

NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,

AND

ALKIER STEEL LLC &
STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC

UNIFORM PROJECT AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2019

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THIS UNIFORM PROJECT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Project Agreement"), is made as of the 1st day of December, 2019, by and between the NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having an office at One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501 (the "Agency"), and ALKIER STEEL LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and will be qualified to do business in the State of New York, each having an office for the transaction of business at 999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200, Bethpage, NY 11714 named herein and their undertakings hereunder shall be joint and several, and each representation, warranty and covenant and agreement in this Uniform Project Agreement shall apply to each such parties named herein (collectively, as tenants-in-common, the "Company"). The obligations of the Company under this Uniform Project Agreement shall be joint and several. The Agency may proceed directly against either ALKIER STEEL LLC or STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC or both with respect to any payment or performance obligation required under this Uniform Project Agreement or the Transaction Documents.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, 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 674 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 922 of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act, as in effect as of the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation 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 Company on behalf of itself and entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (together with the Company, the "Applicant"), has presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requests that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the renovation of an existing, blighted former manufacturing center/plants totaling approximately 160,000 square feet in the aggregate (collectively, the "Building") on the land located at 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (the "Land"), together with related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") necessary for the completion thereof (collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use as a warehouse and or other industrial development facility, to be determined by the Applicants; (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 (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicants or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicants and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 17, 2019 (the "Preliminary Inducement Resolution"), the Agency, following a review of the Application, determined to take preliminary action toward the acquisition and straight leasing of the Project for the Company and made a determination to proceed with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on September 30, 2019 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 September 30, 2019 in the Nassau edition of Newsday, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Nassau, New York; (C) caused the Public Hearing to be conducted on October 15, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., local time, at Village of Mineola Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, Nassau County, New York; and (D) caused a report of the Public Hearing (the "Report") to be prepared which fairly summarizes the views presented at the Public Hearing and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 874(4) of the Act, (A) the Executive Director of the Agency 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 to be mailed on September 30, 2019 to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction; and (B) the members of the Agency conducted the IDA Meeting on October 17, 2019 and reviewed any written

comments or correspondence received with respect to the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and approved the proposed deviation; 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations," and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Company and made any necessary comments to the members of the Agency, and by resolution of the members of the Agency adopted on October 17, 2019, the Agency decided to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project and determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution, the Agency approved certain financial assistance for the benefit of the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption from all New York State and local sales and use tax 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, (b) a partial exemption from mortgage recording tax (by reason of Section 874 of the General Municipal Law; **provided, however, such section does not exempt the additional mortgage recording tax imposed on real property located within a transportation district pursuant to Sections 253(2)(a) of the Tax Law**) with respect to the Lender Mortgage, if any and the PILOT Mortgage, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes conferred through a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement, between the Agency and the Company (the "PILOT Agreement") requiring the Company to make payments-in-lieu-of-taxes, as more particularly set forth therein ("PILOT Payments") for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption benefit, the mortgage recording tax exemption benefit, and the partial abatement from real property taxes benefit, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance, that the Company enter into this Project 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 Project Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; and

WHEREAS, no agency appointment in favor of the Company or any subagent thereof, nor any amount of Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, immediately after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered to the Agency (A) a certain company lease agreement of even date herewith (the "Company Lease") between the Company and the Agency, which conveys to the Agency a leasehold interest in and to the Land and the Building, and (B) a bill of sale dated the Closing Date (the "Bill of Sale to Agency"), which conveys to the Agency all right, title and interest of the Company in and to the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to appoint the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation and equipping of the Project Facility, to lease the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to the Company Lease and to sublease the Project Facility to the Company, and the Company desires to act as agent of the Agency to undertake the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation and equipping of the Project Facility, to lease the Project Facility to the Agency and to sublease the Project Facility from the Agency, all pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in that certain Sublease Agreement of even date herewith (as the same may be amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Sublease Agreement") between the Agency and the Company; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Agency have determined that (A) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Company is necessary to induce the Company to proceed with the Project, and (B) there is a likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency to the Company; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement of even date herewith, the Company has agreed to make certain payments in lieu of real property taxes with respect to the Premises, and such obligation is secured by a Mortgage and Assignment of Leases and Rents of even date herewith (the "PILOT Mortgage") from the Company and the Agency, as mortgagor, to the County of Nassau, as mortgagee (the "PILOT Mortgage"), pursuant to which the Agency and the Company grant a first lien mortgage on the Premises to the PILOT Mortgagee; and

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:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions of Terms. The words and terms as used in this Project shall have the same meanings as used in **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent.

ARTICLE II.
REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 2.1 Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project/Facility:

(a) The Company is a limited liability company formed in Delaware, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, has the authority to enter into this Project Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Project Agreement.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Project Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Project 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 Agency 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 Project 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 Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than 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 Agency 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 Agency upon demand.

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

(g) The Company hereby represents to the Agency that facilities and property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and services to customers who personally visit the Facility will not constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the total costs of the Facility, except in accordance with New York General Municipal Law (the "GML") Section 862.

(h) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency 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.

(i) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times, it will (i) maintain its existence and not dissolve, (ii) continue to be a limited liability company 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 Project Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Agency.

(j) 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 Agency 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 Project 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 in this Section 2.1. In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Agency (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 Agency shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.

(k) The Project will not have a “significant adverse environmental impact” (as such term is used in SEQRA) and the Company hereby covenants to comply with all mitigating measures, requirements and conditions enumerated or referenced in the resolution adopted by the Agency on October 17, 2019 under SEQRA applicable to the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation, equipping and operation of the Project Facility contemplated by Section 4.1 of this Project Agreement and in any other approvals issued by any other Governmental Authority with respect to the Project Facility. No material changes with respect to any aspect of the Project have arisen from the date of the adoption of such resolution which would cause the determinations contained therein to be untrue.

(l) The Company is not a Prohibited Person, no Guarantor is a Prohibited Person, no Affiliate of the Company or any Guarantor is a Prohibited Person and no member, manager, director or shareholder of the Company or any Guarantor, as applicable, is a Prohibited Person.

(m) Neither this Project Agreement nor any other Transaction Document nor any other document, certificate, agreement or instrument furnished to the Agency by or on behalf of the Company or any Guarantor contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained herein and therein not misleading.

(n) No funds of the Agency shall be used in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Project Agreement for the purpose of preventing the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant or for the purpose of advertising or promotional materials which depict elected or appointed government officials in either print or electronic media, nor shall any funds of the Agency be given hereunder to any group or organization which is attempting to prevent the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant within the State.

(o) The Company is, and shall at all times during the term of this Project Agreement, continue to be managed and owned solely by two (2) or more of Lee Marie Berkowitz, Glenn Lostritto and Joseph J. Lostritto (collectively, the “Initial Owner”); provided, however, that the Initial Owner may transfer all or any part of their interests in the Company to members of the respective immediate families (or trusts for the benefit of such immediate family members), and upon the Agency’s written consent only, up to 49% ownership interest to unrelated parties, provided that no transfers permitted hereunder shall result in a change in the day-to-day control of the management and operations of the Company.

(p) The Company shall maintain the Minimum Employment Requirement during the initial renovation period pursuant to the Sublease Agreement as set forth in Section 2.2(M) thereof.

(q) The Project Facility is located entirely within the boundaries of Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and is located only within the Mineola and Carle Place School Districts.

(r) The total cost of the Project is at least \$5,000,000.00.

(s) Neither the Company, nor any Guarantor, nor any Affiliate of the Company or any Guarantor has employed or retained any appointed or elected governmental official to solicit

or secure the Agency's undertaking of the Project or its agreement to enter into this Project Agreement or any other Transaction Document upon an agreement of understanding for a commission or percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

ARTICLE III. GENERAL

Section 3.1 Purpose of Project. The purpose of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Facility to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Nassau County, New York, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and in the Company's Application.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RECAPTURE OF BENEFITS

Section 4.1 In accordance with the Resolution and the Cost-Benefit Analysis (or such other equivalent document or report, as determined by the Agency) (the "CBA"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, disclosed by the Agency at its public hearing for the Project (the "Public Hearing"), the Company further: (i) covenants, with respect to the Sales Tax Exemption, that it shall comply with this Project Agreement, specifically, but not limited to, Section 4.3 hereof; (ii) confirms that the Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption (as defined in Section 4.7 hereof) shall not exceed Maximum Mortgage Principal Amount, as more fully described in Section 4.7 hereof; and (iii) confirms that real property tax abatement to be provided to the Company shall conform to those disclosed within the CBA at the Public Hearing for the Project and as contained within the PILOT Agreement, a form of which PILOT Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 4.2 PILOT Agreement. The parties hereto have executed or will execute the Company Lease Agreement, Sublease Agreement and PILOT Agreement. As provided in the PILOT Agreement, the Company agrees to make PILOT Payments (in addition to paying all special ad valorem levies, special assessments or special district taxes and service charges against real property in the jurisdiction where the Facility is located.

Section 4.3 Sales Tax Exemption.

(a) The Agency hereby appoints and confirms its appointment of the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency to undertake the Project. Such appointment was made by the Agency pursuant to the Resolution and this Project Agreement.

(b) The Company, as agent for the Agency, will undertake the Project. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent for the Agency under the authority of the Authorizing Resolution to acts reasonably related to the acquisition, construction, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of the Facility. The right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on the earlier of (x) the completion of the Project, or (y) December 31, 2022 ("Termination Date"); provided, however, that the Agency may extend the Company's agent appointment at its discretion upon the written request of the Company if such activities and

improvements are not completed by such time, and further provided that the Agency shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to the extension of such appointment.

(c) Agency's Exempt Status. The Agency constitutes a corporate governmental agency and a public benefit corporation under the laws of the State of New York, and therefore, in the exercise of its governmental functions, is exempt from the imposition of Sales and Use Taxes. As an exempt governmental entity, no exempt organization identification number has been issued to the Agency nor is one required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agency makes no representation to the Company, any Agent or any third party that any Sales Tax Exemption is available under this Project Agreement.

(d) Scope of Authorization of Sales Tax Exemption. The Agency hereby authorizes the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Project Agreement, to act as its agent in connection with the Project Facility for the purpose of effecting purchases and leases of certain items so that such purchases and leases are exempt from the imposition of Sales and Use Taxes. The Agency's authorization with respect to such Sales Tax Exemption provided to the Company and its Agents pursuant to this Project Agreement shall be subject to the following limitations:

(i) The Sales Tax Exemption shall be effective only for a term commencing on the date hereof and expiring upon the earliest of (A) the termination of this Project Agreement, (B) the Termination Date, (C) failure of the Company to file Form ST-340, as described in Section 4.5(g) below, (D) the termination of the Sales Tax Exemption authorization pursuant to Section 4.6 or (E) the date upon which the Company received the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption.

(ii) The Sales Tax Exemption authorization set forth herein shall automatically be suspended upon written notice to the Company that the Company is in default under this Project Agreement (or related document) until such default is cured to the satisfaction of the Agency.

(iii) The Sales Tax Exemption authorization shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Project Agreement.

