# **Hain Celestial Approving Resolution**

A regular meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Suite 235, Mineola, Nassau County, New York, on May 23, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. local time.

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

## PRESENT:

Timothy Williams

Chairman

John Coumatos

Vice Chairman

Christopher Fusco

Asst. Secretary

## ABSENT:

Gary Weiss

Secretary

#### THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Joseph J. Kearney

Executive Director

Joseph Foarile

Chief Financial Officer

Colleen Pereira

Administrative Director

Mary Dolan Grippo

Chief Marketing Officer

Nicholas Terzulli

Director of Business Development

Edward Ambrosino, Esq.

General Counsel

Paul O'Brien, Esq.

Bond/Transaction Counsel

Milan Tyler, Esq.

Bond/Transaction Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2012-14 was offered by C. Fusco, seconded by J.

Coumatos:

#### Resolution No. 2012-14

# RESOLUTION TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD AND APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

WHEREAS, the Nassau 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 I 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 674 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 922 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, industrial and commercial 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, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign corporation (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") requesting that the Agency undertake a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a leasehold interest in an approximately 86,104 square foot portion (the "Premises") of a building complex (the "Building") on a certain parcel of land located at 1111 Marcus Avenue, Incorporated Village of Lake Success, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York (Section: 8; Block: B18; Lots: 300H & 300L, Units: 1 and 2) (the "Land"), (2) the renovation of the Premises, and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and its affiliates as their world headquarters (the Premises and the Equipment being referred to herein, collectively, as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes and sales and use taxes; and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, <u>inter alia</u>, a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the Agency that (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project have

been satisfied, and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto ("Regulations" and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, "SEQRA"), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project (collectively, "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on March 23, 2012 to the chief executive officer of Nassau County, New York and of each other affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on March 24, 2012 in the Nassau edition of *Newsday*, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the Village of Lake Success and County of Nassau, New York, (C) conducted the Public Hearing on April 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at Village Hall, 318 Lakeville Road, Incorporated Village of Lake Success, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Report") which fairly summarizes the views presented at the Public Hearing and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a meeting of the Agency (the "IDA Meeting") with respect to the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and guidelines to be mailed on May 9, 2012 to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction, and (B) conducted the IDA Meeting on May 23, 2012 and reviewed any written comments or correspondence received from the affected tax jurisdictions before the IDA Meeting regarding the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Applicant and made any necessary comments to members of the Agency, and by resolution of the members of the Agency adopted immediately prior to the adoption hereof, the Agency decided to undertake an uncoordinated review of the Project and determined that the Project is a Type II action under SEQRA and that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency now desires to make its determination to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, subject to the terms hereof; and

WHEREAS, (A) the Applicant will execute and deliver a certain assignment of lease to the Agency (the "Conveyance Instrument"), pursuant to which the Applicant will convey to the Agency its leasehold interest in the Premises under a certain lease agreement between the owner of the Building, as landlord (the "Overlandlord"), and the Applicant, as tenant, (B) the Applicant will execute and deliver a certain Bill of Sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") to the Agency, pursuant to which the Applicant will convey to the Agency its interest in the Equipment, (C) the Applicant will execute and deliver a certain Sublease Agreement (the "Lease") between the Agency and the Applicant, pursuant to which the Agency will grant to the Applicant a subleasehold interest in the Project Facility, (D) the Applicant will cause to be executed and delivered a certain Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement (the "Environmental Indemnification") pursuant to which the Agency will be indemnified from and against certain losses, costs, damages and liabilities, (E) the Applicant will execute and deliver and/or cause to be executed and delivered a certain Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to the Agency, and (F) the Applicant will execute and deliver and/or cause to be executed and delivered certain other certificates, documents, instruments and agreements related to the Project (together with the Conveyance Instrument, the Bill of Sale to Agency, the Lease, the Environmental Indemnification and the PILOT Agreement, collectively, the "Transaction Documents");

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

- Section 1. The Agency has reviewed the Application and the Report and, based solely upon the representations made by the Applicant to the Agency and the facts and information obtained by the Staff of the Agency and reported to the members of the Agency at this meeting, the Agency hereby makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (a) based on the proposed use of the Project Facility as set forth in the Application, the economic effects of the Project on the area in which it is situated, the employment reasonably expected to be created and/or maintained by the Project, the Project will constitute a commercial facility and, therefore, the Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act;
  - (b) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in Nassau County, New York;
  - (c) the Applicant would not undertake the Project in Nassau County, New York, and would close its offices in Nassau County, New York, without the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency;
  - (d) although the completion of the Project Facility, the lease thereof by the Agency to the Applicant and the operation thereof by the Applicant may result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant located within the State (but outside of Nassau County), the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Applicant from removing such facility or plant to a location outside the State and is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Applicant in its industry;

- (e) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State;
- (f) no funds of the Agency shall be used in connection with the Project for the purpose of preventing the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant, nor shall any funds of the Agency be given in connection with the Project to any group or organization which is attempting to prevent the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant within the State, nor shall any funds of the Agency be used for advertising or promotional materials which depict elected or appointed government officials in either print or electronic media; and
- (g) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Nassau County, New York and the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act.
- Section 2. The Agency hereby ratifies, confirms and approves all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Director and the staff of the Agency with respect to the Application, the Public Hearing and the IDA Meeting, including, without limitation, (a) those actions required to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project, and (b) the appointment of the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Garden City, New York, as Special Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project.
- Section 3. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project.
- Section 4. Having considered fully all comments received at or in connection with the Public Hearing, the Agency hereby further determines to proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance.
- Section 5. The Agency hereby approves the Applicant as the sublessee under the Lease with the Agency and as the recipient of the Financial Assistance.
- Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized (a) to acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to the Conveyance Instrument, the Bill of Sale to Agency and the other Transaction Documents, (b) grant a subleasehold interest in the Project Facility pursuant to the Lease and the other Transaction Documents, (c) grant the aforementioned Financial Assistance, and (d) to do all things necessary, convenient or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof. All acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the foregoing are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
- Section 7. The form and substance of the Conveyance Instrument, the Bill of Sale to Agency, the Lease, the Environmental Indemnification, the PILOT Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, in the forms used by the Agency with respect to prior projects, together with such changes thereto as the Chairman, the Vice Chairman or the Executive Director may Doc # 05-418332.1

hereafter deem necessary or appropriate, are hereby approved. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, acting together or individually, to execute and deliver the Conveyance Instrument, the Lease, the PILOT Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same. The execution and delivery of each such agreement, document, instrument approval and consent by such person(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

<u>Section 8</u>. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director of the Agency are hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, acting together or individually, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives (as defined in the Lease) of the Agency.

Section 9. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, 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 Transaction Documents, to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments, agreements 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, convenient or appropriate to effect the purposes of this Resolution and to cause compliance with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Transaction Documents to which the Agency is a party or which are binding on the Agency.

Section 10. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 11. 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:

Timothy Williams	VOTING	Aye
John Coumatos	VOTING	Aye
Gary Weiss	<b>EXCUSED</b>	
Christopher Fusco	VOTING	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned [Assistant] Secretary of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on May 23, 2012 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 20 day of May, 2012.

[Asst.] Secretary

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