24	2024	40%
Year 6	2024/25	2025	40%
Year 7	2025/26	2026	40%
Year 8	2026/27	2027	40%
Year 9	2027/28	2028	40%
Year 10	2028/29	2029	50%
Year 11	2029/30	2030	50%
Year 12	2030/31	2031	50%
Year 13	2031/32	2032	50%
Year 14	2032/33	2033	50%
Year 15	2033/34	2034	50%
Year 16 and thereafter	2034/35	2035	100%

The payments in lieu of taxes to be paid by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction pursuant to the terms of this Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement shall be computed separately for each Affected Tax Jurisdiction as follows:

1. First, determine the amount of general taxes and general assessments (hereinafter referred to as the "Normal Tax") which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Land was owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Land as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Land if the Land was owned by the Company and not the Agency.

- 2. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Land shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Land shall be an amount equal to 100% of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Land and Existing Improvements for such tax year.
- 3. Next, determine the Normal Tax which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Improvements and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property were owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Improvements and such assessable Equipment as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment if the Improvements and such assessable Equipment was owned by the Company and not the Agency.
- 4. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment for such tax year, as shown in the table.
- 5. The Total PILOT Payment to be made by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions shall equal the sum of Number (2) and Number (4), above, for each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement.

### 412a

### NYS BOARD OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES



### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

APPLICATION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (Real Property Tax Law, Section 412-a and General Municipal Law, Section 874)

### 1. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA)

Name: Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

Street: 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite 1

City: Sanborn, New York 14132

Telephone No. Day: (716) 278-8760

Evening:

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Contact: Susan C. Langdon

Title: Executive Director

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL

- a. Assessment roll description (tax map no./roll year)
  Part of SBL#: 147.00-1-82.112
- b. Street address: 6393 Inducon Drive
- c. City, Town or Village: Wheatfield

### 2. OCCUPANT (IF OTHER THAN IDA)

(If more than one occupant attach separate listing)

Name: J & S Niagara Leasing Corp.

Street: 408 - 47th Street

City: Niagara Falls, New York 14304

Telephone No. Day: (716) 773-1167

Evening:

Contact: John Kozlowski

Title: President

- d. School District: Wheatfield
- e. County: Niagara
- f. Current assessment: approx. \$91,225
- g. Deed to IDA (date recorded; liber and page)
  Memorandum of Lease Agreement and
  Memorandum of Leaseback Agreement which was
  recorded on or about July <u>30</u>, 2018
- 4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (if necessary, attach plans or specifications)
  - a. Brief description (include property use): Construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot manufacturing building located at Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York.
  - b. Type of construction: construction
  - c. Square footage: approx. 20,000
  - d. Total cost: \$2,665,000
  - e. Date construction commenced: Summer, 2018
- f. Projected expiration of exemption (i.e. date when property is no longer possessed, controlled, supervised or under the jurisdiction of IDA):

  December 31, 2034
- 5. SUMMARIZE AGREEMENT (IF ANY) AND METHOD TO BE USED FOR PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO MUNICIPALITY REGARDLESS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTION (Attach copy of the agreement or extract of the terms relating to the project).
- a. Formula for payment: See attached PILOT Agreement
- b. Projected expiration date of agreement: December 31, 2034

c,	Municipal corporations to which be made	ch payments will	d. Person or entity responsible for payment	
		Yes No	Name: John Kozlowski	
	County: Niagara	<u>x</u>	Title: President	
	Town/City: Wheatfield	X	Address: 408 – 47th Street	
	Village: N/A	XI XI	Niagara Falls, NY 14304 Telephone: (716) 773-1167	
	School District: Niagara Wheatfield	<u>K</u>	ј Теперионе: (/10)//5-110/	
e.	Is the IDA the owner of the pro			
			nterest in an attached statement.	
	Occupant owns property an	id leases to IDA, D	DA then leases property back to the Occupant.	
6.	6. Is the property receiving or has the property ever received any other exemption from real property taxation?  (check one) Yes X No			
	If yes, list the statutory exempt	ion reference and as	sessment roll year on which granted:	
7.			ts, has been mailed or delivered on July $30_{\circ}$ , 2018 to the chie h the project is located as indicated in Item 3.	
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hereby	certify that the information on t	his application and a	accompanying papers constitutes a true statement of facts.	
			Jusan C. Jang	
	y 26,2018		Sugar C. darg	
Dat	e		Signature	
		FOR USE BY ASS	ESSOR	
1.	Date application filed			
2.	Applicable taxable status date_		·	
3a.	Agreement (or extract) date			
3b.	Projected exemption expiration	(year)		
4.	Assessed valuation of parcel in	first year of exempt	ion \$	
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-	Date		Assessor's signature	

# SALES TAX EXEMPTION LETTER

# Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

July 26, 2018

J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. 408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street Niagara Falls, New York 14304

> Re: J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. -- Sales Tax Exemption Letter Expiring December 31, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a resolution duly adopted on June 13, 2018, the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") appointed J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. (the "Company") its true and lawful agent to undertake a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 6393 Inducon Drive, in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); all pursuant to:

This appointment includes, and this letter evidences, authority to purchase on behalf of the Agency all materials to be incorporated into and made an integral part of the Facility and the following activities as they relate to any renovation, erection and completion of any buildings, whether or not any materials, equipment or supplies described below are incorporated into or become an integral part of such buildings: (1) all purchases, leases, rentals and other uses of tools, machinery and equipment in connection with the renovation and equipping, (2) all purchases, rentals, uses or consumption of supplies, materials, utilities and services of every kind and description used in connection with the renovation and equipping, and (3) all purchases, leases, rentals and uses of equipment, machinery and other tangible personal property (including installation costs), installed or placed in, upon or under such building or facility, including all repairs and replacements of such property.

This agency appointment includes the power to delegate such agency, in whole or in part to agents, subagents, contractors, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses including but not limited to the individuals and entities described on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto. The Company shall have the right to amend <u>Schedule A</u> from time to time and shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. The Company hereby agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (Form ST-60) for itself and each agent, subagent, contractor, subcontractor, contractors or subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and execute said form as

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agent for the Agency (or have the general contractor, if any or other designated subagent execute) and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of sales tax exemptions for the Facility.

In exercising this appointment, the Company and/or Project Operator should give the supplier or vendor "IDA Agent or Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123) to show that the Company and/or Project Operator is acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon that the Agency or Agent or Project Operator of the Agency was the purchaser. The Company's agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors should give the supplier or vendor a copy of this letter to show that the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors are each acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon which of the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors acted as agent for the Agency in making the purchase. In order to be entitled to use this exemption, your contractor should present to the supplier or other vendor of materials for the Facility, a completed "Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-120.1), checking box "(a)" and "(d)".

In addition, General Municipal Law §874(8) requires you to file an Annual Statement with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (Form ST-340) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions you, your agents, consultants or subcontractors have claimed pursuant to the agency we have conferred on you with respect to this project. The penalty for failure to file such statement is the removal of your authority to act as our agent. Upon each such annual filing, the Company shall, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of the same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February fifteen (15th) of each year.

The agency created by this letter is limited to the Facility, and will expire on December 31, 2019; provided, however, the exemption for leases executed prior to said date shall continue through the term or extended term of said lease and any acquisition of said leased property. You may apply to extend this agency authority by showing good cause.

This letter is being issued pursuant to the Agent and Financial Assistant and Project Agreement, dated July 1, 2018, by and between the Agency and the Company (the "Agent Agreement"). All agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project should be aware of the Agent Agreement and obtain a copy thereof.

This letter is provided for the sole purpose of securing exemption from New York State Sales and Use Taxes for this project only. No other principal/agent relationship is intended or may be implied or inferred by this letter.

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With respect to registered vehicles acquired by the Company in name of the Agency, the Agency shall transfer title to such vehicles immediately back to the Company, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable; and any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the Town of Wheatfield, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

Except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder. By acceptance of this letter, the vendor hereby acknowledges the limitations on liability described herein.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Name: Susan C. Langdon

Title: Executive Director

#### SCHEDULE A

#### LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCING INDICATING SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

# AGENT & FINANCIAL **ASSISTANCE** AND PROJECT **AGREEMENT**

#### AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Agent Agreement"), made as of the 1st day of July, 2018, by and between the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Agency"), and **J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.**, a New York corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 (the "Company").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 6393 Inducon Drive, in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); all pursuant to:

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on June 13, 2018 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking the Project subject to the Company entering into this Agent Agreement; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution, the Agency has conferred on the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) an exemption benefit from mortgage recording tax, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes benefit conferred through a certain Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2018 (the "PILOT Agreement") requiring the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project, (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption benefit, the mortgage recording tax benefit, and the partial abatement from real property taxes benefit, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance,

that the Company enter into this Agent Agreement for the purposes of, among other things, to govern administration of and provide assurances with respect to the provision and recapture of said Financial Assistance upon the terms herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; and

WHEREAS, no agent status in favor of the Company or any subagent thereof, nor any amount of Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Agent Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. <u>Purpose of Project and Scope of Agency</u>. The purpose of the Agency's provision of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Project facility to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Niagara, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and within the Company's Application.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the Agency has appointed the Company as agent to undertake the Project, as defined herein and within the Resolution. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent for the Agency under the authority of the Resolution to acts reasonably related to the acquisition and installation of certain machinery, equipment and building materials, all for incorporation and installation thereof in and around the Facility. Pursuant to the Resolution and this Agent Agreement, the Company has the power to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses including but not limited to the individuals and entities described on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, the "Subagent"). The Company shall have the right to amend Schedule A from time to time and shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. The Company's right to appoint subagents is expressly conditioned upon updating of Schedule A, hereto, along with the timely filing of Form ST-60 (non-primary) for each subagent, with such updated Schedule A and a copy of and proof of filing of such ST-60 (non-primary) being immediately filed with the Agency. The right of the Company and all duly appointed subagents to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on December 31, 2019, unless extended as contemplated by the Resolution. The aggregate amount of work performed by the Company and all subagents as agent for the Agency shall not exceed the amounts identified in Section 2(h)(i) of this Agreement.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all subagents thereof as agent for the Agency shall include the language contained within Schedule B, hereto. Failure by the Company and/or any subagent thereof to include such language shall disqualify the agent

status and sales tax exemptions derived by virtue of this Agent Agreement. The Company, for itself and on behalf of all duly appointed subagents, hereby agrees that all contracts entered into by the Company and any subagents thereof shall be available to the Agency for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.