(iv) The Sales Tax Exemption shall only be utilized for items which shall be purchased, incorporated, completed or installed for use only by the Company at the Facility or in connection with the Project (and not with any intention to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such item to a Person as shall not constitute the Company), it being the intention of the Agency and the Company that the Sales Tax Exemption shall not be made available with respect to any item unless such item is used solely by the Company at the Facility or in connection with the Project.

(v) The Sales Tax Exemption shall not be used to benefit any person or entity, including any tenant or subtenant located at the Facility, other than the Company, without the prior written consent of the Agency.

(vi) By execution by the Company of this Project Agreement, the Company agrees to accept the terms hereof and represents and warrants to the

Agency that the use of the Sales Tax Exemption by the Company or by any Agent is strictly for the purposes stated herein.

(vii) Upon the Termination Date, the Company and each Agent shall cease being agents of the Agency, and the Company shall immediately notify each Agent in writing of such termination.

(viii) The Company agrees that the aggregate amount of Sales Tax Exemption realized by the Company and by all Agents of the Company, if any, in connection with the Facility shall not exceed in the aggregate the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption.

Section 4.4 Procedures for Appointing Subagents. If the Company desires to seek the appointment of a contractor, a subcontractor or other party to act as the Agency's agent, including, but not limited, to the individuals and entities described on Schedule B attached hereto (a "Subagent") for the purpose of effecting purchases which are eligible for the Sales Tax Exemption pursuant to authority of this Project Agreement, it must complete the following steps:

(i) The Company shall have the right to amend Schedule B from time to time and shall solely be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. The Company's right to appoint subagents is expressly conditioned upon updating of Schedule B hereto, along with, for each Subagent, the Company must complete and submit Form ST-60 to the Agency, attached hereto as Exhibit B. An Authorized Representative of the Agency will sign the Form ST-60 and return the same to the Company. Following receipt of the signed Form ST-60, the Company must file such Form ST-60 within thirty (30) days of the date that the Agency appoints a project operator or other person or entity to act as agent of the Agency for purposes of extending a sales or use tax exemption to such person or entity. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall be the Company's sole and exclusive responsibility to file a completed Form ST-60 with respect to any Subagent and the failure to timely do so could result in an Event of Default and Recapture Event (as hereinafter defined).

(ii) The Company shall ensure that each Subagent shall observe and comply with the terms and conditions of this Project Agreement.

(iii) Form ST-60 Not an Exemption Certificate. The Company acknowledges that the executed Form ST-60 designating the Company or any Subagent as an agent of the Agency shall not serve as a sales or use tax exemption certificate or document. Neither the Company nor any other Agent may tender a copy of the executed Form ST-60 to any person required to collect sales tax as a basis to make such purchases exempt from tax. No such person required to collect sales or use taxes may accept the executed Form ST-60 in lieu of collecting any tax required to be collected. THE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MISUSE OF A COPY OF FORM ST-60 AS AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT OR FOR FAILURE TO PAY OR COLLECT TAX SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN

THE TAX LAW. IN ADDITION, THE USE BY A SUBAGENT, THE COMPANY, OR OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY OF SUCH FORM ST-60 AS AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE, UNDER ARTICLES TWENTY EIGHT AND THIRTY SEVEN OF THE TAX LAW, THE ISSUANCE OF A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT WITH THE INTENT TO EVADE TAX.

(iv) Form ST-123 Requirement. As an agent of the Agency, the Company agrees that it will, and will cause each Subagent to, present to each seller or vendor a completed and signed Form ST-123, attached hereto as **Exhibit C-1**, for each contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order entered into by the Company or by any Subagent, as agent for the Agency, for the purpose of undertaking the Project. Form ST-123 requires that each seller or vendor accepting Form ST-123 identify the Facility on each bill or invoice for purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the Agency or Agent or Company, as project operator of the Agency, was the purchaser. For the purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, each bill or invoice should state,

"I, [NAME OF COMPANY OR SUBAGENT], certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the ALKIER STEEL LLC / STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, 2019 Project located at 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, IDA Project Number **2803-19-09A**".

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 C-3**) can be utilized for record keeping purposes. The Company shall retain copies of all such contracts, agreements, invoices, bills and purchase orders for a period of not less than six (6) years from the date thereof. For each Subagent the Form ST-123 shall be completed as follows: (i) the "Project information" section of Form ST-123, attached hereto as **Exhibit C-2**, should be completed using the name and address of the Facility as indicated on the Form ST-60 used to appoint the Subagent; (ii) the date that the Subagent was appointed as indicated on the Form ST-60; and (iii) the "Exempt purchases" section of Form ST-123 should be completed by marking "X" in box "A" only.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all subagents thereof as agent for the Agency shall include the language contained within **Schedule C** attached hereto. **Failure by the Company and/or any subagent thereof to include such language may disqualify the agent status and sales tax exemptions derived by virtue of this Project 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 Agency for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.

Section 4.5 Form ST-340 Filing Requirement. The Company shall annually a statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Commissioner") an "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**) regarding the value of Sales Tax Exemption the Company and its Subagents, if any, have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). On or before February 10th of each year, the Company shall provide a copy of same to the Agency. 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 Agency and/or Recapture of Agency Benefits as described in Section 4.8 hereof.

Section 4.6 GML Provisions Relating to State Sales Tax Savings.

(a) The Company covenants and agrees to comply, and to cause each of its contractors, subcontractors, Subagents, persons or entities to comply, with the requirements of GML Sections 875(1) and (3) (the "GML Provisions"), as such provisions may be amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict between the other provisions of this Project Agreement and the GML Provisions, the GML Provisions shall control.

(b) The Company acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to GML Section 875(3), the Agency shall have the right to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from the Company, State Sales Tax Savings taken or purported to be taken by the Company, any Subagent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company to which the Company is not entitled or which are in excess of the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where the Company, any Subagent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by this Project Agreement. The Company shall, and shall require each Subagent and any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company, to cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such State Sales Tax Savings and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the Subagent that it requests. The failure to pay over such amounts to the Subagent shall be grounds for the Commissioner to assess and determine State Sales and Use Taxes due from the Company under Article 28 of the New York State Tax Law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

Subject to the provisions of subsection (i) above, in the event that the Company or any Subagent shall utilize the Sales Tax Exemption in violation of the provisions of this Project Agreement, the Company shall promptly deliver notice of same to the Agency, and the Company shall, upon demand by the Agency, pay to or at the direction of the Agency a return of sales or use tax exemptions in an amount equal to all such unauthorized sales or use tax exemptions together with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum compounded daily from the date and with respect to the dollar amount for which each such unauthorized sales or use tax exemption was availed of by the Company or any Subagent (as applicable).

(c) Upon request by the Agency with reasonable notice to the Company, the Company shall make available at reasonable times to the Agency and/or the Independent Accountant all such books, records, contracts, agreements, invoices, bills or purchase orders of the Company and any Agent, and require all appropriate officers and employees of the Company to respond to reasonable inquiries by the Agency and/or the Independent Accountant, as shall be necessary (y) to indicate in reasonable detail those costs for which the Company or any Agent shall have utilized the Sales Tax Exemption and the dates and amounts so utilized, and (z) to permit the Agency to determine any amounts owed by the Company under this Section 4.6(c).

Section 4.7 Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption. Section 874 of the Act exempts the Agency from paying certain mortgage recording taxes except for the portion of the mortgage recording tax allocated to transportation districts referenced in Section 253(2)(a) of the Tax Law. The Agency hereby grants to the Company exemption from mortgage recording taxes for one or more Mortgages securing an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Maximum Mortgage Principal Amount, or such greater amount as approved by the Agency in its sole and absolute discretion, in connection with the financing of the Project and any future financing, refinancing or permanent financing of the costs of the Project (the "Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption"). The Company represents and warrants (1) that the real property secured by the Mortgage is located within a transportation district referenced in Section 253(2)(a) of the Tax Law, and (2) that upon recording the Mortgage, the Company shall pay the mortgage recording tax allocated to transportation districts referenced in Section 253(a)(2) of the Tax Law.

Section 4.8 Recapture of Agency Benefits.

(a) It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the Agency is entering into this Project Agreement in order to provide financial assistance to the Company for the Facility and to accomplish the public purposes of the Act. In consideration therefor, the Company hereby agrees that if there shall occur a Recapture Event (as defined below) after the after the date hereof, the Company shall pay to the Agency, or to the State of New York, if so directed by the Agency (except as otherwise specified below) as a return of public benefits conferred by the Agency in an amount as follows (such amount, the "Recapture of Benefits"):

(i) one hundred per cent (100%) of the Benefits (as defined below) if the Recapture Event occurs on or before the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Closing Date;

(ii) eighty per cent (80%) of the Benefits if the Recapture Event occurs after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Closing Date but on or before the twelfth (12th) anniversary of the Closing Date;

(iii) sixty per cent (60%) of the Benefits if the Recapture Event occurs after the twelfth (12th) anniversary of the Closing Date but on or before the fourteenth (14th) anniversary of the Closing Date;

(iv) forty per cent (40%) of the Benefits if the Recapture Event occurs after the fourteenth (14th) anniversary of the Closing Date but on or before the sixteenth (16th) anniversary of the Closing Date;

(v) twenty per cent (20%) of the Benefits if the Recapture Event occurs after the sixteenth (16th) anniversary of the Closing Date but on or before the eighteenth (18th) anniversary of the Closing Date;

(vi) ten per cent (10%) of the Benefits if the Recapture Event occurs after the eighteenth (18th) anniversary of the Closing Date but on or before the twentieth (20th) anniversary of the Closing Date; or

(vii) zero per cent (0%) of the Benefits thereafter.

(b) The term "Benefits" shall mean the Agency's calculation of, collectively:

(i) all real estate tax benefits which have accrued to the benefit of the Company during such time as the Agency held an interest in the Project Facility by reason of such interest, such tax benefits to be computed by subtracting the payments in lieu of taxes paid under the PILOT Agreement (through the date that the Project Facility is returned to the tax rolls as taxable property) from those payments which the Company would have been required to pay through such date had the Company been the owner of the Project Facility and the Agency not been involved in the Project and based on the records of the Nassau County Tax Assessor and any applicable village tax assessor, and treating any negative result as \$0; and

(ii) all miscellaneous benefits derived from the Agency's participation in the transactions contemplated by this Lease, including, but not limited to, any exemption from mortgage recording taxes and any exemption from applicable sales and use taxes; provided, however, that the recapture of the value of any exemption from sales and/or use taxes shall be in the full amount of any exemption taken and shall not be subject to the scheduled percentage reduction set forth in Subsection (A) above.

