ADOPTION OF RECAPTURE POLICY

A regular meeting of County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 9 East Washington Street in the Village of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York on December 10, 2013 at 11:15 o'clock a.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Thomas E. Buffamante

Joseph E. Higgins Salvatore Marranca Gregory J. Fitzpatrick

Brent Driscoll

Joseph K. Eade Crystal Abers Chairman

First Vice Chairman Second Vice Chairman

Secretary

First Assistant Secretary

Treasurer Director

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Corey R. Wiktor

Executive Director

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Crystal Abers, seconded by Mr. Brent Driscoll, to wit:

Resolution No. 1213-03

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RECAPTURE POLICY FOR THE AGENCY

WHEREASCounty of Cattaraugus 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 536 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 890-b 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial 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, (A) Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2013 (Part J), effective March 28, 2013 (the "2013 Budget Law"), enacted March 28, 2013, established new recordkeeping, reporting, and recapture requirements for industrial development agency projects that receive sales tax exemptions, and (B) a draft

policy containing policies and procedures applicable to the recapture of certain benefits in certain situations applicable to projects that receive sales tax exemptions and other benefits from the Agency (the "Recapture Policy") has been presented to the members of the Agency for review, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in compliance with the requirements of the 2013 Budget Law, the Agency wishes to adopt the Recapture Policy, in the form presented at this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF [AGENCYNAME] INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to adopt the Recapture Policy, in the forms presented at this meeting.

Section 2. The form and substance of the Recapture Policy (in the form presented to this meeting) are hereby approved.

Section 3. Pursuant to the 2013 Budget Law, the members of the Agency hereby adopt the Real Property Acquisition Policy as the Agency's written policies and procedures applicable to the recapture of certain benefits in certain situations applicable to projects that receive sales tax exemptions and other benefits from the Agency.

Section 4. 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 Recapture Policy, 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 and provisions of the Recapture Policy.

<u>Section 5</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Thomas E. Buffamante	VOTING	Yes
Gregory J. Fitzpatrick	VOTING	Yes
Joseph E. Higgins	VOTING	Yes
Salvatore Marranca	VOTING	Yes
Brent A. Driscoll	VOTING	Yes
Joseph K. Eade	VOTING	Excused
Crystal J. Abers	VOTING	Yes

The foregoing Bond Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of [AgencyName] Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 10, 2013 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 contained 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 day of December, 2013.

Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE "AGENCY")

POLICY RESPECTING RECAPTURE OF PROJECT BENEFITS

- SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION. (A) The purpose of this Policy is to outline the procedures utilized by County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to review compliance with (1) the requirements of the Agency relating to job creation and/or retention, other expected public benefits and reporting and (2) the requirements of the State of New York (the "State") relating to sales tax exemptions and reporting.
- (B) The Agency was created pursuant to Section 890-b of Title 2 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and Title 1 of Article 18-A the General Municipal Law (collectively, the "Act") for the purpose of promoting employment opportunities for, and the general prosperity and economic welfare of, residents of the County of Cattaraugus, New York (the "County") and the State of New York (the "State"). Under the Act, the Agency was created in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the residents of the County and of the State.
- (C) The Agency has been advised that a number of other industrial development agencies have adopted policies that (1) contain provisions allowing the industrial development agency to recapture certain financial benefits provided by said agency to a project applicant if said project applicant does not fulfill certain job creation promises contained in its application or fails to fulfill certain other promises made to said agency and (2) allow said agency to take into account exigent circumstances in deciding whether to exercise these provisions respecting the recapture of said financial benefits.
- (D) Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2013 (Part J), effective March 28, 2013 (the "2013 Budget Law"), enacted March 28, 2013, established new recordkeeping, reporting, and recapture requirements for industrial development agency projects that receive sales tax exemptions.
- (E) The new sales tax recording and reporting requirements required by the 2013 Budget Law include the following: (1) a requirement to keep records of the amount of sales tax benefits provided to each project and make those records available to the State upon request; (2) a requirement to report to the State, within 30 days after providing financial assistance, the amount of sales tax benefits intended to be provided to a project; and (3) a requirement that the Agency post on the internet and make available without charge copies of its resolutions and project agreements.
- (F) The 2013 Budget Law requires that the Agency recapture State sales tax benefits where: (1) the project is not entitled to receive those benefits; (2) the exemptions exceed the amount authorized, or are claimed for unauthorized property or services; or (3) the project operator failed to use property or services in the manner required by its agreements with the Agency.
- (G) For purposes of this Policy, with respect to a particular calendar year and a particular project, the term "financial assistance" shall include the following:
 - (1) Proceeds of debt obligations issued by the Agency with respect to said project have been disbursed during the calendar year in question.