- 2. <u>Representations and Covenants of the Company.</u> The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project/Facility:
- (a) The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, has the authority to enter into this Agent Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement.
- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agent Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Agent Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any such instrument or agreement.
- (c) The Facility and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, and building laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (c).
- (d) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact on the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Agent Agreement.
- (e) The Company covenants that the Facility will comply in all respects with all environmental laws and regulations, and, except in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, (i) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Facility except in compliance with all material applicable laws, (ii) that the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Facility or onto any other property, (iii) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Facility, with removal of any asbestos from the Facility in compliance with applicable laws being permitted; (iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility, and (v) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is threatened, anticipated, or in existence. The Company upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section shall immediately notify the Agency in

writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section. In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility, the Company agrees to pay the expenses of same to the Agency upon demand.

- (f) Any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the Town of Wheatfield, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.
- (g) In accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the policies of the Agency, and the Resolution, the Company covenants and agrees that it may be subject to a Recapture Event Determination (as hereinafter defined) resulting in the potential recapture and/or termination of any and all Financial Assistance, as described below, if the Company receives, or any duly appointed subagents receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, and it is determined by the Agency that:
  - (1) the Company or its Subagents, if any, authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; or
  - (2) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized by the Agency to be taken by the Company or its Subagents, if any; or
  - (3) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or
  - (4) the Company has made a material false or misleading statement, or omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, on its application for Financial Assistance; or
  - (5) the Company fails to meet and maintain the thresholds and requirements representing certain material terms and conditions, all as further defined below, being the purposes to be achieved by the Agency with respect to its determination to provide Financial Assistance to the Project and required by the Agency to be complied with and adhered to, as evidenced by submission, as so required by the Agency, of written confirmation certifying and confirming on an annual basis beginning in the first year in which Financial Assistance is so claimed, through the conclusion of the later of either: (i) two (2) years following the construction completion date or (ii) the termination of this Agent Agreement or the PILOT Agreement) (said date hereinafter referred to as the "Project Completion Date" and the time period so referenced being hereinafter defined as

the "Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period") confirming those items and conditions in respect to job creation and retention and capital investment.

In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Agency, a certified statement and documentation: i) enumerating the full time equivalent jobs retained and the full time equivalent jobs created as a result of the financial assistance, by category, including full time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, (ii) indicating that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if it is not still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created, and (iii) such other information, as so requested from time to time, to enable the Agency to assess the progress of the Project toward achieving the investment, job retention, job creation, or other objectives of the Project indicated in the Application for Financial Assistance.

The Company shall annually complete and submit to the Agency the Annual Employment and Financial Assistance Certification Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. In addition, Company shall complete and submit to the Agency upon the completion of construction the Final Project Cost and Financing Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit G**. Failure by the Company to complete and submit said forms to the Agency by February 15 of each applicable year during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder, whereby the Agency, in its sole and absolute discretion, may terminate this Agreement and/or the PILOT Agreement and undertake a Recapture Event Determination.

The findings made by the Agency with respect to Section 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or failure to provide the written confirmation as required by Section 2(g)(5) with respect to the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5), above, and/or failure to meet the thresholds and requirements as identified in Section 2(g)(5) above, may potentially be determined by the Agency, in accordance with the Agency's "Recapture Policy", to constitute a failure to comply with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, and/or a failure to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services or Agency Financial Assistance in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project, and/or a failure to comply with the Agency's policies and Resolution (collectively, findings and determinations made as described herein with respect to Section 2(g)(1), (2), (3) and/or (4) and/or the failure under Section 2(g)(5) to submit the required certification and/or the failure to meet the required thresholds and requirements as specified in Section 2(g)(5) are hereby defined as a "Recapture Event Determination"). If the Agency makes a Recapture Event Determination, the Company agrees and covenants that it will (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s). The Company further understands and agrees that in the event that the Company fails to pay over such amounts to the Agency, the New York State Tax Commissioner and/or local taxing authorities may assess and determine the Financial Assistance due from the Company, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

- (h) In accordance with the Resolution and the Cost-Benefit Analysis (the "CBA") prepared by the Agency for the Project, the Company further: (i) covenants that the purchase of goods and services relating to the Project and subject to New York State and local sales and use taxes are estimated in an amount up to \$1,650,000.00, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized and approved by the Agency, subject to Section 2(g) of this Agent Agreement, cannot exceed \$132,000.00, and (ii) confirms that real property tax abatement benefits to be provided to the Company shall conform to those disclosed within the CBA for the Project and as contained within the PILOT Agreement, a copy of such CBA and PILOT Agreement are attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- (i) The Company further covenants and agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (NYS Form ST-60), in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, for each Subagent, if any, and such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment.
- The Company acknowledges and agrees that all purchases made in furtherance of the Project shall be made using "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibits B-1 and B-2), and it shall be the responsibility of the Company (and not the Agency) to complete NYS Form ST-123. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall identify the Project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and further indicate on such bills or invoices that the Company is making purchases of tangible personal property or services for use in the Project as agent of the Agency. For purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the bill or invoice should state, "I, J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP., certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. Project located at 6393 Inducon Drive in the Town of Wheatfield, New York 14132, IDA Project Number 2903-18-01-A". For convenience purposes, in the instance where the vendor does not print on each invoice the acknowledgment as described in the prior sentence, an "Invoice Rider" (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B-3) can be utilized for record keeping purposes.
- (k) The Company further covenants and agrees to file an annual statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Company and its Subagents, if any, have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). The Company further covenants and agrees that it will, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Company understands and agrees that the failure to file such annual statement will result in the removal of the Company's authority to act as agent for the Agency.

- (I) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder.
- (m) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period, it will (i) maintain its existence and not dissolve, (ii) continue to be a limited liability company subject to service of process in the State and either organized under the laws of the State, or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States and duly qualified to do business in the State, (iii) not liquidate, wind-up or dissolve or otherwise sell, assign, or dispose of all or substantially all of its property, business or assets. This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Agency
- The Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that as of (n) the date hereof, the Company, as owner, occupant, or operator of the Project receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency in connection with the Project, is in substantial compliance with all applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations. The Company agrees that it will, throughout the term of this Agent Agreement, promptly comply in all material respects with all statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, decrees, injunctions, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, authorizations, directions and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments, departments, commissions, boards, companies or associations insuring the premises, courts, authorities, officials and officers, foreseen or unforeseen, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Facility or any part thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may in good faith contest the validity of the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to this Section 2(n). In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Agency (which shall not be unreasonably conditioned, delayed or withheld) may fail to comply with the requirement or requirements so contested during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Agency shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.
- 3. <u>Hold Harmless Provision</u>. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, successors and assigns harmless from and against, any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to property or injury to or death of any and all persons that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Facility or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Facility or breach by the Company of this Agent Agreement or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, renovating, equipping, owning and leasing of the Equipment or of the Facility, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. The foregoing

indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence on the part of the Agency, or any of its respective executive director, directors, members, officers, agents or employees and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability, except that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

- 4. <u>Insurance Required</u>. At all times throughout the term of the Leaseback Agreement, including without limitation during any period of construction of the Facility, the Company shall maintain or cause to be maintained insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:
- (a) Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties, with a uniform standard extended coverage endorsement, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the Facility, exclusive of excavations and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company; or as an alternative to the foregoing the Company may insure the Facility under a blanket insurance policy or policies covering not only the Facility but other properties as well, provided a periodic appraisal is performed and provided to the Agency.
- (b) Worker's compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide, covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Facility.

Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract (including the contractual liability assumed by the Company under Section 5.2 hereof) and arising from personal injury and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable workmen's compensation law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than \$3,000,000, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage.

#### Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance.

(c) All insurance required by Section 3.4(a) hereof shall name the Agency as a named insured and all other insurance required by Section 3.4 above shall name the Agency as an additional insured. All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company and authorized to write such insurance in the State. Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar

in size, character and other respects to those in which the Company is engaged. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide for (i) payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interest may appear, and (ii) at least thirty (30) days' written notice of the cancellation thereof to the Company and the Agency to the extent permitted by the applicable policy with the Company to provide proof of continuing insurance as required hereby on request by the Agency.