(c) For the purposes of this Section 4.8 the term "Recapture Event" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) The Company shall have liquidated its operations and/or assets; or

(ii) The Company shall have ceased all or substantially all of its operations at the Project Facility (whether by closure or by relocation to another facility or otherwise, or whether to another facility either within or outside of the County); or

(iii) The transfer of all or substantially all of the employees engaged in the construction, renovation, maintenance or operation of the Project Facility to another location; or

(iv) The occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default under this Project Agreement, the Sublease Agreement or any other Transaction Document; or

(v) The occurrence and continuance of a substantial change in the scope and nature of the operations of the Project Facility without the prior written consent of the Agency; or

(vi) The Company shall have sold, leased, subleased, sub-subleased, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or any part of its interest in the Project Facility in violation of this Project Agreement or the Lease Agreement; or

(vii) The Company fails to maintain or fails to cause to be maintained the Minimum Employment Requirement during the initial renovation of the Project Facility; or

(viii) The Application, or documentation submitted by the Company or any Guarantor in support of the Application, contained a knowingly false or knowingly misleading statement as to any fact material to the Application or knowingly omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the Application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, and such false or misleading statement or omission was made knowingly and intentionally for the purpose of obtaining the Financial Assistance.

(ix) The Company receives Sales Tax Savings in connection with property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or

(x) The Company receives Sales Tax Savings in connection with the Project in excess of the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption; provided, however, that the foregoing shall constitute a Recapture Event with respect to such excess Sales Tax Savings only. It is further provided that failure to repay the Sales Tax Savings within thirty (30) days shall constitute a Recapture Event with respect to all Recapture Benefits; or

(xi) Failure of the Company to file a copy of the Form ST-340 with the Agency in compliance with Section 4.5 hereof; or

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Recapture Event shall not be deemed to have occurred if the Recapture Event shall have arisen as a direct, immediate result of (i) a Condemnation by governmental authority of all or substantially all of the Project Facility or any interest therein, or (ii) the inability at law of the Company to rebuild, repair, restore or replace the Project Facility after the occurrence of a casualty to substantially its condition prior to such casualty, which inability shall have arisen in good faith through no fault on the part of the Company.

(d) The Company covenants and agrees to furnish the Agency with written notification upon the occurrence of any Recapture Event, which notification shall set forth the terms of such Recapture Event as follows: In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Agency, 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 Agency 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.

(e) In the event any payment owing by the Company under this Section shall not be paid on demand by the Agency, such payment shall bear interest from the date of such demand at an interest rate equal to eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the maximum lawful prevailing rate permitted by Applicable Law, whichever is less until the Company shall have made such payment in full, together with such accrued interest to the date of payment, to the Agency (except as otherwise specified above).

(f) The Agency shall be entitled to deduct all reasonable out of pocket expenses of the Agency, including without limitation, reasonable legal fees, incurred with the recovery of all amounts due under this Section 4.8, from amounts received by the Agency pursuant to this Section 4.8.

Section 4.9 Grant of Security Interest. This Project Agreement shall constitute a "security agreement", as such term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code adopted in the State, as the same may from time to time be in effect (the "UCC"). The Company hereby grants the Agency a first-priority security interest in all of the right, title and interest of the Company in the Equipment acquired by or on behalf of the Company or any Sub Agent of the Company using the Sales Tax Exemption, and conveyed to the Agency by the Bill of Sale and in all additions and accessions thereto, all replacements and substitutions therefor, all books, records and accounts of the Company pertaining to the Project Facility, and all proceeds and products thereof (collectively, the "Collateral"), as security for payment of the rental payments and all other payments and obligations of the Company hereunder, and the Agency is authorized to file financing statements with respect to such Collateral without the Company executing the same. If an Event of Default shall occur under this Project Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the Agency shall have, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies set forth in this Project Agreement, and may exercise without demand, any and all rights and remedies granted to a secured party under the UCC, including, but not limited to, the right to take possession of the Equipment and any other personal property that constitute part of the Collateral, and the right to advertise and sell the same, or any part thereof, pursuant to and in accordance with the UCC. The Company agrees that any notice of public or private sale with respect to such Collateral, or any part thereof, shall constitute reasonable notice if it is sent to the Company not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of any such sale. The Company hereby irrevocably appoints the Agency as its attorney-in-fact to execute, deliver and/or file any instruments or statements necessary or convenient to perfect and continue the security interest granted herein.

ARTICLE V. INSURANCE

Section 5.1 Insurance Required. During the term of this Project Agreement, the Company shall maintain insurance with respect to the Project Facility as required pursuant to Sublease Agreement and particularly as set forth in Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 5.5 of the Sublease Agreement.

**ARTICLE VI.
EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

Section 6.1 The following shall each be “Events of Default” under this Project Agreement:

- (a) the failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant contained in Sections 2.1(g), 2.1(i), 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.8 5.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6 and 8.1;
- (b) the failure by the Company to pay the Recapture Benefits on the date due;
- (c) the occurrence and continuation of a Recapture Event;
- (d) The occurrence of an “Event of Default” under any other Transaction Document, which has not been cured within any applicable grace, notice or cure period.

(e) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company; or the failure by the Company to release, stay, discharge, lift or bond within thirty (30) days any execution, garnishment, judgment or attachment of such consequence as may impair its ability to carry on its operations; or the failure by the Company generally to pay its debts as they become due; or an assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors; or the commencement by the Company (as the debtor) of a case in bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law; or the commencement of a case in bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law against the Company (as the debtor), wherein a court having jurisdiction in the premises enters a decree or order for relief against the Company as the debtor, or such case or proceeding is consented to by the Company or remains undismissed for forty (40) days, or the Company consents to or admits the material allegations against it in any such case or proceeding; or a trustee, receiver or agent (however named) is appointed or authorized to take charge of substantially all of the property of the Company for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such Property or for the purpose of general administration of such Property for the benefit of creditors.

Section 6.2 Remedies on Default.

(a) Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Agency may take, to the extent permitted by law, any one or more of the following remedial steps:

- (i) declare, by written notice to the Company, to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable: (A) all due and owing Recapture Benefits and (B) all other payments due under this Project Agreement; or
- (ii) terminate this Project Agreement and the Sales Tax Exemption authorization; or
- (iii) take any other action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due or thereafter to become due

hereunder, and to enforce the obligations, agreements and covenants of the Company under this Project Agreement.

(b) No action taken pursuant to this Section 6.2 (including termination of the Project Agreement) shall relieve the Company from its obligation to make all payments required by the Sublease Agreement, the PILOT Agreement or Recapture Benefits.

Section 6.3 Remedies Cumulative. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Agency is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other remedy given under this Project Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right and power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Agency to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article VI it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be herein expressly required in this Project Agreement.

Section 6.4 Agreement to Pay Attorneys' Fees and Expenses. In the event the Company should default under any of the provisions of this Project Agreement and the Agency should employ attorneys or incur other expenses for the collection of amounts payable hereunder or the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligations or agreements on the part of the Company herein contained, the Company shall, on demand therefor, pay to the Agency the fees of such attorneys and such other expenses so incurred.

ARTICLE VII. SPECIAL COVENANTS

Section 7.1 Employment Opportunities

(a) The Company shall ensure that all employees and applicants for employment with regard to the Project, including, without limitation, the employees of and applicants for employment with the Company,—are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.

(b) Pursuant to Section 858-b of the Act, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining contracts or agreements, the Company agrees (1) to list or cause to be listed all new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project with the New York State Department of Labor, Community Services Division (the "NYSDOL") and with the administrative entity (collectively with NYSDOL, the "JTPA Referral Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal Job Training Partnership Act (P.L. No. 97-300) (including any successor statute thereto, including, without limitation, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. No. 105-270), collectively, the "JTPA") in which the Project Facility is located, and (2) where practicable, to first consider and to cause to be first considered for such new employment opportunities persons eligible to participate in federal JTPA programs who shall be referred by the JTPA Referral Entities.

(c) Pursuant to the requirements of subsection one of Section 6 of Chapter 127 of the 1995 Laws of the State, the Company agrees to file with the Agency, prior to the effective date of this Project Agreement, an employment plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency.

(d) The Company agrees to file with the Agency on a calendar year basis not later than February 10 of each year during the term of this Project Agreement, measured as of December 31st of the immediately preceding calendar year, reports (i) certifying the full-time equivalent jobs retained and the full time equivalent jobs created as a result of the granting of the Financial Assistance, by category, including full-time equivalent independent contractors and employees of independent contractors that work at the Project Facility, and (ii) certifying that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that were set forth in the Application are then still accurate or, if not then still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created. Said annual reports shall be in substantially the form promulgated from time to time by the Agency. The current forms of reports are annexed hereto as Exhibit E. The Company shall provide such annual reports (and supporting documentation) with respect to its employees and shall cause its Affiliates, contractors and agents to provide such reports (and supporting documentation) with respect to their respective employees, if any, at the Project Facility. The Agency shall have the right, at the Company's expense, to audit, confirm and/or require additional information with regard thereto and the Company agrees to reasonably cooperate with and to cause its Affiliates and such third parties to cooperate with the Agency in connection therewith.

(e) The Company shall, during the initial renovation of the Project Facility, maintain or cause to be maintained the Minimum Employment Requirement. The Company agrees to give the Agency written notice of the occurrence of any default under this subsection (E) within five (5) days after the Company becomes aware of the occurrence of such default.

(f) Subject to (i) collective bargaining contracts or agreements and other existing contracts or agreements to which the Company is a party or by which the Company is bound and (ii) compliance with Applicable Laws, the Company agrees to list or cause to be listed all new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project on the Nassau County TweetMyJobs website or other website designated by the Agency from time to time, provided that such listing shall be at no cost to the Company.

(g) Subject to (i) collective bargaining contracts or agreements and other existing contracts or agreements to which the Company is a party or by which the Company is bound and (ii) compliance with Applicable Laws, the Company agrees that to the greatest extent possible new employment opportunities shall be provided to Nassau County or Suffolk County residents first.

Section 7.2 Company to Terminate Existence or Dispose of Assets. The Company agrees that, during the term of this Project Agreement, (A) it will maintain its existence as in effect on the Closing Date, (B) will not dissolve or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets, and (C) will not consolidate with or merge into another corporation or other Person, or permit one or more limited liability companies or other Persons to consolidate with or merge into

it, without giving prior written notice to the Agency and obtaining the written consent of the Agency. The Company agrees that it will not change its name or its state of organization without giving prior written notice to the Agency and obtaining the written consent of the Agency, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Section 7.3 Agreement to Provide Information. The Company agrees to promptly provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the Project Facility, the Company, the Guarantors finances, operations and affairs and other topics as the Agency from time to time reasonably considers necessary or appropriate as to enable the Agency to make any reports required by Applicable Laws or other governmental regulation or to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Project Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

Section 7.4 Books of Record and Account; Compliance Certificates.

(a) The Company agrees to maintain proper accounts, records and books in which full and correct entries shall be made, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of all business and affairs of the Company.

(b) On or before February 10th of each year, the Company shall furnish to the Agency a certificate of an Authorized Representative of the Company stating that no Event of Default hereunder or under any other Transaction Document has occurred or is continuing or, if any Event of Default exists, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company has taken or proposes to take with respect thereto, it being understood and agreed that the Agency's annual employment report attached as Exhibit E may serve as such "No Event of Default" certificate. The Company represents to the Agency that the Company's fiscal year currently ends on December 31st.