- (2) Any tax exemption or abatement (a) which may have directly or indirectly benefitted the project or project operator shall during such calendar year and (b) which resulted from (i) the Agency's title to, possession of or, control of or other interest in said project, or (ii) the designation by the Agency of said project occupant (or any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project) as an agent of the Agency.
- (3) Any grant made by the Agency with respect to said project or project operator shall during such calendar year.
- (4) Any loan made by the Agency with respect to said project or project operator shall during such calendar year.
- (H) For purposes of this Policy, with respect to a particular project, the term "Project Agreements shall mean the project documents between the Agency and an applicant with respect to the applicant's project. In addition to a lease agreement or installment sale agreement between the Agency and the applicant, the Project Agreements may also include a payment in lieu of tax agreement, a project agreement and one or more recapture agreements, as well as security agreements intended to ensure compliance by the applicant with the requirements of the Project Agreements.
- SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS. (A) Under the Act, the Agency is required to submit certain annual reports relating to Agency projects to the New York State Office of the Comptroller. In order to satisfy its annual reporting requirements and other requirements under the Act and certain other requirements imposed by the Act, as well as the new requirements imposed upon the Agency by the 2013 Budget Law, the Agency will require each applicant for financial assistance from the Agency agree to satisfy the following requirements as a condition to the receipt of such financial assistance:
 - (1) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must include in the application a realistic estimate of the value of the savings anticipated to be received by the applicant. Each applicant is hereby warned to provide a realistic estimate in the application, as the 2013 Budget Law and the regulations expected to be enacted thereunder are expected to require that the Agency recapture any benefit that exceeds the amount listed in said application.
 - (2) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must agree to annually file (and cause any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project to file annually) with the State, on a form and in such manner as is prescribed by the State, a statement of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the applicant and all contractors, subcontractors, consultants and other agents of the applicant under the authority granted to the applicant by the Agency.
 - (3) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must agree to furnish to the Agency a copy of each such annual report submitted to the State by the applicant or any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project.
 - (4) As required by the 2013 Budget Law, the Project Agreements will provide that any sales tax benefits determined by the Agency to be subject to recapture pursuant to the 2013 Budget Law must be remitted by the applicant to the Agency within 20 days of a request therefor by the Agency.
 - (5) The applicant agrees that, as required by the 2013 Budget Law, the resolutions of the Agency with respect to the project and the Project Agreements and will now be publicly

available on the Agency's website. As provided in the New York Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), the applicant may request that certain information contained therein be redacted and, if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Agency that release of said information would result in substantial harm to the applicant's competitive position, the Agency may comply with such request.

- (6) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOC") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOC, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA") in which the Project is located.
- (7) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in JTPA programs who shall be referred by JTPA Entitles for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.
- (8) The applicant agrees, whenever requested by the Agency, to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the Applicant, its finances and other topics as the Agency from time to time reasonably considers necessary or appropriate, including, but not limited to, such information as to enable the Agency to make any reports required by law or governmental regulation.
- (9) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, the applicant shall furnish to the Agency a certificate of an Authorized Representative of the applicant stating that no event of default under the Project Agreements has occurred or is continuing or, if any Event of Default exists, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the applicant has taken or proposes to take with respect thereto, and setting forth the unpaid principal balance of the Bonds and accrued but unpaid interest thereon and that no defenses, offsets or counterclaims exist with respect to the indebtedness evidenced thereby.
- (10) The applicant shall insure that all employees and applicants for employment with regard to the Project are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.
- (11) The applicant agrees to file with the Agency, no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project and certain other matters.
- (B) In order to ensure that the project will create the public benefits anticipated by the Agency accruing to the residents and taxpayers of the County, the Project Agreements will require that each Agency project operator agree that, annually, within 30 days of the end of each calendar year during which a project has received any financial assistance from the Agency, such Agency project operator will complete and file with the Agency an annual report (the "Operator Annual Report") describing the status of the project during the calendar year just completed, including such information as: jobs projected to be created/retained; estimated salary of jobs to be created/retained; current number of jobs; construction jobs created through the year; exemptions from taxes and payments in lieu of tax made; and status of bond financing related to the project.
- SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT.(A) The Agency will use the information contained in the Operator Annual Report, as well as site visits and follow ups, to gauge the status of a project in relation to the original commitment of the applicant as stated in the project application.

- (B) Should the staff or board members of the Agency find significant deficiencies in any area, the project will be further reviewed. Examples of situations that will trigger review and/or action by the agency include:
 - (1) If the project operator shifts production activity to a facility outside of the County and, as a result, fails to achieve the economic benefits projected;
 - (2) If the project operator moves all operations outside the County, neglects to move operations to the County, or the project does not otherwise conform to the project described in the Project Agreements;
 - (3) If a significant shortfalls in economic benefits is identified, as compared with the application, such as a significant shortfall in new job creation/retention and/or expected major investments in the business.
 - (4) Failure to comply with annual reporting requirements or provide the Agency with requested information.
 - (5) Sale or closure of a project within the time period the applicant receives Agency financial assistance.
- (C) Should the staff or board members of the Agency find significant deficiencies in the achievement of the economic benefits promised as described in the application and the Project Agreements, the project operator will be asked to provide justification for said shortfalls. The board members of the Agency will compare these statements against industry standards, as well as the current market and economic conditions, to determine whether the project operator did all that it could to meet its obligations as outlined in the application and the Project Agreements. In the event of such major casualty or condemnation, the Company shall have no obligation to pay the Major Shortfall Payment.
- (D) The board members of the Agency will determine on a case by case basis whether a hearing is appropriate to allow a project operator to be heard on the issue regarding said project operator's failure to achieve the projected economic benefits.
- (E) Should the board members of the Agency find that (1) significant deficiencies in the achievement of the economic benefits promised as described in the application and the Project Agreements have occurred and (2) there appears to be no justification satisfactory to the Agency to explain these deficiencies, the Agency may determine to take undertake any enforcement action available to the Agency under the Agency Agreements to seek redress for these deficiencies.
- (F) Enforcement action taken by the Agency under the Agency Documents may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) Requesting cure of the deficiency by a final notice letter.
 - (2) Forwarding an event of default notice under the Project Agreements.
 - (3) Notifying appropriate New York State agencies of the project operator's failure to comply with such requirements.
 - (4) Terminating any or all of the Project Agreements early.

- (5) Reducing the value of financial assistance moving forward.
- (6) Terminating any future financial assistance.
- (7) Requiring that the value of all the financial assistance utilized to date to be repaid in full or in part, with interest.
- (G) The Agency also reserves the right to waive the imposition of these recapture provisions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This policy shall be effective with respect to any project undertaken by the Agency after the date of approval of this Policy, including but not limited to any Project Agreement signed or amended after such date.