- (d) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers that such insurance is in force and effect, shall be deposited with the Agency on or before the commencement of the term of this Leaseback Agreement. Prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Leaseback Agreement.
- (e) Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each of its fiscal years, the Company shall file with the Agency a certificate of the Company to the effect that the insurance it maintains with respect to the Project complies with the provisions of this Article III and that duplicate copies of all policies or certificates thereof have been filed with the Agency and are in full force and effect.
- 5. Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance. (a) Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar in size, character and other respects to those in which the Company is engaged. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide for payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interests may appear. The Company shall cause all contractors and agents of the Company undertaking the Project to carry and provide evidence of insurance as required within Section 4(a) and 4(b) of this Agreement, with the Agency named as an additional insured.
- (b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers indicating that such insurance is in force and effect, and all policies (if applicable), shall be deposited with the Agency on the date hereof. At least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Agent Agreement.
- 6. This Agent Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- 7. All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, or by a nationally-recognized overnight courier, addressed as follows:

To the Agency:

Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One

Sanborn, New York 14132 Attn: Executive Director With a copy to:

Gabriele & Berrigan P.C.

800 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite B Niagara Falls, New York 14304 Attn: Mark J. Gabriele, Esq.

To the Company:

J & S Niagara Leasing Corp.

408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, New York 14304 Attn: John Kozlowski, President

With a copy to:

John J. DelMonte, Esq. 2706 Pine Avenue

Niagara Falls, New York 14301

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

- 8. This Agent Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Niagara County, New York.
- 9. The warranties, representations, obligations and covenants of the Company under this Agent Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agent Agreement, shall be deemed to have been relied upon by the Agency, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Agent Agreement to the Agency, regardless of any investigation made by the Agency. This Agent Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of the Leaseback Agreement or the PILOT Agreement, as described below.
- 10. The parties are contemplating that unless the Agency and Company enter into a Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), and related Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), the Company agrees not to take title to any real property as agent for the Agency. The Agency will provide the Company with a bill of sale (a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**) which sells, transfers and delivers unto the Company and its successors and assigns, all Equipment which were acquired and installed and/or are to be acquired and installed by the Company as agent for the Agency pursuant to this Agent Agreement which Equipment is located or intended to be located within and used exclusively in furtherance of the operations of the Facility.

11. By executing this Agent Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel or bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Agency's enforcement of any event of default or failure to comply with the terms of this Agent Agreement (including reasonable attorney fees). The Company further covenants and agrees that the Company is liable for payment to the Agency of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in undertaking the Project notwithstanding the occurrence of any of (i) the Company's withdrawal, abandonment, cancellation or failure to pursue the Project; (ii) the inability of the Agency or the Company to procure the services of one or more financial institutions to provide financing for the Project; or (iii) the Company's failure, for whatever reason, to undertake and/or successfully complete the Project.

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#### [Signature Page to Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agent Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Title: Executive Director

J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

Name: John Kozlowski

Title: President

#### [Acknowledgment Page to Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement]

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#### SCHEDULE A

#### LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A NYS FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY THE COMPANY WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IDA UNIT INDICATING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

#### SCHEDULE B

#### MANDATORY AGENT AND SUBAGENT CONTRACT LANGUAGE

"This contract is being entered into by J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP. (the "Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit of J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP., consisting in part of the acquisition and installation of certain machinery, equipment and building materials, all for incorporation and installation in certain premises located at 6393 Inducon Drive, Town of Wheatfield, New York 14304 (the "Premises"). The acquisition of the machinery, equipment and building materials to be incorporated and installed in the Premises and all services and rentals of equipment related to the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project shall be exempt from all New York State and local sales and use taxes if the acquisition thereof is effected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached sales tax exemption information letter of the Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement by and between Niacet Corporation and the Agency dated as of July 1, 2018. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency shall not be directly, indirectly or contingently liable or obligated hereunder in any manner or to any extent whatsoever. By execution or acceptance of this contract, the vendor/contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth is this paragraph."

#### EXHIBIT A

FORM OF NYS FORM ST-60 TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY AND FILED WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT FOR EACH OF ITS SUBAGENTS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF APPOINTMENT

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### **IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent**

For Sales Tax Purposes

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) must submit the whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or	nis form within 30 days of the another agent.	he appointment	of a project c				or IDA use only
Name of IDA Niagara County Industrial Development Agency				IDA project num			stem for projects after 1998) A
Street address 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive - Suite One	****						78-8760
City Sanborn						State NY	ZIP code 14132-9099
Name of IDA project operator or agent	Mark an X in directly appo	n the box if ointed by the ID			entification :		curity number
Street address			Telephone r	umber			nary operator or agent? Yes × No
City						State	ZIP code
Name of project J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. Project			Purpose of a	oroject <i>(see in</i> On	structions)		
Street address of project sile 6393 Inducon Drive							
City Town of Wheatfield					··-	State NY	ZIP code 14132
Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes							
Goods and services used to construct an approximat	ely 20,000 facility.						
Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy) 06/13/18	Date project operator of agent status ends (mm		31/19	€	extension	to an origi	c if this is an nal project:
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt fi and local sales and use tax:	rom New York State Es	stimated value ovided:	of New Yor	k State and	local sale:	s and use	tax exemption
\$1,650,000.00 (ALL AGENTS, ALL IN)	\$1	132,000.00 (	ALL AGEN	ITS, ALL II	V)		
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Print name of officer or employee signing on behalf of the IDA		Print title					
Signature			Da	te	(	felephone n )	umber
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#### Instructions

#### Filing requirements

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date the IDA appoints any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and compensating use tax exemptions.

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA need not file this form if the IDA does not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, the IDA must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA must, within 30 days, send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. It should attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA need not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the "Completion date of project" has passed.

#### Purpose of project

For Purpose of project, enter one of the following:

- Services
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing
- Finance, insurance, real estate - Transportation, communication, electric, gas, sanitary services
- - Construction Wholesale trade
  - Retail trade
  - Manufacturing - Other (specify)

#### Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT **IDA UNIT** WA HARRIMAN CAMPUS **ALBANY NY 12227** 

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(D.

This information will be used to determine and administer tax ilabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This Information is maintained by the Manager of Document Management, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone (518) 457-5181.

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#### EXHIBIT B-1

#### NYS FORM ST-123 FOR COMPANY

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#### EXHIBIT B-2

#### NYS FORM ST-123 FOR SUBAGENTS OF COMPANY

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New York State Department of Taxation and Finance New York State Sales and Use Tax

Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box

# IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate

Effective f	or proj	ects be	eginn	ing on or after Jur	ie 1, 2014	ļ.			
This certificate is not valid unless all entri Note: To be completed by the purchaser from tax. See Form FT-123, <i>IDA Agent o</i>	and giver	n to the se	ller, Do	not use this form to purch Purchase Certificate for F	iase motor fu	ıel or dies	el mo	tor fuel	exempl
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Street address				Street address					
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	····	City, town, or village		State	9 .	ZIP code	
				Agent or project operator sales	tax ID number (	see instructions	s)		
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Niagara County Industrial Development	Agency								
Name of project					IDA project nur				
J & S Nlagara Leasing Corp.						2903 18	8-01A		
Street address of project site									
6393 Inducon Drive City, town, or village	<u> </u>				- 11	State	ZIP	code	-
Town of Wheatfield						NY	14	132	
Enter the date that you were appointed agent project operator (mm/dd/yy)		/ 13 /	18	Enter the date that agent or status ends (mm/dd/yy)		40	/	31 /	19
Exempt purchases (Mark an X in boxes that apply)  A. Tangible personal proper installed in a qualifying m  B. Certain utility services (gused to complete the pro	notor vehic jas, propa	cle) used t ane in con	to comp tainers	olete the project, but not to of 100 pounds or more, el	operate the c	completed	projec	et	
C. Motor vehicle or tangible					icle				
Certification: I certify that the above statement statements and issue this exemption certificate apply to a transaction or transactions for which may constitute a felony or other crime under N document is required to be filed with, and delivement a document required to be filed with the sauthorized to investigate the validity of tax exempts.	e with the landered lew York Solered Sewered to, the Tax Dec	knowledge d this docul tate Law, p ne vendor a nartment fo	that this ment an unishab s agent r the ou	document provides evidence d that willfully issuing this doc le by a substantial fine and a for the Tax Department for the roose of prosecution of offens	that state and tument with the possible jail se purposes of tes. I also unde	i local sales e intent to e entence. I u Tax Law se erstand tha	or use evade a inderst ection 1 t the Ti	e taxes any such and that 838 and ax Depa	ao not 1 tax 1 this 1 is
Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative					·		Date		

#### Instructions

#### To the purchaser

You may use Form ST-123 if you:

- have been appointed as an agent or project operator by an industrial development agency (IDA) and
- the purchases qualify for exemption from sales and use tax as described in the IDA contract.

You may use Form ST-123 as a single-purchase certificate or as a blanket certificate covering the first and subsequent purchases qualifying for the project listed.

Agent or project operator sales tax ID number — If you are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes, you must enter your sales tax identification number on this certificate. If you are not required to be registered, enter N/A.

Industrial development agencies and authorities (IDAs) are public benefit corporations under General Municipal Law Article 18-A and the Public Authorities Law, for the purpose of promoting, developing, encouraging, and assisting in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities in New York State.

IDAs are exempt from the payment of sales and use tax on their purchases, in accordance with Tax Law section 1116(a)(1). However, IDAs do not normally make direct purchases for projects. Commonly, IDAs instead appoint a business enterprise or developer, contractor, or subcontractor as its agent or project operator. Such purchases made by the agent or project operator, acting within the authority granted by the IDA, are deemed to be made by the IDA and therefore exempt from tax.

