

AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Agent Agreement"), effective as of the 31st day of July, 2023, by and between the **TROY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York (the "Authority"), and **CASA BLANCA TROY REALTY, INC.** a New York corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 885 5th Ave, Troy, New York 12182 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Authority was created by Title 11 of Article 8 of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York ("PAL"), as amended, and Chapter 759 of the Laws of 1967 of the State of New York, as amended (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 Authority requesting the Authority's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i)) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Authority to undertake the planning, design, partial demolition, reconstruction and renovation of certain building improvements (the "Existing Improvements") located upon a certain property located at 885 Fifth Avenue, Troy, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as TMID No. 80.25-6-2), (ii) the construction and equipping upon the Land and Existing Improvements of a retail convenience store and gas station facility, including building improvements, site improvements, fuel storage and dispensing improvements, parking improvements, drive thru improvements, curbage, signage and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements") and (ii) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery, furnishings, equipment and other items of tangible personal property to be installed in and around the Land, Existing Improvements and Improvements (the "Equipment"; and, together with the Land, Existing Improvements and Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on June 30, 2023 (the "Resolution"), the Authority 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 Authority 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, (the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 563 of the Laws of 2015 and sections 859-a and 874 of the General Municipal Law ("GML"), the Authority 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 Authority 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. Purpose of Project and Scope of Authority. The purpose of the Authority'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 City of Troy, 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 Authority 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 Authority 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 Authority, 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 Authority. 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 Authority. The right of the Company and all duly appointed subagents to act as agent of the Authority shall expire on **December 31, 2024**, unless extended as contemplated by the Resolution. The aggregate amount of work performed by the Company and all subagents as agent for the Authority shall not exceed the amounts identified in the Resolution and Section 2(h)(i) of this Agreement.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all subagents thereof as agent for the Authority 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 Authority for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.

2. Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Authority to proceed with the Project/Facility:

(a) The Company is a New York 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 Authority 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, (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 Authority in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Authority from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Authority, 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 Authority 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 Authority upon demand.

(f) Any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Authority shall be located in the City of Troy, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

(g) In accordance with Section 1963-B of the PAL and Section 875(3) of the GML, the policies of the Authority, 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 Authority, and it is determined by the Authority 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 Authority 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 Authority 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, said Material Term Commitment #1, and Material Term Commitment #2, all as further defined below, being the purposes to be achieved by the Authority with respect to its determination to provide Financial Assistance to the Project and required by the Authority to be complied with and adhered to, as evidenced by submission, as so required by the Authority, 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) (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:

(a) Material Term Commitment #1 – Company Capital Expenditures of no less than \$1,283,790.00; and

(b) Material Term Commitment #2 – Company Full Time Job Creation Minimum (“FTA”) 18 construction jobs and 7 permanent jobs.

In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Authority, 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 Authority 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 Authority the Annual Certification Report in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E. Failure by the Company to complete and submit said form to the Authority by February 15 of each year during the Material Terms and Conditions Monitoring Period shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder, whereby the Authority, in its sole and absolute discretion, may terminate this Agreement and undertake a Recapture Event Determination.**

The findings made by the Authority 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 Authority, in accordance with the Authority’s “Project Recapture and Termination 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 Authority Financial Assistance in the manner approved by the Authority in connection with the Project, and/or a failure to comply with the Authority’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 Authority makes a Recapture Event Determination, the Company agrees and covenants that it will (i) cooperate with the Authority 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 Authority that the Authority demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Authority 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 Authority, 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 disclosed by the Authority at its public hearing for the Project (the “Public Hearing”), 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 **\$1,250,000.00**, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized and approved by the Authority, subject to Section 2(g) of this Agent Agreement, cannot exceed **\$100,000.00**.

The Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing Authority Financial Assistance constitutes "public funds" unless otherwise excluded under Section 224-a(3) of the New York Labor Law, and by executing this Agreement, (i) confirms that it has received notice from the Authority pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(d) of the New York Labor Law and (ii) acknowledges its obligations pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(a) of the New York Labor Law. Other than the Authority Financial Assistance estimates provided herein and disclosed to the Company, the Authority makes no representations or covenants with respect to the total sources of "public funds" received by the Company in connection with the Project. If and to the extent that the Company determines that it is necessary and desirable to reduce the overall amount of "public funds" to be received by the Company in connection with the Project, the Authority agrees to work cooperatively with the Company to adjust the total amount of Authority Financial Assistance to be provided to the Company, which will include, but may not be limited to amending this Agreement.