Section 7.5 Financial Statements. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year, the Company shall deliver to the Agency the financial statements of the Company prepared and compiled by an independent certified public accountant, certified by the chief financial officer of the Company, including a balance sheet as of the last day of such period and an operating statement through the last day of such period. The Company represents to the Agency that each of the Company's fiscal year ends on December 31st.

Section 7.6 Compliance with Applicable Laws.

(a) The Company agrees, for the benefit of the Agency, that it will, during the term of this Project Agreement, promptly comply with all Applicable Laws.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) of this Section 7.6, the Company may in good faith actively contest the validity or the applicability of any Applicable Law, provided that the Company (1) first shall have notified the Agency in writing of such contest, (2) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing under any of the Transaction Documents beyond any applicable notice or cure period, (3) shall have set aside adequate reserves for any such requirement, (4) demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agency that noncompliance with such Applicable Law will not subject the Project Facility or any part thereof to loss or forfeiture, (5) demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the

Agency that such contest shall not result in the Company or the Agency being in any danger of any civil or criminal liability for failure to comply therewith, and (6) diligently prosecutes such contest to completion. Otherwise, the Company shall promptly take such action with respect thereto as shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Agency.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section 7.6, if the Agency or any of its members, officers, agents (other than the Company), attorneys, servants or employees, past, present or future, may be liable for prosecution for failure to comply therewith, the Company shall promptly take such action with respect thereto as shall be satisfactory to the Agency.

Section 7.7 Performance of the Company's Obligations. Should the Company fail to make any payment or to do any act as provided in the Transaction Documents beyond applicable notice and/or cure periods, if any, the Agency may, but shall not be obligated to, without notice to or demand on the Company and without releasing the Company from any obligation herein, make or do the same, including, without limitation, appearing in and defending any action purporting to affect the rights or powers of the Company or the Agency, and paying all fees, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Agency in connection therewith; and the Company shall pay promptly upon demand all sums so incurred or expended by the Agency under the authority hereof, together with interest thereon, at the Default Interest Rate, from the date of written demand to the Company.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1 Hold Harmless Provision. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than 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 Project Agreement or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, constructing, 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 Agency, 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 Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

Section 8.2 This Project 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.

Section 8.3 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 Agency: Nassau County Industrial Development Agency
One West Street
Mineola, NY 11501
Attn: Chief Executive Officer

With a copy to: Harris Beach PLLC
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 901
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Andrew Komaromi, Esq.

To the Company: ALKIER STEEL LLC
c/o Steel Equities
999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200
Bethpage, NY 11714
Attn: Michael Berkowitz

STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC
c/o Steel Equities
999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200
Bethpage, NY 11714
Attn: Glenn Lostritto

With a copy to: Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Daniel P. Deegan, Esq.

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.

Section 8.4 This Project 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 Nassau County, New York.

Section 8.5 The warranties, representations, obligations and covenants of the Company under this Project Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Project Agreement, shall be deemed to have been

relied upon by the Agency, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Project Agreement to the Agency, regardless of any investigation made by the Agency. This Project Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of the Sublease Agreement or the PILOT Agreement, as described below.

Section 8.6 By executing this Project Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel or bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Agency's enforcement of any event of default or failure to comply with the terms of this Project Agreement (including reasonable attorney fees). The Company further covenants and agrees that the Company is liable for payment to the Agency of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Agency 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 Agency 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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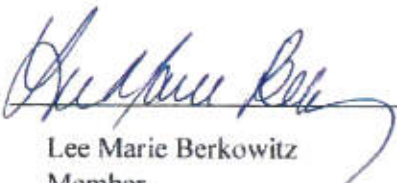
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Project Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: 
Harry Coghlan
Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director

ALKIER STEEL LLC

By: 
Lee Marie Berkowitz
Member

STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC

By: 
Glenn Lostritto
Managing Member

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

“Applicable Law or Applicable Laws” shall have the meaning as defined in the Sublease Agreement.

“Authorized Representative” means, in the case of the Agency, the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director, the Chairman or the Vice Chairman and such additional persons as, at the time, are designated to act on behalf of the Agency; and in the case of the Company, the members and such additional persons as, at the time, are designated to act on behalf of the Company.

“Collateral” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.9 of this Project Agreement.

“Company Lease Agreement” shall mean that certain Company Lease Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2019 by and between the Company and the Agency.

“Guarantor” or “Guarantors” means, individually or collectively, as the context may require, Glenn Lostritto, Joseph J. Lostritto and Lee Marie Berkowitz, each a natural person.

“Independent Accountant” shall mean an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Company and approved by the Agency (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

“Maximum Sales Tax Exemption” shall mean the aggregate maximum dollar amount of Sales Tax Savings that the Company and all Subagents acting on behalf the Company are permitted to receive under this Project Agreement, which shall equal **\$215,625.00**, or such maximum dollar amount as may be determined by the Agency pursuant to such additional documents as may be required by the Agency for such increase.

“Maximum Mortgage Principal Amount” shall mean **\$641,433.00**, with respect to the PILOT Mortgage and **\$5,000,000.00** with respect to the Bank Mortgage.

“Maximum Mortgage Tax Exemption” shall mean the maximum dollar amount of Mortgage Tax Savings that the Company is permitted to receive under this Project Agreement, which shall equal **\$42,310.00**, or such maximum dollar amount as may be determined by the Agency pursuant to such additional documents as may be required by the Agency for such increase.

“Prohibited Person” means (i) any Person (A) that is in default or in breach, beyond any applicable grace or cure period, of its obligations under any written agreement with the Agency

or the County, or (B) that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a Person that is in default or in breach, beyond any applicable grace or cure period, of its obligations under any written agreement with the Agency or the County, unless such default or breach has been waived in writing by the Agency or the County, as the case may be, and (ii) any Person (A) that has been convicted in a criminal proceeding for a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude or that is an organized crime figure or is reputed to have substantial business or other affiliations with an organized crime figure, or (B) that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a Person that has been convicted in a criminal proceeding for a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude or that is an organized crime figure or is reputed to have substantial business or other affiliations with an organized crime figure.

“Sales Tax Exemption” shall mean an exemption from Sales and Use Taxes resulting from the Agency’s participation in the Facility.

“Sales and Use Taxes” shall mean local and State sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed pursuant to Article 28 of the New York State Tax Law, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“State Sales and Use Taxes” shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by Article 28 of the New York State Tax Law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by Section 1107 or 1108 of such Article 28, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“State Sales Tax Savings” shall mean all Sales Tax Exemption savings relating to State Sales and Use Taxes realized by or for the benefit of the Company, including any savings realized by any Subagent, pursuant to this Project Agreement.

“Sublease Agreement” shall mean that certain Sublease Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2019 by and between the Company and the Agency.

“Transaction Documents” shall have the meaning as defined in the Sublease Agreement.

SCHEDULE B

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

1. ALKIER STEEL LLC
2. STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
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 C

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 **NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the “Agency”), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit **ALKIER STEEL LLC** and **STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC**, 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 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (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 Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Uniform Project Agreement by and between **ALKIER STEEL LLC** and **STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC** and the Agency, dated as of December 1, 2019. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency 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.”

The form of the Sales Tax Exemption Information Letter of Agency is attached hereto.

SALES TAX SUB-AGENCY INFORMATION LETTER AGREEMENT

Date

SUBAGENT NAME AND ADDRESS

Re: Nassau County Industrial Development Agency
(2019 Steel Mineola Project)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), **ALKIER STEEL LLC** and **STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC** (collectively, the "Company") and [NAME OF SUBAGENT] ("Sub-Agent") agree as follows:

1. The Agency constitutes a corporate governmental agency and a public benefit corporation under the laws of the State of New York, and therefore, in the exercise of its governmental functions, including the acquisition of property, is exempt from the imposition of any New York State or Nassau County sales and use tax. As an exempt governmental entity, no exempt organization identification number has been issued to the Agency nor is one required.

2. Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Agency on October 17, 2019 (the "Authorizing Resolution") and a Sublease Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2019 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated, the "Lease Agreement"), between the Agency and the Company, the Agency has authorized the Company to act as its agent to: (A)(1) the renovation of an existing, blighted former manufacturing center/plants totaling approximately 160,000 square feet in the aggregate (collectively, the "Building") on the land located at 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (the "Land"), together with

related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") necessary for the completion thereof (collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use as a warehouse and or other industrial development facility, to be determined by the Applicants; (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 (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicants or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicants and agreed upon by the Agency.

3. As sub-agent for the Agency, the Sub-Agent agrees that each contract, agreement, lease, invoice, bill or purchase order entered into by the Sub-Agent as sub-agent for the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of the Project Facility shall include language in substantially the following form:

"This contract is being entered into by [NAME OF COMPANY OR NAME OF SUBAGENT] (the "Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency"), in connection with a certain project of the Agency for the benefit ALKIER STEEL LLC and STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, 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 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (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 Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Uniform Project Agreement by and between ALKIER STEEL LLC and STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC and the Agency, dated as of December 1, 2019. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency 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."

4. The acquisition of capital improvements, materials, machinery, equipment, trade fixtures, furniture, furnishings and other tangible personal property necessary for the completion of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Property") shall be exempt from the sales and use taxes levied by the State of New York and the County of Nassau on the condition that (i) such items of Property are separately identifiable property of the Agency, and (ii) each item of Property shall have a useful life of one year or more, and shall solely be for the use of the Company at and in the Project Facility, and for no other entity and at no other location, and shall be effected by and at the sole cost of the Company or the Sub-Agent. The exemption provided pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Uniform Project Agreement shall not apply to the acquisition of: (i) inventory, (ii) rolling stock, (iii) any item of personalty having a useful life of less than one (1) year or which shall not constitute a tangible capital asset, (iv) plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, lawns or plants, (v) fine art or other similar decorative items, or (vi) motor vehicles, including any cars, trucks, vans or buses that are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles or other similar agency for use on public highways or streets.

5. The Agency shall have no liability or performance obligations under any contract, agreement, lease, invoice, bill or purchase order entered into by the Company, as agent for the Agency pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Uniform Project Agreement or by the Sub-Agent, as sub-agent for the Agency pursuant to this Sales Tax Sub-Agent Information Letter Agreement, and in the event liability should arise under any such contract, agreement, lease, invoice, bill, or purchase order, the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, lease, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever, and the Company and the Sub-Agent shall be the sole parties liable thereunder.

6. By execution of its acceptance of the terms of this Agreement, the Sub-Agent agrees to accept the terms hereof and represents and warrants to the Agency that the use of this Agreement by the Sub-Agent is and will be strictly for the purposes above stated.

7. Until the earliest of (i) November 30, 2022, (ii) the completion of the Project as provided in the Lease Agreement, (iii) the receipt by the Company of the Maximum Sales Tax Benefit (as defined in the Lease Agreement), which shall include purchases and leases hereunder by the Sub-Agent, and (iv) the termination of the Lease Agreement and/or revocation of the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency or the Sub-Agent as sub-agent of the Agency (the earliest to occur of the foregoing, the "Termination Date"), all vendors, lessors, licensors, contractors and subcontractors are hereby authorized to rely on the ST-123 Form prepared by the Sub-Agent and issued to such vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor pursuant to Paragraph 11 hereof as evidence that purchases and leases of Property, and improvement and installation contracts relating to the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility (but not the operation thereof), to the extent effected by the Sub-Agent, as sub-agent for the Agency, are exempt from all New York State and Nassau County sales and use taxes.