Example 1: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment necessary for completion of the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X rents a backhoe and a bulldozer for site preparation, purchases concrete and lumber to construct a building, and purchases machinery to be installed in the building. All these purchases by contractor X as agent of the IDA are exempt from tax.

Example 2: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment to be incorporated into the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X makes the same purchases as in Example 1. Since the concrete, lumber, and machinery will actually be incorporated into the project, contractor X may purchase these items exempt from tax. However, rental of the backhoe and bulldozer is not exempt since these transactions are normally taxable and the IDA agreement does not authorize contractor X to make such rentals as agent of the IDA.

A contractor or subcontractor not appointed as agent or project operator of an IDA must present suppliers with Form ST-120.1, Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate, when making purchases that are ordinarily exempt from tax in accordance with Tax Law sections 1115(a)(15) and 1115(a)(16). For more information, see Form ST-120.1.

#### **Exempt purchases**

To qualify, the purchases must be made within the authority granted by the IDA and used to complete the project (not to operate the completed project).

- A. Mark box A to indicate you are purchasing tangible personal property and services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) exempt from tax.
- B. Mark box B to indicate you are purchasing certain consumer utility services used in completing the project exempt from tax. This includes gas, electricity, refrigeration, and steam; and gas, electric, refrigeration, and steam services.
- C. Mark box C to indicate you are purchasing a motor vehicle or tangible personal property related to a qualifying motor vehicle exempt from tax,

#### Misuse of this certificate

Misuse of this exemption certificate may subject you to serious civil and criminal sanctions in addition to the payment of any tax and interest due. These include:

- A penalty equal to 100% of the tax due;
- · A \$50 penalty for each fraudulent exemption certificate issued;
- Criminal felony prosecution, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence; and
- Revocation of your Certificate of Authority, if you are required to be registered as a vendor. See TSB-M-09(17)S, Amendments that Encourage Compliance with the Tax Law and Enhance the Tax Department's Enforcement Ability, for more information.

#### To the seller

When making purchases as agent or project operator of an IDA, the purchaser must provide you with this exemption certificate with all entries completed to establish the right to the exemption. You must identify the project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the IDA or agent or project operator of the IDA was the purchaser.

As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept an exemption certificate in lieu of collecting tax and be protected from liability for the tax if the certificate is valid. The certificate will be considered valid if it is:

- · accepted in good faith:
- · in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
- · properly completed (all required entries were made).

An exemption certificate is accepted in good faith when you have no knowledge that the exemption certificate is false or is fraudulently given, and you exercise reasonable ordinary due care. If you do not receive a properly completed certificate within 90 days after the delivery of the property or service, you will share with the purchaser the burden of proving the sale was exempt.

You must also maintain a method of associating an invoice (or other source document) for an exempt sale with the exemption certificate you have on file from the purchaser. You must keep this certificate at least three years after the due date of your sales tax return to which it relates, or the date the return was filed, if later.

#### Privacy notification

New York State Law requires all government agencies that maintain a system of records to provide notification of the legal authority for any request, the principal purpose(s) for which the information is to be collected, and where it will be maintained. To view this information, visit our Web site, or, if you do not have Internet access, call and request Publication 54, *Privacy Notification*. See *Need help?* for the Web address and telephone number.

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#### **New York State and Local Sales and Use Tax Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate**

To be used only by contractors who are registered with the Tax Department for sales tax purposes.

#### To vendors:

You must collect tax on any sale of taxable property or services unless the contractor gives you a properly completed exemption certificate not later than 90 days after the property is sold or service is rendered. In addition, you must keep the certificate for at least three years, as explained in the Instructions.

To

lame	of vendor		Name of po	urchasing contractor
treet address			Street addr	ress
ity	State	ZIP code	City	State ZIP code
1.	New York State and local sales and use	e tax, and this c	ertificate l	(enter your sales tex vendor identification number) has not expired or been suspended or revoked.
2.	The tangible personal property or serv construction of an approximate 20,000 located at 6393 Inducon Drive, Wheat for and with J & S Niagara Leasing Conpursuant to prime contract dated	field, New York p.	14132	
3.	These purchases are exempt from sale (Mark an X in the appropriate box; for the A. The tangible personal property in the above project to create a or structure or to improve real property, owner organization exempt under sector of the Tax Law. (For example, Notate government entities, United State government entities, United States is a member, cere organizations of past or present of the armed forces, and certain organizations and Indian nation that have received New York States organization status). The personal property will become	is to be used bullding property or building, ed by an tion 1116(a) lew York ed States lations and of which the tain posts or tremembers in nonprofit as or tribes eates sales tax are tangible		<ul> <li>B. The tangible personal property is production machinery and equipment, and it will be incorporated into real property.</li> <li>C. The tangible personal property will be used: <ul> <li>in an Internet data center, or</li> <li>directly and predominantly in connection with telecommunications services for sale or Internet access services for sale, or</li> <li>directly and predominantly by a television or radio broadcaster in connection with producing or transmitting live or recorded programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. The tangible personal property, including production machinery and equipment, is for installation in the above project and will remain tangible personal property after installation.</li> </ul>

#### Page 2 of 4 ST-120.1 (10/05) year of the qualifying tenant's lease and L. The tangible personal property will be used delivered to the leased premises no later predominantly either in farm production or than 90 days after the end of that first year. in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both. J. The services are for the project described in line 2 above and will be resold. (This F. The machinery or equipment will be used includes trash removal services in directly and predominantly to control, connection with repair services to real prevent, or abate pollution or contaminants property.) from manufacturing or industrial facilities. K. The trash removal service being performed G. The tangible personal property will be for the above project is in connection with used to erect, add to, improve, repair, a capital improvement to the real property maintain, or service a building, structure. of an organization exempt under section or real property owned by a qualified 1116(a) of the Tax Law. empire zone enterprise (QEZE), and will become an integral component part of L. The services are to install, maintain, such building, structure, or real property. service, or repair tangible personal (Note: Item G purchases are exempt from property used in an Internet data center, the New York State tax rate and from the for telecommunication or Internet access 3/6% Metropolitan Commuter Transportation services, or for radio or television broadcast District (MCTD) rate. Item G purchases production or transmission. may be exempt from local taxes. See M. The services are to install, maintain, instructions.) service, or repair tangible personal property that will be used predominantly either in solar energy systems equipment. (Note: farm production or in a commercial horse Item H purchases are exempt from the boarding operation, or in both. 4% New York State tax rate and from the N. The services are to install residential solar 3/4% MCTD rate. Item H purchases may be energy systems equipment. exempt from local taxes. See instructions.) O. The services are to install tangible personal ☐ I. The tangible personal property will be property purchased during the first year of used directly and exclusively in adding to, the qualifying tenant's lease and delivered altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's to the leased premises no later than leased premises for use as commercial 90 days after the end of that first year, office space in Eligible Area A or B as that will be used directly and exclusively described in TSB-M-05(12)S, Tangible in adding to, altering, or improving a Personal Property Purchased for Leased qualifying tenant's leased premises for use Commercial Office Space in Lower as commercial office space in Eligible Area Manhattan, provided that the tangible A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, personal property becomes an Integral Tangible Personal Property Purchased for component part of the building in which the Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower leased premises are located, and where Manhattan. such property is purchased during the first Caution: Contractors may not use this certificate to purchase services exempt unless the services are resold to customers in connection with a project. Construction equipment, tools, and supplies purchased or rented for use in completing a project but that do not become part of the finished project may not be purchased exempt from tax through the use of this certificate. I certify that the above statements are true and complete, and I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully issuing a false or fraudulent certificate, with the Intent to evade tax, is a misdemeanor under section 1817(m) of the New York State Tax Law and Section 210.45 of the Penal Law, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for an individual or \$20,000 for a corporation. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of exemptions claimed or the accuracy of any information entered on Type or print name and title of owner, partner, etc. of purchasing contractor Date prepared Signature of owner, partner, etc.

#### Instructions

Only a contractor who has a valid *Certificate of Authority* issued by the Tax Department may use this exemption certificate. The contractor must present a properly completed certificate to the vendor to purchase tangible personal property, or to a subcontractor to purchase services tax exempt. This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

The contractor may use this certificate to claim an exemption from sales or use tax on tangible personal property or services that will be used in the manner specified in items A through K below. The contractor may not use this certificate to purchase tangible personal property or services tax exempt on the basis that Form ST-124, Certificate of Capital Improvement, has been furnished by the project owner to the contractor. The contractor must use a separate Form ST-120.1, Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate, for each project.

Purchase orders showing an exemption from the sales or use tax based on this certificate must contain the address of the project where the property will be used, as well as the name and address of the project owners (see page 1 of this form). Invoices and sales or delivery slips must also contain this information (name and address of the project for which the exempt purchases will be used or where the exempt services will be rendered, as shown on page 1 of this form).