(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.

(j) 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 Authority) 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 Authority. For purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the bill or invoice should state, "I, [NAME OF COMPANY OR SUBAGENT], certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the TROY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the {COMPANY} Project located at 885 5th Ave, Troy, New York 12182, IDA Project Number **3806-23-03A**". 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 Authority 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 Authority; provided, however, in no event later than February 15th 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 Authority.

(l) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Authority with respect to the Project), the Authority 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 New York corporation 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 Authority

(n) The Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that as of the date hereof, the Company, as owner, occupant, or operator of the Project receiving Financial Assistance from the Authority 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(p). In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Authority (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 Authority shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.

3. Hold Harmless Provision. The Company hereby releases the Authority from, agrees that the Authority shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Authority 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 Authority'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 Authority, 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 Authority or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

4. Insurance Required. Effective as of the date hereof and until the Authority consents in writing to a termination, 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. Such insurance shall be provided, in whole or in part, either through insurance carriers meeting the requirements of this Agreement or through a funded self-insurance program, and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

(a) (i) 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 (ii) as an alternative to the above requirements (including the requirement of periodic appraisal), the Company may insure the Facility under a blanket insurance policy or policies covering not only the Facility but other properties as well.

(b) Worker's compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Authority 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.

(c) Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract 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 worker's compensation law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than \$5,000,000, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage.

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 Authority 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 Authority 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 Authority on the date hereof. At least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Authority 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 Authority: Troy Industrial Development Authority
433 River Street, 5th Floor
Troy, New York 12180
Attn: Chief Executive Officer

With a copy to: Harris Beach PLLC
677 Broadway, Suite 1101
Albany, New York 12207
Attn: Justin S. Miller, Esq.

To the Company: Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc.
885 5th Ave
Troy, New York 12182
Attn: Albaraa Alhemyari

With a copy to: Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg & Griffin, PLLC
22 First Street
PO Box 208
Troy, NY 12181

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 Rensselaer 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 Authority, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Agent Agreement to the Authority, regardless of any investigation made by the Authority.

10. The parties are contemplating that unless the Authority 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 Authority.

11. By executing this Agent Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Authority for (a) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Authority's general counsel or bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Authority, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Authority'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 Authority of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Authority 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 Authority 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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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agent Agreement as of the effective day and year first above written.

**TROY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

By: 

Name: Dylan Turek

Title: Executive Director

CASA BLANCA TROY REALTY, INC.

By: _____

Name: Albarraa Alhemyari

Title: President

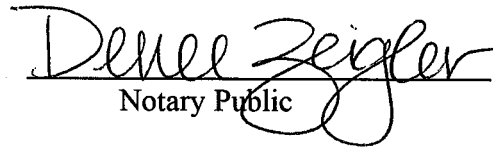
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State of New York)

County of Rensselaer) ss.:

DENEE ZEIGLER
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01ZE6299354
Qualified in Rensselaer County
My Commission Expires 03-24-2026

On the 14th day of August in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared DYLAN TUREK, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.


Notary Public

State of New York)

County of _____) ss.:

On the ___ day of August in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared ALBARAA ALHEMYARI, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

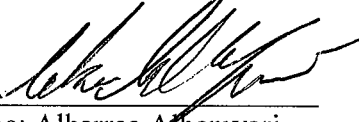
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**TROY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Name: Dylan Turek
Title: Executive Director

CASA BLANCA TROY REALTY, INC.

By: 
Name: Albarraa Alhemyari
Title: President

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State of New York)

County of Rensselaer) ss.:

On the ___ day of August in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared DYLAN TUREK, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

State of New York)

County of Rensselaer) ss.:

On the 22nd day of August in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared ALBARAA ALHEMYARI, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

ROBERT W. SPONZO, JR.
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01SP6408728
Qualified in Warren County
Commission Expires September 8, 20 24

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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9. _____
10. _____

¹ 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 **[NAME OF COMPANY OR NAME OF SUBAGENT]** (the “Agent”), as agent for and on behalf of the **TROY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** (the “Authority”), in connection with a certain project of the Authority for the benefit of **CASA BLANCA TROY REALTY, INC.**, 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 885 5th Ave, Troy, New York 12182 (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 Authority; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement by and between CASA BLANCA TROY REALTY, INC. and the Authority effective as of July 31, 2023. This contract is non-recourse to the Authority, and the Authority 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 in 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

ST-60
(1/18)

The industrial development agency or authority (IDA) **must** submit this form within **30 days** of the appointment of a project operator or agent, whether appointed directly by the IDA or indirectly by the operator or another agent.