8. Any vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor that does not collect otherwise applicable sales or use tax in reliance upon this Agreement and the ST-123 Form issued by the Sub-Agent to such vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed to the provisions of Paragraph 3 hereof regardless of

whether or not the provisions thereof are inserted in the contract, agreement, lease, invoice, bill or purchase order entered into with the Sub-Agent.

9. This Agreement and the ST-123 Form issued by the Sub-Agent to a vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor are provided solely for the purposes described herein and therein. No other principal/agent relationship is intended or may be implied or inferred from this Agreement or the issuance of such ST-123 Form.

10. The exemption from sales and use taxes provided under the Lease Agreement is granted subject to the requirements of Section 875 of the General Municipal Law, which requirements are incorporated herein by reference, and the Sub-Agent agrees to such requirements as a condition precedent to receiving the exemption from sales and use taxes.

11. The Sub-Agent agrees to provide a completed Form ST-123, *IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate*, to each vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor from which the Sub-Agent purchases and/or leases Property, or with which the Sub-Agent enters into an improvement or installation contract relating to the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility. All vendors, lessors, licensors, contractors and subcontractors are authorized to rely on such completed Form ST-123 as evidence that purchases and leases of Property, and improvement and installation contracts relating to the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility (but not the operation thereof), to the extent effected by the Sub-Agent as sub-agent for the Agency pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Uniform Project Agreement, are exempt from all New York State and Nassau County sales and use taxes. The Sub-Agent agrees to provide the Agency and Company with a copy of each such Form ST-123 within five (5) days after the delivery of such form to the vendor, lessor, licensor, contractor or subcontractor. The Company shall remain responsible and liable for the performance of the Sub-Agent and shall cause the Sub-Agent to comply with the provisions of this Agreement in connection therewith.

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[Signature Page to Sub-Agency Sales Tax Agency Agreement]

The signature of representatives of the Company and the Sub-Agent where indicated below will indicate that the Company and the Sub-Agent have accepted the terms hereof.

**NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: _____
Name: Colleen Pereira
Title: Administrative Director

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY:

ALKIER STEEL LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SUBAGENT

By: _____
Name:
Title:
EIN:
PII#:

EXHIBIT A

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND FORM OF PILOT AGREEMENT

[Attached]

Economic and Fiscal Impact

STEEL MINEOLA

Nassau County
Industrial Development Agency

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ABOUT CAMOIN ASSOCIATES

Camoin Associates has provided economic development consulting services to municipalities, economic development agencies, and private enterprises since 1999. Through the services offered, Camoin Associates has had the opportunity to serve EDUs and local and state governments from Maine to California, corporations and organizations that include Lowe's Home Improvement, FedEx, Amazon, Volvo, Toyota Bus, and the New York Islanders, as well as private developers proposing projects in excess of \$5 billion. Our reputation for detailed, place-specific, and accurate analysis has led to projects in 32 states and garnered attention from national media outlets including Marketplace (NPR), Forbes magazine, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. Additionally, our marketing strategies have helped our clients gain both national and local media coverage for their projects in order to build public support and leverage additional funding. We are based in Saratoga Springs, NY, with regional offices in Portland, ME, Boston, MA, Richmond, VA and Brattleboro, VT. To learn more about our experience and projects in all of our service lines, please visit our website at www.camoinassociates.com. You can also find us on Twitter @camoinassociate and on Facebook.

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ECONOMIC & FISCAL IMPACT

NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: **Steel Mineola**



TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:

349 JOBS

205

Permanent On-Site Jobs

125

Permanent Indirect Jobs

12

Direct Renovation Jobs

7

Indirect Renovation Jobs



Assistance

PILOT

20-year

SALES TAX EXEMPTION

\$215,625

MORTGAGE TAX EXEMPTION

\$49,800

Decrease in County Revenues From Property:

\$205,154

Total PILOT Payments:

\$10.7 MN

Total Otherwise Applicable Property Taxes:

\$10.9 MN



Annual Earnings:
\$20.3 MN

Annual Sales:
\$54.9 MN

Renovation:

\$1.3
MILLION
earnings



\$3.5
MILLION
sales

Average Annual Sales Tax Revenue:

\$151,253



NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



camoin 310

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") received an application for assistance from Steel Minerva LLC, d/b/a Steel Unit and Alker Steel LLC, as tenants in common (the "Applicant") for the proposed renovation of an existing warehouse (the "Project") at 222, 224 and 225 (55 & 21st Street, Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, NY (the "Site"). The Project being proposed by the Applicant is the renovation of a 150,000 square foot warehouse building that is currently in disrepair. The exact use of the site and its future tenant has yet to be determined. The Agency commissioned Camoin 310 to conduct an economic and limited fiscal impact analysis of the Project on Nassau County (the "County").

While the Applicant has yet to determine who will occupy the space, Camoin 310 used an assumption of 781 square feet of warehouse space per employee¹ to determine that there will be approximately 205 employees on-site in a warehouse of this size following the Project once the building is occupied. For the purposes of this analysis, we assume that all 205 of the additional jobs and associated economic activity would be "net new." This study analyzes the impact that the Project and these 205 potential net new jobs would have on the County economy and on municipal revenue sources.

The following is a summary of our findings from this study:

Summary of Benefits to County	
Renovation Phase Jobs	19
Renovation Phase On-Site Jobs	12
Renovation Phase Earnings	\$ 1,343,855
Renovation Phase On-Site Earnings	\$ 936,419
One-Time Sales Tax Revenue to County	\$ 9,995
Annual Jobs	330
On-Site Jobs	205
Annual Earnings	\$ 20,334,180
On-Site Earnings	\$ 12,819,193
Average Annual Sales Tax Revenue to County	\$ 151,235
Average Annual PILOT Payment	\$ 535,346

- The renovation of the building would result in approximately 19 net new renovation jobs generating about \$1.3 million in direct new earnings on-site and an additional over \$407,000 in indirect earnings.
- Upon completion of the Project, there would be approximately 330 net new jobs on the County, including the 205 net new on-site jobs. Their total annual direct on-site earnings associated with the Project equal approximately \$12.8 million and their spending 13 million in indirect earnings throughout the County.
- The Applicant has negotiated terms of a proposed PILOT agreement with the Agency, which includes a 2.1% PILOT for the property. Under the Applicant's proposal, the Applicant would pay tax on the full value of the property under the proposed PILOT agreement. The Applicant is expected to pay over \$500,000 during the 11-year PILOT term.

¹ According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

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Summary of Costs to County		
Sales Tax Exemption	\$	215,625
Mortgage Tax Exemption	\$	49,800
Loss (Gain) of Property Tax Revenue	\$	205,154

Source: Applicant IDA Application, Camoin 310

- Through negotiations with the Agency, the Applicant could have access to a Sales Tax Exemption and Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption valued at \$215,625 and \$49,800, respectively. However, if we assume that the Project would not occur absent IDA benefits, these figures are not actually "costs" to the affected tax jurisdictions since no future revenue stream would exist without the exemptions.
- The schedule of payments to be made by the Applicant under the draft PILOT agreement would be \$205,154 less than the property tax payments generated by the site if the Project were not to occur. In other words, the PILOT represents a cost to the affected taxing jurisdictions averaging \$10,258 per year.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The estimates of direct economic activity generated during the renovation phase and building occupancy as provided by the Applicant were used as the direct inputs for the economic impact model. Camoin 310 used the input/output model designed by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI) to calculate total economic impact. EMSI allows the analyst to input the amount of new direct economic activity (spending or jobs) occurring within the County and uses the direct inputs to estimate the spillover effects that the net new spending or jobs have as these new dollars circulate through the Nassau County economy. This is captured in the indirect impacts and is commonly referred to as the "multiplier effect." See Attachment A for more information on economic impact analysis.

RENOVATION PHASE IMPACTS

The Applicant anticipates that private sector investment in the renovation of the Project will cost approximately \$4.75 million. Camoin 310 estimates that 50% of renovation materials and labor would be sourced from within Nassau County, totaling \$2,375,000 in in-County sales from the renovation of the project.

Renovation Phase Spending		
Total Renovation Cost	\$	4,750,000
Percent Sourced from County		50%
Net New Renovation Spending	\$	2,375,000

Source: Applicant, Camoin 310

Using \$2,375,000 in direct sales as an input to the EMSI model, Camoin 310 determined that there would be 14 total jobs created, approximately \$1.3 million in wages earned, and over \$3.5 million in total sales generated in the County over the course of the renovation period.²

Economic Impact - Renovation Phase						
		Direct		Indirect		Total
Jobs		12		7		19
Earnings	\$	936,419		407,436		1,343,855
Sales	\$	2,375,000		1,161,329		3,536,329

Source: EMSI, Camoin 310

Based solely on information in the application, the renovation phase timeline of 12 months, as estimated by the Applicant, should allow the Agency to reach the conclusion that there is a likelihood of accomplishing the Project in a timely manner. Although we are not a fiscal or engineering firm, nothing has come to our attention that would call into question the timeliness of the project.

² Based on a market analysis of the supply of goods in Nassau County.

³ Indirect impacts represent money spent by businesses on purchases of goods and services within the local economy, creating additional employment and earnings. It also includes the spending by employees in the local economy.

BUILDING OCCUPATION AND OPERATION IMPACTS

The table below outlines the impact that the potential additional jobs associated with the Project will have on Nassau County in terms of direct, indirect, and total impacts on employment and wages. While the tenant in the space is not yet determined, we expect that a warehouse of this size will support approximately 205 jobs. Thus, the 205 potential jobs are considered the "direct" jobs created by the Project. The following table considers the economic impact of those 205 jobs on the Nassau County economy in terms of permanent jobs and annual earnings and sales.

		Annual Economic Impact - Occupation Phase		
		Direct	Indirect	Total
Jobs		205	125	330
Earnings	\$	12,819,193	\$ 7,514,987	\$ 20,334,180
Sales	\$	32,405,383	\$ 22,479,980	\$ 54,885,363

Source: EMSI, Camoin 310

The 205 net new on-site jobs will create a total of 330 jobs, resulting in annual earnings of over \$20.3 million and generating annual sales of nearly \$54.9 million.