#### Use of the certificate

This certificate may be used by a contractor to claim exemption from tax only on purchases of tangible personal property that is:

- A. Incorporated into real property under the terms of a contract entered into with an exempt organization that has furnished the contractor with a copy of Form ST-119.1, Exempt Organization Exempt Purchase Certificate, governmental purchase order, or voucher.
- B. Incorporated into real property and is production machinery or equipment for which the customer has given the contractor a copy of Form ST-121, Exempt Use Certificate.
- C. Used in one of the following situations:
  - Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property related to providing Web site services for sale to be installed in an Internet data center. (Examples of qualifying machinery, equipment, and tangible personal property include: computer system hardware, pre-written software, storage racks for computers, property relating to building systems designed for an Internet data center such as Interior fiber optic and copper cable, property necessary to maintain the proper temperature and environment such as air filtration and air conditioning, property related to fire control, power generators, protective barriers, property that when installed will constitute raised flooring, and property related to providing security to the center.) The customer must furnish the contractor a completed Form ST-121.5, Exempt Use Certificate for Operators of Internet Data Centers (Web Hosting).
  - Used directly and predominantly in the receiving, initiating, amplifying, processing, transmitting, re-transmitting, switching, or monitoring of switching of telecommunications services for sale, or Internet access service for sale.
  - Machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (including parts, tools, and supplies) used by a television or radio broadcaster directly and predominantly in the production and post-production of live or recorded programs used by a broadcaster predominantly for

- broadcasting by the broadcaster either over-the-air or for transmission through a cable television or direct broadcast satellite system. (Examples of exempt machinery and equipment include cameras, lights, sets, costumes, and sound equipment.) This exemption also includes machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property used by a broadcaster directly and predominantly to transmit live or recorded programs. (Examples of exempt machinery and equipment include amplifiers, transmitters, and antennas.)
- D. Installed or placed in the project in such a way that it remains tangible personal property after installation. The contractor must collect tax from its customer when selling such tangible personal property or related services to the customer, unless the customer gives the contractor an appropriate and properly completed exemption certificate.
- E. Used predominantly (more than 50%) either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both, for which the customer has provided the contractor a completed Form ST-125, Farmer's and Commercial Horse Boarding Operator's Exemption Certificate. The exemption is allowed on tangible personal property whether or not the property is incorporated into a building or structure.
- F. Machinery or equipment used directly and predominantly to control, prevent, or abate pollution or contaminants from manufacturing or industrial facilities.
- Incorporated into a building, structure, or real property located in the empire zone in which the qualified empire zone enterprise (QEZE) has qualified for tax benefits. The exemption is allowed on the New York State tax rate and on the 3/1/2 MCTD rate. The exemption does not apply to Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) taxes in New York City, or to county, city, or school district taxes, unless New York City or the county, city, or school district elects the exemption. In that case, purchases are exempt from the full, combined New York State and local tax rate. See Publication 718-Q, Local Sales and Use Tax Rates on Sales to a Qualified Empire Zone Enterprise (QEZE), for a listing of sales tax rates pertaining to the QEZE exemption. The customer must furnish the contractor a completed Form ST-121.6, Qualified Empire Zone Enterprise (QEZE) Exempt Purchase Certificate.
- H. Residential solar energy systems equipment. Residential solar energy systems equipment means an arrangement of or combination of components installed in a residence that utilizes solar radiation to produce energy designed to provide heating, cooling, hot water, and/or electricity. The exemption is allowed on the New York State 4% tax rate and where applicable, the 3% MCTD rate. The exemption does not apply to local taxes unless the locality specifically enacts the exemption. Note: No local exemption may be effective before December 1, 2005. The customer must furnish the contractor with a completed Form ST-121, Exempt Use Certificate, by completing the box marked other. For the definition of residence and for an exception relating to recreational equipment used for storage, as well as for other pertinent information, see TSB-M-05(11)S, Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Residential Solar Energy Systems Equipment.
- Delivered and used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, Tangible Personal Property

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Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan, provided that the tangible personal property becomes an integral component part of the building in which the leased premises are located, and where such property is purchased within the first year of the qualifying tenant's lease.

This certificate may also be used by a contractor to claim exemption from tax on the following services:

J. Installing tangible personal property, including production machinery and equipment, that does not become a part of the real property upon installation.

Repairing real property, when the services are for the project named on the front of this form and will be resold.

Trash removal services rendered in connection with repair services to real property, if the trash removal services will be resold.

Note: Purchases of services for resale can occur between prime contractors and subcontractors or between two subcontractors. The retail seller of the services, generally the prime contractor, must charge and collect tax on the contract price, unless the project owner gives the retail seller of the service a properly completed exemption certificate.

- K. Trash removal services purchased by a contractor and rendered in connection with a capital improvement to an exempt organization's property.
- L. Installing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing tangible personal property used for Web hosting, telecommunication or Internet access services, or by a broadcaster (described in C on page 3).
- M. Installing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing tangible personal property that will be used predominantly either in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both (described in E on page 3).
- Installing residential solar energy systems equipment (described in H on page 3).
- O. Installing tangible personal property delivered to and used directly and exclusively in adding to, altering, or improving a qualifying tenant's leased premises for use as commercial office space in Eligible Area A or B as described in TSB-M-05(12)S, Tangible Personal Property Purchased for Leased Commercial Office Space in Lower Manhattan, provided that the tangible personal property becomes an

integral component part of the building in which the leased premises are located.

#### To the purchaser

#### Warning for misuse of this form

Any person who intentionally issues a false exemption certificate to evade sales and compensating use tax may be assessed for the tax evaded, and will be subject to a penalty of 100% of the tax due and a penalty of \$50 for each such certificate issued. The purchaser will also be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 (\$20,000 for a corporation). Other penalties may also apply.

In addition, your Certificate of Authority, allowing you to make certain tax-free purchases, may be revoked, prohibiting you from conducting any business in New York State for which a Certificate of Authority is required.

#### To the vendor

Do not accept this certificate unless all entries have been completed. The contractor must give you a properly completed exemption certificate no later than 90 days after delivery of the property or service; otherwise, the sale will be deemed to have been taxable at the time the transaction took place. When a certificate is received after the 90 days, both the seller (vendor) and contractor assume the burden of proving that the sale was exempt, and both may have to provide additional substantiation.

Your failure to collect sales or use tax, as a result of accepting an improperly completed exemption certificate or receiving the certificate more than 90 days after the sale, will make you personally liable for the tax plus any penalty and interest charges due.

You must keep this exemption certificate for at least three years after the due date of the last return to which it relates, or after the date when the return was filed, if later. You must also maintain a method of associating an exempt sale made to a particular customer with the exemption certificate you have on file for that customer.

Caution: You will be subject to additional penalties if you sell tangible personal property or services subject to tax, or purchase or sell tangible personal property for resale, without possessing a valid *Certificate of Authority*. In addition to the criminal penalties imposed under the New York State Tax Law, you will be subject to a penalty of up to \$500 for the first day on which such a sale or purchase is made, plus up to \$200 for each subsequent day on which such a sale or purchase is made, up to the maximum allowed.

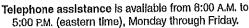
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#### EXHIBIT B-3

#### INVOICE RIDER FORM

I,	, the
of	certify
that I am a duly appointed agent of the N	iagara County Industrial Development Agency
("Agency") and that I am purchasing the ta	angible personal property or services for use in
the following Agency Project and that such	ch purchases qualify as exempt from sales and
use taxes under the Agent and Financial A	ssistance Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2018,
by and between the Agency and J & S Nia	gara Leasing Corp.
Name of the Project:	J & S Niagara Leasing Corp. Project
Street address of the Project Site:	6393 Inducon Drive Wheatfield, New York 14132
IDA OSC project number:	2903-18-01A

#### General information

#### Who must file?

The General Municipal Law (GML) and the Public Authorities Law require the agent/project operator (also known as project occupant) of an Industrial Development Agency or Authority (IDA) to file an annual report with the Tax Department. The agent/project operator required to file this report is the person directly appointed by the IDA to act for and to represent the IDA for the project. The agent/project operator is ordinarily the one for whom the IDA project was created.

There is usually only one agent/project operator directly appointed by the IDA for an IDA project. However, if the IDA directly appoints multiple agents/project operators, each agent/project operator must file this form (unless they are related corporations).

Only the agent/project operator(s) directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents appointed by the agent/project operator(s) should not themselves file Form ST-340. However, the agent/project operator(s) must include on Form ST-340 information obtained from such contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as described below.

#### What must be reported?

The report must show the total value of all state and local sales and use taxes exempted during the calendar year, as a result of the project's designation as an IDA project. This includes:

- the value of the exemptions obtained by the agent/project operator; and
- the value of the exemptions obtained by your contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others, whether or not appointed as agents of the IDA.

The report requires only the total combined exemptions obtained by the above people. A break down of the total is not required. However, since the report must include the value of the exemptions they obtained, the agent/project operator must keep records of the amounts others report to the agent/project operator.

It is important that the agent/project operator make it clear to the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others that they must keep accurate tax information and have it available so that the agent/project operator can comply with the annual reporting requirements.

Do not include in this report the amount of any sales and use tax exemptions arising out of other provisions of the Tax Law (for example, manufacturer's production equipment exemption, research and development exemption, or contractor's exemption for tangible personal property incorporated into a project of an exempt organization).

See Instructions below for additional information required.

#### When is the report due?

You must file Form ST-340 on a calendar-year basis. It is due by the last day of February of the following year. The reporting requirement applies to IDA projects started on or after July 21, 1993.

#### Project information

At the top of the form, identify the reporting period by entering the year in the space provided. If an address is required, always include the ZIP code.

#### Name of IDA agent/project operator

Enter the name, address, federal employer identification number (FEIN), and telephone number of the IDA agent/project operator.

