

A regular meeting of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency located at FIVE South College Drive, Town of Dickinson, Broome County, New York on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

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| PRESENT: | John M. Bernardo  | Chairman      |
|          | John J. Stevens   | Treasurer     |
|          | Daniel E. Crocker | Member        |
|          | James R. Peduto   | Member        |
|          | Cheryl I. Sacco   | Member        |
|          | Brian Rose        | Member        |
|          | Joseph Mirabito   | Member        |
| ABSENT:  | Wayne L. Howard   | Vice Chairman |
|          | Richard A. Bucci  | Secretary     |

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

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| Stacey M. Duncan        | Executive Director |
| Joseph B. Meagher, Esq. | Agency Counsel     |

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Rose, to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION TO FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF A BUILDING LOCATED AT 60 LESTER AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, AND APPOINTING GREAT EASTERN HEMP, LLC (THE "COMPANY"), AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO, INCLUDING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND A SALES TAX EXEMPTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Broome County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 564 of the 1970 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, recreation and civic facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting

and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to an application submitted to the Agency by the Company, the members of the Agency, on January 15, 2020, adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") accepting an application to consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a 0.60+/- acre parcel of land located at 60 Lester Avenue in the Village of Johnson City, Town of Union, County of Broome and State of New York (the "Premises"), (2) the acquisition and renovation of a building located on said Premises (the "Facility"), and (3) the acquisition and installation in the Facility of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") (the Premises, the Facility and the Equipment being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project"), all of the foregoing to be utilized as a facility to process locally grown hemp as well as manufacturing, packaging and distributing hemp derived CBD products, and any other directly or indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from sales and use taxes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 and real property taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the lease of the Project from the Company to the Agency; and (D) the lease of the Project from the Agency back to the Company or such other person(s) or entity(ies) as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act, the Resolution indicated that the undertakings of the Agency contained therein are contingent upon the Agency making a determination to proceed with the Project following compliance by the Agency with the public notice and public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Resolution, the Chairman of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing"), to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on January 21, 2020 and January 24, 2020 to the chief executive officers of the village, town, county, and school district in which the Project is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted at the Village of Johnson City Village Hall at 243 Main Street, Johnson City, Broome County, New York on January 22, 2020, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on January 23, 2020 in the Press and Sun Bulletin, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the Village of Johnson City, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on February 12, 2020 at 5:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at the Village Hall in the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Report") which fairly summarized the views presented at said Public Hearing and distributed same to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York

(collectively, "SEQRA"), the Agency has determined that the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" that will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the documentation necessary to consummate the aforesaid Project described in the Notice of Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agency Documents"):

- (A) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the "Lease Agreement") by the Company to the Agency, pursuant to which, among other things, the Agency acquires an interest in the Project;
- (B) a leaseback agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the "Leaseback Agreement") by the Agency to the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake and complete the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project back from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency's administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project;
- (C) a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement") by and among the Company and the Agency, pursuant to which the Company agrees to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and
- (D) a project agreement (the "Project Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency;
- (E) an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") authorizing the Company to act as the agent of the Agency for the purpose of the acquisition, renovation and equipping of the Project;
- (F) a sales tax exemption letter exempting the Company from sales tax for purchases related to the Project which would, otherwise, be subject to tax in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; and
- (G) any and all documents necessary to effect this Project (the "Closing Documents").

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

SECTION 1. 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 Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act; and
- (C) The acquisition, renovation and equipping of the Project, the lease of the Project by the Company to the Agency and the lease of the Project by the Agency back to the Company will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the

citizens of Broome County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living; and

(D) Having reviewed the Report of the Public Hearing and having fully considered all comments contained therein, the Agency hereby further determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to proceed with the Project and enter into the Agency Documents.

SECTION 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) proceed with the Project; (B) acquire the Project from the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, renovate and equip the Project, or cause the Project to be acquired, renovated and equipped; (D) lease the Project back to the Company pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement between the Agency and the Company pursuant to which, among other things, the Company shall be obligated (1) to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, and the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to, or in connection with, the Project, and (2) to comply with the provisions of the Act applicable to beneficiaries of financial assistance from the Agency; and (E) enter into the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement.

SECTION 3. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire (A) a leasehold interest in the Project pursuant to the Lease Agreement by the Company to the Agency, and (B) title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale") by the Company to the Agency and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 4. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, renovate and equip the Project described in the Lease Agreement and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, renovation and equipping are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 5. The form and substance of the Agency Documents (in substantially the forms presented to this meeting) are hereby approved.

SECTION 6. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents and, where appropriate, the Secretary of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in substantially the forms thereof presented to this meeting, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions thereto as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Executive Director shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Executive Director to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

SECTION 7. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency, to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional 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 Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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| John M. Bernardo  | voting | Aye       |
| Wayne L. Howard   | voting | Absent    |
| Richard A. Bucci  | voting | Absent    |
| John J. Stevens   | voting | Aye       |
| Daniel E. Crocker | voting | Aye       |
| James R. Peduto   | voting | Aye       |
| Cheryl I. Sacco   | voting | Abstained |
| Brian Rose        | voting | Aye       |
| Joseph Mirabito   | voting | Aye       |

The foregoing Resolution was thereon declared duly adopted.