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

In addition to the economic impact of the Project on the local economy, there would also be a fiscal impact in terms of annual property tax and sales tax generation. The following section of the analysis outlines the impact of the completion of the Project on the local taxing jurisdictions in terms of the cost and/or benefit to municipal budgets.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT)

The Applicant has applied to the Agency for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for the Project. The Applicant has proposed a 20-year payment schedule for the PILOT agreement. Based on the terms of the PILOT as proposed, Camoin 310 calculated the potential payments associated with the PILOT agreement:

Tax Payments with PILOT			
Year		PILOT Payments	
1	\$		449,106
2	\$		449,106
3	\$		458,088
4	\$		467,249
5	\$		476,594
6	\$		486,126
7	\$		495,849
8	\$		505,766
9	\$		515,881
10	\$		526,199
11	\$		536,723
12	\$		547,457
13	\$		558,406
14	\$		569,574
15	\$		580,966
16	\$		592,585
17	\$		604,437
18	\$		616,526
19	\$		628,856
20	\$		641,433
Total	\$		10,706,928
Average	\$		535,346

Source: Nassau County DA, Camoin 310

TAX POLICY COMPARISON

Without financial assistance from the Agency, Camoin 310 assumes that the Applicant would not undertake the Project. Based on the assumed tax abatement in the Site Specific Agreement and a base sales tax rate of 2.00% (including

⁴ The tax rate is increased by 2.00% annually, the maximum inflation factor that can be reasonably anticipated into the future. New York State property tax cap legislation limits tax levy growth to an inflation factor set by the State or 2.00%, whichever is less, the amount by which a government entity may increase its annual tax levy (certain exceptions apply). Although in recent years the inflation factor has been less than 2.00%, using 2.00% for the purposes of comparing future otherwise applicable property tax payments without the Project to the proposed PILOT schedule provides a conservative estimate of the Project's benefit/cost to the County.

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For purposes of CAMOIN 310, the following table defines the estimated tax payments made by the building owner without the project:

Tax Payment Without Project	
Year	Property Tax Payment Without Project
1	\$ 449,106
2	\$ 458,088
3	\$ 467,249
4	\$ 476,594
5	\$ 486,126
6	\$ 495,849
7	\$ 505,766
8	\$ 515,881
9	\$ 526,199
10	\$ 536,723
11	\$ 547,457
12	\$ 558,406
13	\$ 569,574
14	\$ 580,966
15	\$ 592,585
16	\$ 604,437
17	\$ 616,526
18	\$ 628,856
19	\$ 641,433
20	\$ 654,262
Total	\$ 10,912,083
Average	\$ 545,604

Source: Nassau County IDA, Camoin 310

The table below calculates the benefit (or cost) to the affected taxing jurisdictions as the difference between the PILOT payments associated with the Project and the property tax payments without the Project. In year one of the PILOT, payments are equal to what the property tax would be without the Project. Over the course of the proposed PILOT term, the average annual collection by local jurisdictions would be \$10,528 less in PILOT revenue than property taxes without the Project. The total cost to the affected taxing jurisdictions of the PILOT agreement over 20 years would be \$215,154.

Tax Policy Comparison			
Year	A	B	C
	Property Tax Payment Without Project	PILOT Payment	Benefit (Cost) To County of Project (Col. B - Col. A)
1	\$ 449,106	\$ 449,106	\$ -
2	\$ 458,088	\$ 449,106	\$ (8,982)
3	\$ 467,249	\$ 458,088	\$ (9,161)
4	\$ 476,594	\$ 467,249	\$ (9,345)
5	\$ 486,126	\$ 476,594	\$ (9,532)
6	\$ 495,849	\$ 486,126	\$ (9,723)
7	\$ 505,766	\$ 495,849	\$ (9,917)
8	\$ 515,881	\$ 505,766	\$ (10,115)
9	\$ 526,199	\$ 515,881	\$ (10,318)
10	\$ 536,723	\$ 526,199	\$ (10,524)
11	\$ 547,457	\$ 536,723	\$ (10,734)
12	\$ 558,406	\$ 547,457	\$ (10,949)
13	\$ 569,574	\$ 558,406	\$ (11,168)
14	\$ 580,966	\$ 569,574	\$ (11,392)
15	\$ 592,585	\$ 580,966	\$ (11,619)
16	\$ 604,437	\$ 592,585	\$ (11,852)
17	\$ 616,526	\$ 604,437	\$ (12,089)
18	\$ 628,856	\$ 616,526	\$ (12,330)
19	\$ 641,433	\$ 628,856	\$ (12,577)
20	\$ 654,262	\$ 641,433	\$ (12,829)
Total	\$ 10,912,083	\$ 10,706,928	\$ (205,154)
Average	\$ 545,604	\$ 535,346	\$ (10,258)

Source: Nassau County IDA, Camoin 310

OTHER EXEMPTIONS

The PILOT program would offer the Applicant savings in terms of property tax benefits, but there are other benefits to working with the Agency including a sales tax exemption on renovation materials and furniture, fixtures and equipment and a mortgage recording tax exemption.

Summary of Costs to County	
Sales Tax Exemption	\$ 215,625
Mortgage Tax Exemption	\$ 49,800
Loss (Gain) of Property Tax Revenue	\$ 205,154

Source: Applicant IDA Application, Camoin 310

The additional incentives offered to the County would benefit the Applicant, without regard to what the County, because without the Project, the County by definition would not be receiving any additional Sales Tax or Mortgage Tax Revenue.

SALES TAX REVENUE

RENOVATION PHASE

The one-time renovation phase earnings described by the total economic impact of the renovation work⁵ would lead to additional sales tax revenue for the County. It is assumed that 70% of the renovation phase earnings would be spent within Nassau County and that 25% of those purchases would be taxable.

One-Time County Sales Tax Revenue Renovation Phase	
Total New Earnings	\$ 1,343,855
Amount Spent in County (70%)	\$ 940,699
Amount Taxable (25%)	\$ 235,175
County Sales Tax Rate	4.25%
New County Tax Revenue	\$ 9,995

Source: Nassau County, Camoin 310

As a result of the renovation phase employment, the County would receive approximately \$9,995 in new sales tax revenue from the economic impacts of the renovation of the Project.

ONGOING BUILDING OCCUPATION

The additional earnings described by the total economic impact of the ongoing occupation would lead to additional sales tax revenue for the County. It is assumed that 70% of the earnings would be spent within Nassau County and that 25% of those purchases would be taxable.

Annual County Sales Tax Revenue Employee Earnings	
Total New Earnings	\$ 20,334,180
Amount Spent in County (70%)	\$ 14,233,926
Amount Taxable (25%)	\$ 3,558,482
County Sales Tax Rate	4.25%
New County Tax Revenue	\$ 151,235

Source: Nassau County, Camoin 310

Under these assumptions, the County would receive approximately \$151,235 each year in new tax revenue from the economic impacts of the Project.

⁵ A retail leakage analysis of Nassau County suggests that a vast majority of the goods and services that employees will be purchasing are available within the county (food, clothing, vehicles, computers, etc.), but there still will be some outside spending on travel and through purchases made online and in neighboring counties. Based on third party proprietary retail spending data, 70% is a reasonable assumption for the amount of in-county spending. (Source: ESRI)

ATTACHMENT A: WHAT IS ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS?

The purpose of conducting an economic impact study is to ascertain the total cumulative changes (interplay) in earnings and output in a given economy due to some initial "change in final demand." To understand the meaning of "change in final demand" consider the installation of a new widget manufacturer in Anytown, USA. The widget manufacturer sells \$1 million worth of its widgets per year exclusively to consumers in Canada. Therefore, the annual change in final demand in the United States is \$1 million because dollars are flowing in from outside the United States and are therefore "new" dollars in the economy.

This change in final demand translates into the first round of buying and selling that occurs in an economy. For example, the widget manufacturer must buy its inputs of production (electricity, steel, etc.) must lease or purchase property and pay its workers. This first round is commonly referred to as the "Direct Effects" of the change in final demand and is the basis of additional rounds of buying and selling described below.

To continue this example, the widget manufacturer's vendors (the supplier of electricity and the supplier of steel) will enjoy additional output (revenues) that will sustain their businesses and cause them to make additional purchases in the economy. The steel producer will need more pig iron and the electric company will purchase additional power from generation entities. In this second round, some of those additional purchases will be made in the US economy and some will "leak out". What remains will cause a third round (with leakage) and a fourth (and so on) in ever-diminishing rounds of industry to industry purchases. Finally, the widget manufacturer has employees who will naturally spend their wages. Again, those wages spent will either be for local goods and services or will "leak" out of the economy. The purchases of local goods and services will then stimulate other local economic activity. Together, these effects are referred to as the "Indirect Effects" of the change in final demand.

Therefore, the total economic impact resulting from the new widget manufacturer is the initial \$1 million of new money (i.e. Direct Effects) flowing in the US economy, plus the Indirect Effects. The ratio of Total Effects to Direct Effects is called the "multiplier effect" and is often reported as a dollar of impact per dollar of change. Therefore, a multiplier of 2.4 means that for every dollar (\$1) of change in final demand, an additional \$1.40 of indirect economic activity occurs for a total of \$2.40.

Key information for the reader to retain is that this type of analysis requires rigorous and careful consideration of the geography selected (i.e. how the "local economy" is defined) and the implications of the geography on the computation of the change in final demand. If this analysis wanted to consider the impact of the widget manufacturer on the entire North American continent, it would have to conclude that the change in final demand is zero and therefore the economic impact is zero. This is because the \$1 million of widgets being purchased by Canadians is not causing a net "final demand" to increase by \$1 million. Presumably, those Canadian purchasers will have \$1 million less to spend on other items and the effects of additional widget production will be cancelled out by a commensurate reduction in the purchases of other goods and services.

Changes in final demand (and therefore Direct Effects) can occur in a number of circumstances. The above example is easiest to understand: the effect of a manufacturer producing locally but selling globally. If however, the "local" purchased demand for a good is being met by foreign suppliers (e.g. DVD players being imported into the US from Korea) and if an importing manufacturer of DVD players in the US will cause a change in final demand because it is those dollars currently leaving the country, will savings remain? A program can be developed whereby a producer supplying L-77 fuel will forego domestic and export impact analysis using the same methodology of defining how many "new" dollars the producer would be causing to occur domestically.



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PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made as of December 1, 2019, by and among **ALKIER STEEL LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and **STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and will be qualified to do business in the State of New York, each having an office at 999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200, Bethpage, NY 11714, named herein and their undertakings hereunder shall be joint and several, and each representation, warranty and covenant and agreement in the Agreement shall apply to each such parties named herein (collectively, as tenants-in-common, the "Obligor") and the **NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having an office at One West Street, Mineola, NY 11501 (the "Agency"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, 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 Obligor on behalf of itself and entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (together with the Company, the "Applicant"), has presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requests that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the renovation of an existing, blighted former manufacturing center/plants totaling approximately 160,000 square feet in the aggregate (collectively, the "Building") on the land located at 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (the "Land"), together with

related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") necessary for the completion thereof (collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use as a warehouse and or other industrial development facility, to be determined by the Applicants; (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 (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicants or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicants and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Company, which is the fee owner of the Facility, proposed that the Company be the sublessee of the Facility and the Agency has approved such proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is or will be the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility pursuant to a certain Company Lease Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Company Lease"), between the Company and the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to undertake the Project as an authorized project under the Act and to sublease its interest in the Facility to the Company pursuant to a Sublease Agreement of even date herewith between the Agency and the Company (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Lease Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the payment and performance of the Obligor's obligations under this Agreement shall be secured by a Mortgage and Assignment of Leases and Rents of even date herewith (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "PILOT Mortgage") from the Obligor and the Agency, as mortgagor, to the County of Nassau (the "PILOT Mortgagee"), its successors and assigns, as mortgagee, pursuant to which the Agency and the Obligor grant a first mortgage lien on the Facility to the PILOT Mortgagee; and

WHEREAS, under the present provisions of the Act and under the present Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York (the "RPTL"), the Agency is required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction or supervision or under its control;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the payments, agreements, and covenants hereinafter contained, the Obligor and the Agency covenant and mutually agree as follows:

Section I. Tax-Exempt Status of Facility.