#### Name of IDA agent/project operator's authorized representative

Enter the name, address, title (for example, attorney or accountant), and telephone number of the individual authorized by the IDA agent/project operator to submit this report.

#### Name of IDA

Enter the name and address of the IDA. If more than one IDA is involved in a particular project, the IDA agent/project operator must file a separate report for the tax exemptions attributable to each IDA.

#### Name of project

Enter the name of the project and the address of the project site. If the IDA agent is involved in more than one project, a separate report must be filed by the IDA agent/project operator for each project, even if authorized by the same IDA.

#### Instructions

#### Line instructions

Line 1 - Project purpose - Check the box that identifies the purpose of the project. If you check Other, please be specific in identifying its purpose.

- Enter the date the project started (this means the earliest of the date of any bond or inducement resolution, the execution of any lease, or any bond issuance). Include month, day, and year.

Line 3 — Enter the date on which you, or your general contractor or subcontractor, actually began, or expect to begin, construction or installation on the project. If the project does not involve any construction, enter Does not apply.

Line 4 - Enter the date the construction phase of the project was completed. If it has not been completed by the end of the reporting period, enter the date you expect to complete this phase of the project.

Line 5 - Enter the date on which installation, lease, or rental of property (for example, machinery or computers) on the project ended. If the project was not completed by the end of the reporting period, enter the date the project is expected to be completed.

Line 6 - Enter the total number of years and months from the project's inception to its completion or expected completion.

Line 7 - Enter the total amount of New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes exempted during the reporting period (if none, enter "0") as a result of the project's receipt of IDA financial assistance. This includes exemptions obtained at the time of purchase as well as through a refund or credit of tax paid. Include the sales and use taxes exempted on purchases of property or services incorporated into or used on the exempt project. This includes the taxes exempted on purchases made by or on behalf of the agent/project operator, the general contractor for the project, and any subcontractors, consultants, or others. Do not enter total purchases on line 7.

#### Signature area

Enter the name and title of the person signing on behalf of the IDA agent/project operator (for example, the IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or other authorized representative). The IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or authorized representative must sign the report, Enter the date signed.

Mail completed report to: NYS Tax Department, IDA Unit, Bldg 8 Rm 738, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.

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Tax Department, Taxpayer Contact Center, W A Harriman
Campus, Albany NY 12227.

#### Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(I).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized

 $\overset{\frown}{\text{Fallure}}$  to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Director of Records Management and Data Entry, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone 1 800 225-5829. From areas outside the United States and outside Canada, call (518) 485-6800.

#### EXHIBIT D

#### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND PILOT AGREEMENT

[attached]

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS National Vacuum Environmental Services Corp.

Estimated State & Regional Benefits / Estimated	Project Incentives	Analysis	
Total State and Regional Benefits	\$3,1	42,889	
Total Project Incentives	\$ 525,999		
Benefit to Cost Ratio	5.8:1		
Projected Employment	State	Region	
Total Employment	132	132	
Direct*	48	48	
Indirect**	32	32	
Induced***	37	37	
Temporary Construction (Direct and Indirect)	15	15	

Estimated State and Regional Benefits			
Total State and Regional Benefits	\$3,142,889		
Income Tax Revenue	\$1,719,144		
Property Tax/PILOT revenue	\$ 262,671		
Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,161,074		

Estimated Project Incentives			
Total Project Incentives	\$ 525,999		
Property Tax	\$ 393,999		
Sales Tax	\$ 132,000		

Utilizing informANALYTICS modeling software, an economic impact analysis was conducted to measure new investment and employment for the project. This software is a widely accepted and an industry standard for economic impact modeling measuring employment and salary impacts and facility output on the community for a given project.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct - The recipient of IDA assistance adds new jobs to the regional economy and/or retains jobs at risk of being lost to another region. Investments that result in displacing existing jobs (e.g., most retail and many service sector industries) do not fall under this definition.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Indirect - The recipient of IDA assistance makes purchases from regional firms, which stimulates suppliers to add jobs and payroll that are new to the regional economy or are saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Induced - The recipient of IDA assistance by adding to and/or retaining payroll stimulates household spending that is new to the regional economy and/or saved from being lost to competitors outside the region.

#### NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

#### AND

#### J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

#### PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

Relating to the Premises located at 6393 Inducon Drive in the Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York

Affected Tax Jurisdictions:
Niagara County
Town of Wheatfield
Niagara Wheatfield Central School District

Tax Map No. part of SBL#: 147.00-1-81.112

Dated as of July 1, 2018

# PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT (the "PILOT Agreement"), dated as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2018, is by and between the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with its offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite 1, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Agency") and **J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.**, a corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at 408 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 (the "Company").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition (or retention) by the Agency of fee title to or other interest in a parcel of land located at 6393 Inducon Drive, in the Town of Wheatfield, New York (the "Land"), (B) the construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot facility (the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); all pursuant to:

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to acquire, construct and equip the Facility, the Agency is willing to take a leasehold interest in the land, improvements and personal property constituting the Facility and lease said land, improvements and personal property back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Leaseback Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof (the "Leaseback Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(1) of the Act, the Agency is exempt from the payment of taxes imposed upon real property and improvements owned by it or under its jurisdiction, control or supervision, other than special ad valorem levies, special assessments and service charges against real property which are or may be imposed for special improvements or special district improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company deem it necessary and proper to enter into an agreement making provisions for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes by the Company to the Agency for the benefit of Niagara County (the "County"), the City of Niagara Falls (the "City"), the Niagara Falls School District (the "School District" and, collectively with the County and City, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

# Section I - Payment in lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes:

Subject to the completion and filing by the taxable status date Section 1.1 A. (March 1, 2019) (the "Taxable Status Date") of New York State Form RP-412-a Application For Real Property Tax Exemption (the "Exemption Application") under Section 412-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law and Section 874 of the Act and the approval of the Exemption Application by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, the Facility shall be exempt from Real Estate Taxes for the periods set forth in Section 1.3 hereof. For purposes of the foregoing "Real Estate Taxes" means all general levy real estate taxes levied against the Facility by the City, County and School. The Company shall provide to the Agency with the information necessary for the completion and filing of the Exemption Application and shall provide such additional information and take such actions as are required by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review to process and approve the Exemption Application. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Leaseback Agreement to the contrary, in the event the exemption from Real Estate Taxes is denied for any reason, the Company shall pay (and hereby agrees to pay) all Real Estate Taxes levied upon the Facility as they become due. After giving written notice to the Agency, the Company may in good faith contest the denial of the Exemption Application, provided that (i) the overall operating efficiency of the Facility is not impaired and the Facility continues to qualify as a "project" under the Act; (ii) neither the Facility nor any part of or interest in it would be in any danger of being sold, forfeited or lost; or (iii) neither the Company nor the Agency, as a result of such contest, shall be in any danger of any civil or criminal liability. The Company hereby waives any claim or cause of action against the Agency, and releases the Agency from any liability to the Company, arising from the denial of an exemption from Real Estate Taxes except to the extent that such denial results solely from the failure of the Agency to file the Exemption Application with the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review by the Taxable Status Date.

B. <u>Payee</u>. As long as the Agency has fee title to or leasehold or other interest in the Facility, the Company agrees to pay annually to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions as a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, on or before October 1 of each calendar year for School taxes and on or before January 1 of each calendar year for County and City taxes (collectively, the "Payment Date"), commencing on October 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020, respectively, an amount equal to the PILOT Payment, as described on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto.

The parties agree and acknowledge that payments made hereunder are to obtain revenues for public purposes, and to provide a revenue source that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions would otherwise lose because the subject parcels are not on the tax rolls.

- 1.2 <u>Allocation</u>. To the extent the Agency receives any PILOT Payment, the Agency shall remit to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions amounts received hereunder within thirty (30) days of receipt of said payment and shall allocate said payments among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in the same proportion as ad valorem taxes would have been allocated but for the Agency's involvement, unless the Affected Tax Jurisdictions have consented in writing to a specific allocation.
- 1.3 <u>Tax Rates</u>. For purposes of determining the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, the Agency shall use the last tax rate utilized for levy of taxes by each such jurisdiction. For County, City and special district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment shall be the tax rates relating to the calendar year which includes the PILOT payment due date. For school district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the PILOT payment shall be the rate relating to the school year which includes the PILOT payment due date.
- Valuation of Future Additions to the Facility: If there shall be a future addition to 1.4 the Facility constructed or added in any manner after the date of this PILOT Agreement, other than the Project, the Company shall notify the Agency of such future addition ("Future Addition"). The notice to the Agency shall contain a copy of the application for a building permit, plans and specifications, and any other relevant information that the Agency may thereafter request. Upon the earlier of substantial completion, or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any such Future Addition to the Facility, the Company shall become liable for payment of an increase in the Total PILOT Payment. The Agency shall notify the Company of any proposed increase in the Total PILOT Payment related to such Future Addition. If the Company shall disagree with the determination of assessed value for any Future Additions made by the Agency, then and in that event that valuation shall be fixed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any disagreement between the Company and the Agency, the Company shall pay the increased PILOT payment until a different Total PILOT Payment shall be established. If a lesser Total Annual Payment is determined in any proceeding or by subsequent agreement of the parties, the Total PILOT Payment shall be re-computed and any excess payment shall be refunded to the Company or, in the Agency's sole discretion, such excess payment shall be applied as a credit against the next succeeding PILOT payment(s).
- 1.5 Period of Benefits. The tax benefits provided for herein should be deemed to include (i) the 2019/2020 School tax year through the 2033/2034 School tax year, and (ii) the 2020 County and City tax year through the 2033 County and City tax year. This PILOT Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2034; provided, however, the Company shall pay the 2034/2035 School tax bills and the 2035 County and City tax bills on the dates and in the amounts as if the Agency were not in title on the tax status date with respect to said tax years. In no event shall the Company be entitled to receive tax benefits relative to the Facility for more than the periods provided for herein, unless the period is extended by amendment to this PILOT Agreement executed by both parties after any applicable public hearings. The Company agrees

that it will not seek any tax exemption for the Facility which could provide benefits for more than the periods provided for herein and specifically agrees that the exemptions provided for herein, to the extent actually received (based on the number of lease years elapsed), supersede and are in substitution of the exemptions provided by Section 485-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL"). It is hereby agreed and understood that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions can rely upon and enforce the above waiver to the same extent as if they were signatories hereto.