For IDA use only**IDA information**

Name of IDA Troy Industrial Development Authority			IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 3806-23-03A	
Street address 433 River Street			Telephone number (518) 279-7166	
City Troy	State NY	ZIP code 12180	Email address (optional)	

Project operator or agent information

Name of IDA project operator or agent		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: ☐		Employer identification or Social Security number	
Street address		Telephone number ()		Primary operator or agent? Yes ☐ No ☒	
City	State	ZIP code	Email address (optional)		

Project information

Name of project Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc. Project			
Street address of project site 885 5th Avenue			
City Troy	State NY	ZIP code 12180	Email address (optional)
Purpose of project The construction and equipping upon the Land and Existing Improvements of a retail convenience store and gas station facility, including building improvements, site improvements, fuel storage and dispensing improvements, parking improvements, drive through improvements, curbage, signage and related improvements.			

Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes

Date project operator or agent appointed (mmddyy)	Date project operator or agent status ends (mmddyy)	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: ☐
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: 1,250,000.00		Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: 100,000.00

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements with the knowledge that willfully providing false or fraudulent information with this document may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and possible jail sentence. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of any information entered on this document.

Print name of officer or employee signing on behalf of the IDA Dylan Turek		Print title Executive Director	
Signature 		Date 8/14/23	Telephone number (518) 279-7166

EXHIBIT B-1

**NYS FORM ST-123
FOR
COMPANY**

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New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

New York State Sales and Use Tax

**IDA Agent or Project Operator
Exempt Purchase Certificate****Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014****ST-123**
(7/14)

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. Do not use this form to purchase motor fuel or diesel motor fuel exempt from tax. See Form FT-123, *IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate for Fuel*.

Name of seller	Name of agent or project operator Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc.		
Street address	Street address 885 5th Avenue		
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	
Troy	NY	12180	
Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions)			

Mark an **X** in one: ☐ Single-purchase certificate ☒ Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below)**To the seller:**

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.

Project information

I certify that I am a duly appointed agent or project operator of the named IDA and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the following IDA project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes under my agreement with the IDA.

Name of IDA Troy Industrial Development Authority		
Name of project Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc. Project	IDA project number (use OSC number) 3806-23-03A	
Street address of project site 885 5th Avenue		
City, town, or village Troy	State NY	ZIP code 12180
Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator (mm/dd/yy) 07 / 31 / 23	Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends (mm/dd/yy) 12 / 31 / 24	

Exempt purchases(Mark an **X** in boxes that apply)

- ☐ A. Tangible personal property or services (other than utility services and motor vehicles or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- ☐ B. Certain utility services (gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, refrigeration, or steam) used to complete the project, but not to operate the completed project
- ☐ C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property installed in a qualifying motor vehicle

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Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative (Include title and relationship)	Date
Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box	

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.

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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).

- 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.
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- 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:

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- 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.

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

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IDA Agent or Project Operator

Exempt Purchase Certificate

Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

ST-123

(7/14)

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Name of seller	Name of agent or project operator
Street address	Street address
City, town, or village State ZIP code	City, town, or village State ZIP code
	Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (<i>see instructions</i>)

Mark an **X** in one: ☒ Single-purchase certificate ☐ Blanket-purchase certificate (valid only for the project listed below)

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Name of project Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc. Project		IDA project number (use OSC number) 3806-23-03A	
Street address of project site 885 5th Avenue			
City, town, or village Troy		State NY	ZIP code 12180
Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator (mm/dd/yy) / /		Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends (mm/dd/yy) 12 / 31 / 24	

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Signature of purchaser or purchaser's representative <i>(include title and relationship)</i>	Date
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EXHIBIT B-3

INVOICE RIDER FORM

I, _____, the
_____ of _____ certify
that I am a duly appointed agent of the _____ Industrial Development Authority
("Authority") and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use
in the following Authority Project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales
and use taxes under the Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement, effective
as of July 31, 2023, by and between the Authority and Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc.