A. Application.

(1) The Obligor shall complete, and the Agency shall file, an application for tax exemption pursuant to Section 412-a of the RPTL (the "Application"). The Application shall be filed with the assessor for each of the various taxing entities having jurisdiction over the Facility, including, without limitation, the County of Nassau (the "County")

and each city, town, village and school district within which the Facility is located (such taxing entities, and any successors thereto, being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Taxing Entities" and each individually as a "Taxing Entity"). The Facility shall not be entitled to exempt status on the tax rolls of any Taxing Entity until the beginning of the first fiscal tax year of such Taxing Entity following the first taxable status date of such Taxing Entity occurring subsequent to the last to occur of (i) the Agency becoming the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility, (ii) the filing by the Agency of the appropriate Application for tax exemption, and (iii) the acceptance of such Application by the appropriate tax assessor(s) (such date, the "PILOT Commencement Date").

(2) The Obligor hereby waives any claim or cause of action against the Agency, and releases the Agency from any liability to the Obligor, arising from any denial of an exemption from real property taxes and assessments, except to the extent that such denial results solely from the willful failure of the Agency, after demand by the Obligor, to file the completed Application for tax exemption as set forth in this Agreement.

B. Special Assessments. The parties hereto understand that the tax exemption extended to the Agency by Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Section 412-a of the RPTL may not entitle the Agency to exemption from special assessments and special ad valorem levies. Pursuant to the Lease Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, the Obligor will be required to pay all special assessments and special ad valorem levies levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility, subject to Section 2(B)(3) hereof.

C. Other Charges. If any taxes, assessments, service charges or other governmental charges become payable by the Obligor or the Agency on the Facility or the rental paid pursuant to the Lease Agreement or the occupancy of or any interest of the Obligor or the Agency in the Facility or any part thereof or any personal property used in connection with the business conducted and located therein, the amount of any such taxes, assessments or charges shall be paid by the Obligor as and when due. Furthermore, water charges, sewer rentals, sewage treatment charges, solid waste charges and any other charges in the nature of utility charges shall be paid as and when due directly by the Obligor and shall not be credited against nor be affected in any manner by any payment in lieu of real property taxes and assessments in any year and shall be computed pursuant to the formula adopted by the relevant Taxing Entity.

Section 2. Payments

A. Tax Payments.

(1) Prior to the PILOT Commencement Date, the applicable real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility shall be payable in full by the Obligor to the applicable Taxing Entity as if the Agency were not the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility or otherwise involved in the Project.

B. PILOT Payments.

(1) From the PILOT Commencement Date through and including the last day of the twentieth (20th) fiscal tax year thereafter (such date, the "Abatement Expiration

Date" and such period, the "Term"), the Obligor shall make payments in lieu of real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed by the Taxing Entities against the Facility as set forth on Schedule B hereto, subject to the provisions of Section 2(B)(3) hereof.

The payments in lieu of real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed by the Taxing Entities against the Facility pursuant to clause (1) above are referred to herein as the "PILOT Payments."

(2) From and after the Abatement Expiration Date, and until the Agency's interest in the Facility is conveyed to the Obligor pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement and the Facility has been returned to the tax rolls as fully taxable property, the Obligor shall make PILOT Payments equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of real property taxes and assessments that would have been levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility as if the Facility were owned by the Obligor and the Agency were not otherwise involved in the Project.

"PILOT Obligations" shall mean all amounts required to be paid by the Obligor under this Agreement, including, without limitation, those amounts set forth in Sections 2(A) and 2(B) hereof.

(3) Any provision of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the amount of PILOT Payments set forth in Section 2(B)(1) hereof for each fiscal tax year from the PILOT Commencement Date through the Abatement Expiration Date, shall be reduced (but not below \$0) by the amount, if any, of special assessments and special ad valorem levies assessed against or levied upon the Facility for such fiscal tax year (collectively, "Special Assessments"), whether by the Nassau County Tax Assessor's Office or otherwise, which Special Assessments would otherwise be payable by the Obligor pursuant to this Agreement. The amount of any such reduction of a PILOT Payment shall be set forth on the applicable PILOT bill issued with respect to such fiscal tax year, if any, but the failure of the Obligor to receive such bill shall in no event affect the Obligor's obligation to pay such PILOT Payment. In the event that (i) the amount of Special Assessments for a particular fiscal tax year exceeds the amount of the PILOT Payment for such fiscal tax year (such excess is hereinafter referred to as an "SA Credit"), or (ii) the amount of PILOT Payments for a particular fiscal tax year are not reduced by the amount of Special Assessments for such fiscal tax year (the amount of such Special Assessments is hereinafter referred to as an "SA Reduction"), then the amount of such SA Credit or SA Reduction, as the case may be, shall be carried over as a credit for the following fiscal tax year(s); provided, however, that if there is an unused SA Credit at the end of the Term of this Agreement, then the Obligor shall not be entitled to (a) take such SA Credit against any further payments hereunder or against real property taxes assessed against the Facility, or (b) an extension of the Term of this Agreement.

C. Payments.

(1) Amounts due and payable under this Agreement shall be payable to the Treasurer of the County of Nassau (the "Treasurer") One West Street, 1st floor, Mineola, NY 11501, or at such other address as the Treasurer may notify the Obligor of in writing.

(2) All PILOT Payments hereunder shall be allocated among the affected tax jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property and other taxes and assessments that would have been received by each Taxing Entity had the Project not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency. This provision constitutes the formula for the calculation of the amounts of the PILOT Payments for each Taxing Entity as required by Section 859-a(6) of the General Municipal Law.

D. Due Dates; Interest; and Penalties.

(1) The Obligor may be billed for PILOT Payments as if the Facility were on the tax rolls at the time when taxes for each Taxing Entity are due.

(2) If any payment required under this Agreement is not made on or before the due date thereof, such payment shall be delinquent and the unpaid amount(s) shall accrue interest (and penalties) at the rates applicable to late payments of taxes for the respective Taxing Entities and as further provided in the General Municipal Law, including Section 874(5) thereof, which currently provides for a late charge equal to the greater of (a) five (5%) percent of the unpaid amount for the first month, and for each month, or part thereof, that the payment is delinquent beyond the first month, an additional late charge equal to one (1%) percent per month of the total amount payable; and (b) the late charge applicable from time to time to real property tax levies and assessments that are not paid when due. The Obligor agrees to pay all such late charges, interest and penalties when due.

(3) Anything contained in this subparagraph to the contrary notwithstanding, the Obligor shall have the obligation to make all payments of PILOT Obligations (other than payments of penalties, if any), in (a) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to January 1 and July 1 for the General Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, and (b) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to October 1 and April 1 for the School Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, and (c) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to June 1 and December 1 for the Village Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, as applicable, of each year of the term of the Lease Agreement or on such other due dates as may be established by the Agency or the Treasurer from time to time during the term of the Lease Agreement.

E. Partial Sale; Transferee's Obligation; Apportionment of Reduction to Local Taxing Entities. During the Term of this Agreement, in the event that the Agency's interest in the Facility, or any portion thereof or interest therein, is sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of by the Agency in accordance with the Lease Agreement, the transferees thereof will thereafter pay the real property taxes and assessments on such Land and the Building and any Additional Facilities (as hereinafter defined) located on the Land, or on such portion of the Land, that was sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of, as may be required by applicable law.

F. Sale; Obligor's Obligation. In the event that the Agency sells, transfers, assigns or otherwise disposes of its interest in the Facility to any party other than the Obligor, the Obligor's obligation for PILOT Obligations shall be prorated to the date of the closing of the

transaction and thereupon all obligations of the Obligor for payment of PILOT Obligations shall cease, but the Agency shall take such steps with the transferee or assignee other than the Obligor to assure that each of the Taxing Entities shall suffer no loss of revenue until the Facility can be placed back on the tax rolls as fully taxable real property and taxes levied and billed therefor.

Section 3. Effective Date; Duration of Agreement.

This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement by the Company and the Agency and this Agreement by the Obligor and the Agency and the execution and delivery of the Company Lease from the Company to the Agency and shall continue in effect until the earlier of (i) the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement or of this Agreement, or (ii) the date on which the Company Lease and the Lease Agreement are terminated pursuant to the Lease Agreement or this Agreement and the Facility has been placed back on the tax rolls as taxable property.

Section 4. Events of Default.

The following shall constitute an "Event of Default" under this Agreement:

A. Failure by the Obligor to make any payment specified herein and the continuance of such failure for a period of fifteen (15) days after receipt by the Company of written notice from the Agency, the County and/or any Taxing Entity.

B. Failure by the Obligor to comply with or perform any provision of this Agreement other than the payment provisions hereof and the continuance of such failure for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by the Company of written notice thereof from the Agency or, if such default is capable of being cured but cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, the failure of the Obligor to commence to cure such default within such thirty (30) day period or to prosecute such cure to completion, provided in no event shall such additional cure period exceed sixty (60) days.

C. The occurrence of an Event of Default under the Uniform Project Agreement, Company Lease, the Lease Agreement or any other agreement between the Agency and the Company.

If the Obligor fails to make any payments pursuant to this Agreement when due, the amount or amounts so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Obligor until fully paid.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, the Obligor shall be required to make PILOT Payments as if the Facility were owned by the Obligor and the Agency was not otherwise involved in the Project, such amounts to commence to be paid for the period subsequent to the date it is determined by the Agency that there is an Event of Default hereunder. In such event, the tax rate, interest and penalties shall be those then in effect in the Taxing Entities in which the Facility is located.

Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, (i) the Agency shall be entitled to sue to enforce any provision of this Agreement and to recover the payments of PILOT Obligations in default from the Obligor, together with all the costs and expenses of the

Agency, its successors or assigns, paid or incurred in such recovery (including court costs and attorneys' fees and expenses) and interest at the rate charged by the respective Taxing Entities on overdue payments of taxes, and (ii) the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Company Lease and the Lease Agreement at any time, and the Company shall accept such termination and any tender of reconveyance from the Agency of its interest in the Facility.

The Agency, in enforcing payment by the Obligor of the PILOT Obligations, may take whatever action and exercise any or all of the rights and remedies specified in this Agreement or any other remedy provided by law.

Each and every Event of Default shall give rise to a separate cause of action hereunder, and separate suits may be brought hereunder as each cause of action arises.