# Section II - Special Assessments and Service Charges.

2.1 Special district charges, special assessments, and special ad valorem levies (specifically including but not limited to fire district charges), and pure water charges and sewer charges are to be paid in full in accordance with normal billing practices.

# Section III - Transfer of Facility.

3.1 In the event that the Facility is transferred from the Agency to the Company (the lease/leaseback agreements are terminated), and the Company is ineligible for a continued tax exemption under some other tax incentive program, or the exemption results in a payment to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in excess of the payment described in Section I herein, or this PILOT Agreement terminates and the property is not timely transferred back to the Company, the Company agrees to pay no later than the next tax lien date (plus any applicable grace period), to each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, an amount equal to the taxes and assessments which would have been levied on the Facility if the Facility had been classified as fully taxable as of the date of transfer or loss of eligibility of all or a portion of the exemption described herein or date of termination.

#### Section IV - Assessment Challenges.

- 4.1 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility, with respect to any proposed assessment or change in assessment with respect to the Facility by any of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions and likewise shall be entitled to protest before and be heard by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, and shall be entitled to take any and all appropriate appeals or initiate any proceedings to review the validity or amount of any assessment or the validity or amount of any tax equivalent provided for herein.
- 4.2 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any tax, service charge, special benefit, ad valorem levy, assessment, or special assessment or service charge in lieu of which the Company is obligated to make a payment pursuant to this PILOT Agreement, as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility.
- 4.3 The Company shall (i) cause the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers to assess the Facility and apply tax rates to the respective assessments as if the Facility were owned by the Company, (ii) file any accounts or tax returns required by the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers.

# Section V - Changes in Law.

5.1 To the extent the Facility is declared to be subject to taxation or assessment by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change, or by final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Company hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void.

## Section VI - Events of Default and Remedies.

- The following shall constitute "Events of Default" hereunder. The failure by the 6.1 Company to: (i) make the payments described in Section I within thirty (30) days of the Payment Date (the "Delinquency Date"); (ii) make any other payments described herein on or before the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty; or (iii) the occurrence and continuance of any events of default under the Leaseback Agreement after any applicable cure periods. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder, in addition to any other right or remedy the Agency and/or the Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have at law or in equity, the Agency and/or Affected Tax Jurisdictions may, immediately and without further notice to the Company (but with notice to the Agency with respect to actions maintained by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions) pursue any action in the courts to enforce payment or to otherwise recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default. The Agency and the Company hereby acknowledge the right of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default pursuant to Section 874(6) of the General Municipal Law and the Company shall immediately notify the Agency of any action brought, or other measure taken, by any Affected Tax Jurisdiction to recover any such amount.
- 6.2 If payments pursuant to Section I herein are not made by the Delinquency Dates, or if any other payment required to be made hereunder is not made by the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty, the Company shall pay penalties and interest as follows. With respect to payments to be made pursuant to Section I herein, if said payment is not received by the Delinquency Date defined in Section 6.1 herein, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, (i) a late payment penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the amount due and (ii) for each month, or any part thereof, that any such payment is delinquent beyond the first month, interest on the total amount due plus the late payment penalty, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) per month. With respect to all other payments due hereunder, if said payment is not paid within any applicable cure period, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, the greater of the applicable penalties and interest or penalties and interest which would have been incurred had payments made hereunder been tax payments to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.
- 6.3 Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, the liability of the Company hereunder shall be all amounts due pursuant to Section I hereof through, but not including, the date on which the Facility is no longer exempt from Real Estate Taxes together will all other amounts due pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof and clause (a) of Section 7 of the PILOT Mortgage (as hereinafter defined).

6.4 Subject to the rights of the mortgagees set forth in Section VIII below, whenever any Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to this PILOT Agreement, the remedies of the Agency shall be limited to the rights hereunder, under the Leaseback Agreement and under the PILOT Mortgage, subject to the rights of any lenders to cure any such Event of Default as set forth in Section VIII hereof.

# Section VII - Assignment.

7. No portion of any interest in this PILOT Agreement may be assigned by the Company, nor shall any person other than the Company be entitled to succeed to or otherwise obtain any benefits of the Company hereunder without the prior written consent of the Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

# Section VIII - Rights of Mortgagees.

- 8.1 For the purposes of this PILOT Agreement, the term "mortgages" shall include any mortgage, leasehold mortgage, purchase money mortgage or other security instrument or instruments encumbering the Facility, such as, without limitation, mortgages, deeds of trust, financing statements, assignments of leases, rents and/or profits, security agreements and other documentation which a mortgage may require, and the terms "holder of a mortgage" and "mortgage" shall mean the secured party under any of the foregoing instruments. ANY MORTGAGE SHALL BE A LIMITED, NON-RECOURSE OBLIGATION OF THE AGENCY AND SHALL IN NO EVENT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT BY THE AGENCY TO ANY PARTY OF ANY AMOUNT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRINCIPAL, INTEREST OR ANY OTHER AMOUNT SECURED BY ANY SUCH MORTGAGE.
- 8.2 So long as the mortgage shall remain unsatisfied of record or until written notice of satisfaction is given by the Mortgagee to the Agency, the following provisions shall, subject to and unless otherwise prohibited by all applicable law including, but not limited to, the Act, apply (in respect of such mortgage and of any other mortgages which also comply with the above):
- (a) There shall be no renewal, cancellation, surrender, acceptance of surrender, amendment or modification of this PILOT Agreement, or the PILOT Mortgage by joint action of the Agency and the Company along, without, in each case, the prior consent in writing of the Mortgagee, nor shall any merger result from the acquisition by, or devolution upon, any one entity of any fee and/or leasehold estates in the Facility.
- (b) The Agency shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, upon receipt of any notice or other communication, whether of default or any other matter, simultaneously serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee, and no such notice of other communication to the Company shall be deemed received unless a copy is so served upon the Mortgagee in the manner provided in this PILOT Agreement for the giving of notice.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Agency serves a notice of default upon the Company, it shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, also serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee at the address set forth in Section 9.2 hereof.
- (d) In the event of any default by the Company under this PILOT Agreement, the Mortgagee shall have fifteen (15) days for a monetary default and thirty (30) days in the case of any other default, after notice to the Mortgagee of such default (which notice shall be given in the manner set forth in Section 9.2 below), to cure or to cause to be cured the default complained of and the Agency shall accept such performance by or at the instigation of the Mortgagee as if same had been done by the Company. Each notice of default given by the Agency will state the amounts of any payments herein provided that are then claimed to be in default.
- (e) If, before the expiration of the Mortgagee's cure period as provided in paragraph (3) above, the Mortgagee shall have notified the Agency in writing of its agreement to pay or cause to be paid, within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of mortgagor's cure period, all payments in this PILOT Agreement provided for and then in default, and/or in the case of non-monetary defaults, shall have agreed within forty-five (45) days to commence or cause to be commenced the cure of such non-monetary defaults, if any are then in default (other than defaults which by their nature cannot be cured), and shall prosecute or cause the prosecution of same to completion with reasonable diligence (collectively, the "extended cure period"), then the Agency shall not exercise any of its rights and remedies hereunder or under the PILOT Mortgage until expiration of the extended cure period.
- (f) The Company (and <u>not</u> the Agency) shall give the Mortgagee notice of any arbitration or other proceeding or dispute by or between the parties hereto, and shall have the right to intervene therein and be made a party to any such arbitration or other proceeding.
- (g) Except where the Mortgagee has succeeded to the interest of the Company in the Facility or assumed the right to cure as provided in this Section VIII, no liability for any payments to be made pursuant to this PILOT Agreement or the performance of any of the Company's covenants and agreements under this PILOT Agreement shall attach to or be imposed upon the Mortgagee, and if the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee succeeds to the interest of the Company in the Facility, all of the obligations and liabilities of the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee shall be limited to such entity's interest in the Facility and as otherwise imposed by this PILOT Agreement and shall cease and terminate upon assignment of this PILOT Agreement (any such further assignment to be approved by the Agency).
- (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this PILOT Agreement, the Lease Agreement, the Lease Agreement or the PILOT Mortgage to the contrary, foreclosure of a mortgage or any sale of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility in connection with a foreclosure, whether by judicial proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility to the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee by virtue of or in lieu of foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility by the Mortgagee or its

nominee or designee, shall not require the consent or approval of the Agency and shall not be a default or Event of Default hereunder.

