## **Lumber Earth Tax Deviation 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, Mineola, Nassau County, New York, on March 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

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

#### PRESENT:

Timothy Williams

Chairman

John Coumatos

Vice Chairman

Gary Weiss

Secretary

ABSENT:

Christopher Fusco

Asst. Secretary

John T. Ahern

## THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Joseph J. Kearney

**Executive Director** 

Joseph Foarile Colleen Pereira

Chief Financial Officer Administrative Director

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. 2014-16 was offered by G. Weiss, seconded by J. Coumatos:

### Resolution No. 2014-16

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEVIATION FROM THE UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY OF THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A PROJECT FOR LUMBER EARTH REALTY LLC

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, LUMBER EARTH REALTY LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 17-21 Lumber Road, Village of Roslyn, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York (Section: 6; Block: 53; Lots: 1042/1045) (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the partial demolition of two (2) buildings and the rehabilitation and renovation of a third building on the Land aggregating approximately 56,500 square feet, including other related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Building"), 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 as a mixed-use facility consisting of approximately 22,500 square feet of commercial space and 20 residential rental apartments (collectively, 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 in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording 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, the Application states that the Applicant is seeking an exemption from real property taxes with respect to the Project Facility that constitutes a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Tax Exemption Policy"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused a letter dated February 19, 2014 (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter") to be mailed to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction, informing said individuals that the Agency would, at its meeting on March 12, 2014 (the "IDA Meeting"), consider a proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy with respect to the payment in lieu of taxes agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility; and (B) conducted the IDA Meeting on the date hereof and reviewed any comments and correspondence received from the affected tax jurisdictions with respect to the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to provide for compliance with the provisions of Section 874(4) of the Act with respect to the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of Section 874(4) of the Act relating to the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy.

Section 2. Having reviewed all comments and correspondence received at or prior to the IDA Meeting from the affected tax jurisdictions, the Agency hereby approves the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy as described in the Pilot Deviation Notice Letter (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A) because the proposed deviation is necessary to induce the Applicant to undertake the Project and the real property taxes would not be lower than the real property taxes that should otherwise apply with respect to the Land as of the closing date of the transaction.

Section 3. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrative Director and Executive Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, 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. If the Agency hereafter adopts appropriate final approving resolutions with respect to the proposed straight-lease transaction with the Applicant (the "Transaction"), the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Administrative Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, to cause the Agency to (A) enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with

the Applicant, providing, among other things, that the Applicant shall make payments in lieu of taxes consistent with the formula set forth in the Pilot Deviation Notice Letter, and (B) file an application for real property tax exemption with the appropriate assessor(s) with respect to the Project Facility.

<u>Section 4</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, but is subject to and conditioned upon the closing of the Transaction.

ADOPTED: March 12, 2014

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	VOTING	Aye
Christopher Fusco	<b>EXCUSED</b>	
John T. Ahern	<b>EXCUSED</b>	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
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COUNTY OF NASSAU	)

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of 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 March 2014 with the original and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of such 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 aspects 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 and rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 124, day of March, 2014.

[Asst.] Secretary

(SEAL)

## EXHIBIT A

Pilot Deviation Notice Letter

See Attached



## JOSEPH J. KEARNEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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February 19, 2014

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Supervisor Judi Bosworth Town of North Hempstead 220 Plandome Road Manhasset, NY 11030

## NOTICE OF MEETING FOR PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

Dear Ms. Bosworth:

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to be held on March 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. local time at the offices of the Agency at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Suite 235, Mineola, New York, the Agency will consider whether to approve the application of Lumber Earth Realty LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant") for certain "financial assistance" which, if granted, would deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") with respect to the payment of real property taxes. The meeting of the Agency will be open to the public.

The Applicant has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 17-21 Lumber Road, Village of Roslyn, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York (Section: 6; Block: 53; Lots: 1042/1045) (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the partial demolition of two (2) buildings and a rehabilitation and renovation of a third building on the Land aggregating approximately 56,500 square feet, including Doc #05-443325.1

other related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Building"), 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 as a mixed-use facility consisting of approximately 22,500 square feet of commercial space and 20 residential rental apartments (collectively, 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; 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.

The Application states that the Applicant is seeking an abatement of real property taxes. However, based upon preliminary negotiations between representatives of the Applicant and the Agency, the parties contemplate that the Agency may agree to grant a real property tax exemption (the "Property Tax Exemption") with respect to the Project Facility as follows:

- (i) for the period commencing on the date of the closing of the Project transaction (the "Closing Date") to and including the day prior to the Effective Date, payments shall be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the real property taxes and assessments that would be levied annually upon the Project Facility without taking into consideration the transfer of ownership, jurisdiction, supervision or control of the Project Facility to the Agency; and
- (ii) for the period commencing on the Effective Date and continuing for fifteen (15) full fiscal tax years thereafter, fixed payments equal to the sum of the BASE PILOT and the IMPROVEMENT PILOT.

Thereafter, and through the end of the term of the lease or installment sale agreement with respect to the Project Facility, the payments would be equal to the real property taxes and assessments that would be payable as if the Project Facility were returned to the tax rolls as taxable property and subject to taxation at its then current, full assessed value, as the same may be reassessed from time to time, and subject to tax rate increases imposed by the affected tax jurisdictions.

For the purposes of the foregoing, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "BASE PILOT" shall be deemed to mean the amount of all real property taxes and assessments that would be payable on the Land, such amount to be determined by the Agency based on the most recent assessment data available to the Agency as of the closing (including any applicable approved tax certiorari stipulation with the applicable tax assessor(s)), which amount shall be increased by ONE and 66/100 percent (1.66%) per year (compounded) after the third (3rd) fiscal tax year. Except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, the BASE PILOT shall not increase or decrease during the term of the PILOT Agreement. The BASE PILOT shall be reduced by any special taxes, assessments or levies that the Applicant is required to pay separately to the affected tax jurisdictions. In calculating the Base PILOT, the Agency shall take into account the most recent assessment data (i.e., assessed value and tax rates) available as of the closing including any applicable approved tax certiorari stipulation or other settlement or arrangement with the applicable tax assessor(s).

- (b) "IMPROVEMENT PILOT" shall be deemed to mean the product of the following amounts, as determined by the Agency: (i) the Assessed Value of the Improvement, (ii) the PILOT Rate, and (iii) the number 0.01, as phased in and adjusted pursuant to Exhibit A attached hereto. The term "Assessed Value of the Improvement" shall be deemed to mean the product of (y) the fair market value of the Project Facility (less the market value used in the calculation of the BASE PILOT) for real property tax valuation purposes, computed as of the estimated date of completion, as determined by the Agency using a methodology reasonably selected by the Agency, and (z) the level of assessment used by the Nassau County Assessor as of the year in which the Closing Date occurs. The PILOT Rate shall be evidenced by School Tax Bills, Village Tax Bills and General Tax Bills based on the most recent data available to the Agency as of the year in which the Closing Date occurs. The IMPROVEMENT PILOT shall be reduced by any special taxes, assessments or levies that the Applicant is required to pay separately to the affected tax jurisdictions.
- (c) "Effective Date" shall be deemed to mean for each affected tax jurisdiction the first day of the first fiscal tax year occurring after the first tax status date occurring after the Closing Date.

The Property Tax Exemption, if approved by the Agency, would constitute a deviation from the Policy.

The reason for the deviation is that the Property Tax Exemption, if approved by the Agency, is necessary to induce the Applicant to undertake the Project and that the PILOT payments would not be lower than the real property taxes that would otherwise apply with respect to the Land as of the closing.

Sincerely,

NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Executive Director

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