Name of the Project: Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc. – 885 5th Avenue Project

Street address of the Project Site: 885 5th Avenue
City of Troy
Rensselaer County, New York

IDA OSC project number: 3806-23-03A

EXHIBIT C

**NYS FORM ST-340 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMPANY AND FILED
ANNUALLY WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 15TH OF EACH YEAR**

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Department of Taxation and Finance

Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Claimed by Agent/Project Operator of Industrial Development Agency/Authority (IDA)

ST-340
(1/18)

For period ending December 31, _____ (enter year)

Project information

Name of IDA agent/project operator		Employer identification number (EIN)	
Street address		Telephone number ()	
City		State	ZIP code
Name of IDA Troy Industrial Development Authority	Name of project Casa Blanca Troy Realty, Inc. Project		IDA project number 3806-23-03A
Street address of project site 885 5th Avenue			
City Troy		State NY	ZIP code 12180
Date project began		Completion date of project Actual ☐ Expected ☐	
Total sales and use tax exemptions (actual tax savings; not total purchases)			\$

Representative information (not required)

Authorized representative, if any	Title
Street address	Telephone number ()
City	State ZIP code

Certification

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Print name of officer, employee, or authorized representative	Title of person signing
Signature	Date

If you do not annually file a complete report, we may remove your authority to act as an IDA agent/project operator.

Mail completed report to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
IDA UNIT
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227-0866**If not using U.S. Mail, see Publication 55, *Designated Private Delivery Services*.

Instructions

General information

Who must file

The General Municipal Law (GML) and the Public Authorities Law require the agent/project operator (also known as the *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 operators directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents appointed by the agent/project operators should **not** themselves file Form ST-340. However, the agent/project operators must include on Form ST-340 information obtained from such contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as described below.

What you must report

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

Include only the **total combined** exemptions obtained by the above people. A breakdown of the total is not required. However, since the report must include the value of the exemptions they obtained, you must keep records of the amounts others report to you.

You must make it clear to the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others that they must keep accurate tax information and have it available, so that you can comply with the annual reporting requirements.

Do not include on this report the amount of any sales and use tax exemptions from 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).

When the report is 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 your name, address, employer identification number (EIN), and telephone number.

Name of IDA and IDA project number: Enter the name and address of the IDA. If more than one IDA is involved in a particular project, you must file a separate report for the tax exemptions attributable to each IDA. Also enter the ID project number.

Name of project: Enter the name of the project and the address of the project site. If you are involved in more than one project, you

must file a separate report for each project, even if authorized by the same IDA.

Date project began: 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.

Completion date of project: Enter the date installation, lease, or rental of property (for example, machinery or computers) on the project ended, or the date the project is expected to be completed. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected.

Total sales and use tax exemptions: Enter the total amount of New York State and local sales and use taxes exempted during the reporting period as a result of the project's receipt of IDA financial assistance (*if none, enter 0*). 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.

Representative information

If applicable, enter the name, address, title (for example, attorney or accountant), and telephone number of the individual you authorize to submit this report. This section is not required.

Certification

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

Mail completed report to:

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IDA UNIT
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ALBANY NY 12227-0866**

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EXHIBIT D

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EXHIBIT E

FORM OF ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION LETTER

Company name and address:

Project Name:

Job Information

Current number of full time equivalent employees ("FTE") retained 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	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

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.

Financing Information

Has the Authority provided project financing assistance (generally through issuance of a bond or note)

Yes No

If financing assistance was provided, please provide:

- Original principal balance of bond or note issued _____
- Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 _____
- Outstanding principal balance of such bond or note as of December 31 _____

Final maturity date of the bond or note _____

Sales Tax Abatement Information

Did your Company or any appointed subagents receive Sales Tax Abatement for your Project During the prior year?

Yes No

If so, please provide the amount of sales tax savings received by the Company and all appointed subagents _____

(Attach copies of all ST-340 sales tax reports that were submitted to New York State by the Company and all subagents for the reporting period. Please also attached all ST-60's filed for subagents for the reporting period)

Mortgage Recording Tax Information

Did your company receive Mortgage Tax Abatement on your Project During the prior year?

Yes No

(note this would only be applicable to the year that a mortgage was placed upon the Project, so if the Authority did not close a mortgage with you during the reporting period, the answer should be no)

The amount of the mortgage recording tax that was exempted during 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 Authority for distribution, please provide break down of allocation of PILOT Payment to individual taxing jurisdictions:

County PILOT

\$ _____

City/Town PILOT	\$ _____
Village PILOT	\$ _____
School PILOT	\$ _____
TOTAL PILOTS	\$ _____

Net Exemptions \$ _____
(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 jobs retained and the jobs created that was provided in the Application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if not, I hereby attach a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges 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: _____