# Section IX -- Miscellaneous.

- 9.1 This PILOT Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- 9.2 All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the Agency: Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One

Sanborn, New York 14132-9099

Attn: Executive Director

With Copy To: Gabriele & Berrigan, P.C.

800 Main Street, 4th Floor

Niagara Falls, New York 14302 Attention: Mark J. Gabriele, Esq.

To the Company: J & S Niagara Leasing Corp.

 $408-47^{th}$  Street

Niagara Falls, New York 14304 Attn: John Kozlowski, President

With Copy To: John J. DelMonte, Esq.

2706 Pine Avenue

Niagara Falls, New York 14301

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

9.3 This PILOT Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Niagara County, New York.

- 9.4 Notwithstanding any other term or condition contained herein, all obligations of the Agency hereunder shall constitute a special obligation payable solely from the revenues and other monies, if any, derived from the Facility and paid to the Agency by the Company. Neither member of the Agency nor any person executing this PILOT Agreement on its behalf shall be liable personally under this PILOT Agreement. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or interest on amounts due hereunder or for any claim based upon or in respect of any modification of or supplement hereto against any past, present or future member, officer, agent, servant, or employee, as such, of the Agency, or of any successor or political subdivision, either directly or through the Agency or any such successor, all such liability of such members, officer, agents, servants and employees being, to the extent permitted by law, expressly waived and released by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the execution of this PILOT Agreement.
- 9.5 The Company hereby agrees that it shall, as security for its obligations hereunder, grant to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions a mortgage lien on the Facility pursuant to a certain PILOT Mortgage, dated as of July 1, 2018, from the Company and the Agency to the Agency, for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (the "PILOT Mortgage"), which PILOT Mortgage shall constitute a priority mortgage lien on and security interest in the Facility.

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# [Signature Page to PILOT Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this PILOT Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Name: Susan C. Langdon

Its: Executive Director

J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

Name: John Kozlowski

Title: President

#### SCHEDULE A

# TO PILOT AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JULY 1, 2018 BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 1.2 of this PILOT Agreement, Total PILOT Payment shall mean an amount per annum as follows:

PILOT Year	School Tax Year	County and City Tax Year	Percentage of Normal Tax
Year 1	2019/20	2020	20%
Year 2	2020/21	2021	20%
Year 3	2021/22	2022	30%
Year 4	2022/23	2023	30%
Year 5	2023/24	2024	40%
Year 6	2024/25	2025	40%
Year 7	2025/26	2026	40%
Year 8	2026/27	2027	40%
Year 9	2027/28	2028	40%
Year 10	2028/29	2029	50%
Year 11	2029/30	2030	50%
Year 12	2030/31	2031	50%
Year 13	2031/32	2032	50%
Year 14	2032/33	2033	50%
Year 15	2033/34	2034	50%
Year 16 and thereafter	2034/35	2035	100%

The payments in lieu of taxes to be paid by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction pursuant to the terms of this Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement shall be computed separately for each Affected Tax Jurisdiction as follows:

1. First, determine the amount of general taxes and general assessments (hereinafter referred to as the "Normal Tax") which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Land was owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Land as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Land if the Land was owned by the Company and not the Agency.

- 2. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Land shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Land shall be an amount equal to 100% of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Land and Existing Improvements for such tax year.
- 3. Next, determine the Normal Tax which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Improvements and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property were owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Improvements and such assessable Equipment as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment if the Improvements and such assessable Equipment was owned by the Company and not the Agency.
- 4. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment for such tax year, as shown in the table.
- 5. The Total PILOT Payment to be made by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions shall equal the sum of Number (2) and Number (4), above, for each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement.

## EXHIBIT E

#### BILL OF SALE

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York with offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Grantor"), for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration received by the Grantor from J & S NIAGARA LEASING CORP., a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 408 – 47th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 (the "Grantee"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Grantor, hereby sells, transfers and delivers unto the Grantee and its successors and assigns, the Equipment as defined in the Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement dated July 1, 2018 (the "Agent Agreement"), as may be amended from time to time, which were acquired and installed and/or are to be acquired and installed by the Grantee as agent for the Grantor pursuant to the Agent Agreement, which Equipment is located or intended to be located at the Grantee's Facility located at 6393 Inducon Drive in the Town of Wheatfield, New York 14132.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the Grantee and its successors and assigns, forever.

THE GRANTOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION, TITLE, DESIGN, OPERATION, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF THE EQUIPMENT OR ANY PART THEREOF OR AS TO THE SUITABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT OR ANY PART THEREOF FOR THE GRANTEE'S PURPOSES OR NEEDS. THE GRANTEE SHALL ACCEPT TITLE TO THE EQUIPMENT "AS IS," WITHOUT RECOURSE OF ANY NATURE AGAINST THE GRANTOR FOR ANY CONDITION NOW OR HEREAFTER EXISTING. NO WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR MERCHANTABILITY IS MADE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DEFECT OF DEFICIENCY OF ANY NATURE, WHETHER PATENT OR LATENT, THE GRANTOR SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

IN WITNESS name by the officer d	WHEREOF, the escribed below o	Grantor has on the date in	caused this bill of sale to be exedicated beneath the signature of s	cuted in its such officer
and dated as of the				
		* '	ARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL ELOPMENT AGENCY	
		F	Form Only - Do Not Sig	gn
		Ву:		
		N	lame:	
		T	itle:	

## EXHIBIT F

# FORM OF ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION REPORT

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Company name and address:	J & S Niagara Leasing	Corp.	
	408 – 47 <sup>th</sup> Street, Niaga	ra Falls, New York 14304	
Project Name:	J & S Niagara Leasing	Corp. Project	
Job Information			
Current number of full time equipment contractors or employees of ind	nivalent employees ("FTE") ependent contractors that v	retained at the project location, including FTE work at the project location, by job category:	
Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges	
Management			
Professional			
Administrative	<u> </u>		
Production			
Other			
Current number of full time equivalent employees ("FTE") created at the project location, including FTE contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, by job category:			
Category	FTE	Average Salary and Fringe Benefits or Ranges	
Management	•		
Professional			
Administrative			
Production	•		

A copy of the NYS 45 form for the project location is required to be submitted with this report. If the NYS 45 form is not available for the specific project location or the form does not accurately reflect the full time jobs created, an internal payroll report verifying the total jobs by employment category as outlined above at the location is required with this submission.

Other

Financing Information		
Has the Agency provided project financing assistance (generally through issuance of a bond or note)	Yes	No
If financing assistance was provided, please provide:		
<ul> <li>Original principal balance of bond or note issued</li> </ul>		•
<ul> <li>Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note</li> </ul>		
as of December 31		
<ul> <li>Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31</li> </ul>		
Final maturity date of the bond or note		
Sales Tax Abatement Information		
Did your Company or any appointed subagents receive Sales Tax during the prior year?	Abatement for your Proje Yes	ect No
If so, please provide the amount of sales tax savings receive subagents	ed by the Company and	l all appointed
(Attach copies of all ST-340 sales tax reports that were submit Company and all subagents for the reporting period. Please a subagents for the reporting period)	tted to New York State I also attached all ST-60's	oy the filed for
Mortgage Recording Tax Information		
Did your company receive Mortgage Tax Abatement on your Produring the prior year?	ject Yes	No
(note this would only be applicable to the year that a mortgage was Agency did not close a mortgage with you during the reporting pe	as placed upon the Project eriod, the answer should b	t, so if the e no)
The amount of the mortgage recording tax that was exempted dur	ing the reporting period:	
PILOT INFORMATION:		
County Real Property Tax without PILOT City/Town Property Tax without PILOT School Property Tax without PILOT TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT PILOT	\$ \$ \$	
Total PILOT Payments made for reporting period:	\$	

Whether paid separately or lump sum to Agency for distribution, please provide break down of allocation of PILOT Payment to individual taxing jurisdictions:
County PILOT       \$
(subtract Total PILOTS from TOTAL property taxes without PILOT)
I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information on this form is correct I further certify that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for the categories of job retained and the jobs created that was provided in the Application for Financial Assistance is stitucturate and if not, I hereby attach a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or range for categories of jobs retained and jobs created. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.
Signed:
Name:
Title:
(authorized company representative)
Date:

# **EXHIBIT G**

# FINAL PROJECT COST AND FINANCING REPORT

A.	Actual costs for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipping of the project by the applicant.
	Actual Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefit

a.	Building Construction or Renovation Costs	a.	\$
b.	Sitework	b.	\$
C.	Non-manufacturing Equipment	c.	\$
d.	Furniture, Fixtures	d.	\$
e.	Other (specify)	е.	\$
f.	Subtotal	f.	\$
Act	ual Costs Not Subject to Sales Tax		
g.	Land and/or building purchase	g.	\$
h.	Manufacturing Equipment	h.	\$
i.	Soft Costs (Legal, Architect, Engineering)	i.	\$
j.	Other (specify)	j,	\$
k.	Subtotal	k.	\$
	Total Project Costs	f&k	\$

# B. Indicate how the project was financed

a.	Tax-Exempt IRB	a.	\$
b.	Tax-Exempt Bond	b.	\$
c,	Taxable IRB	C.	\$
d.	Bank Financing	d.	\$
е.	Public Financing	e.	\$
f.	Equity	f.	\$
	TOTAL SOURCES		\$
	Estimated Amount of Mortgage		\$

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the information on this form is correct. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may be subject to penalty of perjury and result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.

Signed	
	(authorized company representative)
Date:	