No delay or omission in exercising any right or power accruing upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Further, no payment by the Agency or receipt by the Agency or a Taxing Entity of a lesser amount than the correct amount or manner of payment due hereunder shall be deemed to be other than a payment on account, nor shall any endorsement or statement on any check or any letter accompanying any check or payment be deemed to effect or evidence an accord and satisfaction, and the Agency and/or any Taxing Entity may accept any check or payment as made without prejudice to the right to recover the balance or pursue any other remedy in this Agreement or otherwise provided at law or in equity.

In no event shall the Agency be liable to any of the Taxing Entities for the payments specified herein, whether or not the Obligor makes such payments. The Obligor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold harmless the Agency and its officers, members, agents (other than the Obligor), attorneys, servants and employees, past, present and future, against any such liability for such payments and against all penalties, interest, and other charges resulting from the delinquency of such payments.

The Agency and the Obligor hereby acknowledge the right of the County, as beneficiary of this Agreement (or behalf of itself and all other Taxing Entities), to pursue any appropriate remedies, including an action or proceeding in the courts, to recover directly from the Obligor any payments of PILOT Obligations in default hereunder and/or to exercise its rights and remedies under the PILOT Mortgage. The Obligor shall promptly notify the Agency of any action or proceeding brought, or other measure taken, by a Taxing Entity to recover such payments in default hereunder. It is understood that the right of any Taxing Entity herein acknowledged is in addition to, and shall not impair, the Agency's own rights arising from a breach of this Agreement.

In the event that any interest in and to the Facility is conveyed by the Obligor or title to the Facility is conveyed by the Obligor to any other party prior to expiration of the term of the Lease Agreement (other than transfers expressly permitted under the Lease Agreement or otherwise consented to by the Agency), this Agreement shall, at the option of the Agency, become null and void and any remaining tax abatement hereunder shall be canceled.

The rights, powers and remedies of the Agency and the County under this Agreement shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any other right, power or remedy which the Agency or the County may have against the Obligor pursuant to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, or existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The respective rights, powers and remedies of the Agency and the County hereunder may be pursued singly, concurrently or otherwise, at such time and in such order as the Agency or the County may determine in its sole discretion. No delay or omission to exercise any remedy, right or power accruing upon an Event of Default shall impair any such remedy, right or power or shall be construed as a waiver thereof, but any such remedy, right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. A waiver of one Event of Default with respect to the Obligor shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent Event of Default by the Obligor or to impair any remedy, right or power consequent thereon.

Section 5. Additional Facilities.

If any structural additions or change in use shall be made to the buildings or other improvements included in the Facility subsequent to the date hereof (other than the initial construction of the Building contemplated by the Project), or if any additional buildings or improvements shall be constructed on the Land other than the Building (such change of use, new structures, structural additions, buildings and improvements being referred to hereinafter as "Additional Facilities"), the Obligor agrees that its PILOT Obligations hereunder shall be increased by an amount, as determined by the Agency or a tax assessor selected by the Agency, equal to the increased tax payments, if any, that would have been payable on such increase if this Agreement were not in effect. Nothing herein shall constitute the Agency's consent to the construction of any such additions or additional buildings or improvements or to such change of use.

Section 6. Change of Law.

In the event the Facility, or any part thereof, is declared to be subject to taxation for real property taxes or assessments by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change or a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Obligor hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void. If the Obligor has already paid any amounts under this Agreement for any period that the Obligor is required to pay taxes or assessments because of such amendment, legislative or final judgment (collectively, "Prior Payments"), then the Obligor shall look to the Taxing Authorities for repayment of the Prior Payments or a credit in the amount of the Prior Payments against taxes payable to the relevant Taxing Entity but in no event shall the Obligor look to the Agency for a refund of the Prior Payments.

Section 7. Waiver of Tax Exemption.

The Obligor, in recognition of the benefits provided under this Agreement, and for so long as the Lease Agreement is in effect, hereby expressly waives any rights it may have for any exemption under Section 485-b of the RPTL or any other exemption under any other law or regulation (except, however, for the exemption provided under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the Facility.

The Obligor, in recognition of the benefits provided under this Agreement and the Lease Agreement, hereby expressly waives the right to institute judicial or other review of an assessment of the real property with respect to the Facility, whether pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the RPTL or other applicable law, as the same may be amended from time to time, with respect to any fiscal tax year from and after the PILOT Commencement Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the final three (3) years of the term of this Agreement, the Obligor shall have the right to institute judicial or other review of the assessed value of the real property with respect to the Facility, whether pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the RPTL or other applicable law, as the same may be amended from time to time; provided, however, that no such judicial or other review or settlement thereof shall have any effect on the Obligor's obligations under this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Obligor's obligation to make the PILOT Payments when due. Such judicial or other review shall only be for purposes of setting the assessed value of the Facility as though the Facility was on the tax rolls of each Taxing Entity as taxable real property but shall have no effect on this Agreement or the tax-exempt status of the Facility during the term of this Agreement.

In addition, the Obligor hereby represents and warrants that it has stipulated to the discontinuance (with prejudice) of all pending tax certiorari proceedings, if any, with respect to the Facility on or before the date hereof.

Section 8. Delivery of PILOT Statement.

The Obligor shall deliver to the Comptroller of the County of Nassau, on or before the dates set forth for payment of the PILOT Obligations in Section 2 hereof, in each year during the term of the Lease Agreement, a verified statement setting forth the amount of such payments and the dates of such payments.

Section 9. Limited Obligation.

The obligations, covenants and agreements of the Agency hereunder shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York, the County, or any city, town, village or school district within which the Facility is located and neither the State of New York, the County, nor any such city, town, village or school district shall be liable thereon, and further, such obligations, covenants and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency.

Section 10. No Waiver.

Failure by the Agency in any instance to insist upon the strict performance of any one or more of the obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement, or to exercise any election herein contained, shall in no manner be or be deemed to be a waiver by the Agency of any of the Obligor's defaults or breaches hereunder or of any of the rights and remedies of the Agency by reason of such defaults or breaches, or a waiver or relinquishment of any and all of the Obligor's obligations hereunder. No waiver, amendment, release or modification of this Agreement shall be established by conduct, custom or course of dealing. Further, no payment by the Obligor or receipt by the Agency of a lesser amount than the correct amount or manner of payment due hereunder shall be deemed to be other than a payment on account, nor shall any endorsement or

statement on any check or any letter accompanying any check or payment be deemed to effect or evidence an accord and satisfaction, and the Agency may accept any check or payments as made without prejudice to the right to recover the balance or pursue any other remedy in this Agreement or otherwise provided at law or in equity.

Section 11. Notices.

A. All notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given on the earlier of (1) three (3) Business Days after being sent to the applicable address stated below by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or two (2) Business Days after being sent by nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (2) the date on which delivery is refused by the addressee, as evidenced by the affidavit of the Person who attempted to effect such delivery.

B. The addresses to which notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be delivered are as follows:

To the Agency:

Nassau County Industrial Development Agency
One West Street
Mineola, NY 11501
Attention: Chief Executive Officer

With a courtesy copy to:

Harris Beach PLLC
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 901
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Andrew Komaromi, Esq.

To the Obligor:

ALKIER STEEL LLC
STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC
c/o Steel Equities
999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200
Bethpage, NY 11714
Attn: Glenn Lostritto

With a courtesy copy to:

Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Daniel P. Deegan, Esq.

Section 12. Change of Address.

The Agency or the Obligor may, by notice given hereunder to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications to them shall be sent.

Section 13. Assignment of Agreement.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Obligor but no assignment shall be effective to relieve the Obligor of any of its obligations hereunder unless expressly authorized and approved in writing by the Agency. The rights and obligations of the Obligor hereunder may not be assigned except in connection with a permitted assignment of the Obligor's interest in and to the Lease Agreement. Nothing herein is intended to be for, or to inure to, the benefit of any Person other than the parties hereto, the County and the other Taxing Entities.

Section 14. Independent Agreement.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, including the recitals hereof, the parties agree that the Lease Agreement executed between the parties thereto shall be a separate and independent document from this Agreement, and irrespective of whether any provision of this Agreement or the entirety hereof shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the Lease Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and otherwise regarded separate and apart from this Agreement. The parties hereto specifically note that the considerations and terms provided for in this Agreement and provided for in the Lease Agreement are the only considerations and terms for which the parties thereto have executed this Agreement.

Section 15. Invalidity.

If any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or provisions of this Agreement or the entirety hereof shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by any order, decree or judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, then such phrase, sentence, clause or provision or the entirety of this Agreement shall be deemed to be reformed in such manner as shall be determined by such court, or in the absence of such a determination then in the reasonable judgment of the Agency, to render such phrase, sentence, clause or provision of this Agreement valid and enforceable under applicable law. The parties hereto agree to enter into such documents, agreements and instruments as the Agency reasonably determines are necessary to effect any such reformation. In the event that any one more of the phrases, sentences, clauses or provisions of this Agreement cannot be reformed to comply with applicable law, then this Agreement shall be construed as if such phrase, sentence, clause or paragraph had not appeared in this Agreement.

Section 16. Amendments.

This Agreement may not be modified, amended, supplemented, or changed without the written consent of the Agency and the Obligor.

Section 17. Prior Agreements.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 18. Delivery of Agreement.

The Agency covenants to use reasonable efforts to deliver to each Taxing Entity a copy of this Agreement within fifteen (15) days after its execution.

Section 19. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 20. Service of Process; Consent to Jurisdiction; Forum.

A. The Obligor represents that it is subject to service of process in the State of New York and covenants that it will remain so subject so long as the Lease Agreement shall be in effect. If for any reason the Obligor should cease to be so subject to service of process in the State of New York, the Obligor hereby designates and appoints, without power of revocation, Daniel P. Deegan, Esq., Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP, 333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010, Uniondale, NY 11553, as agent for service of process, and if such agent shall cease to act or otherwise cease to be subject to service of process in the State of New York, the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as the agents of the Obligor upon whom may be served all process, pleadings, notices or other papers which may be served upon the Obligor as a result of any of its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that the serving of such process, pleadings, notices or other papers shall not constitute a condition to the Obligor's obligations hereunder.

B. The Obligor irrevocably and unconditionally (1) agrees that any suit, action or other legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents may be brought in the courts of record of the State of New York in Nassau County or the courts of the United States, Eastern District of New York; (2) consents to the jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding; and (3) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts. For such time as the Lease Agreement is in effect, the Obligor's agents designated above shall accept and acknowledge in the Obligor's behalf service of any and all process in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court. The Obligor agrees and consents that any such service of process upon such agents and written notice of such service to the Obligor in the manner set forth in Section 11 hereof shall be taken and held to be valid personal service upon the Obligor whether or not the Obligor shall then be doing, or at any time shall have done, business within the State of New York and that any such service of process shall be of the same force and validity as if service were made upon the Obligor according to the laws governing the validity and requirements of such service in the State of New York, and waives all claim of error by reason of any such service. Such agents shall not have any power or authority to enter into any appearance or to file any pleadings in connection with any suit, action or other legal proceedings

against the Obligor or to conduct the defense of any such suit, action or any other legal proceeding except as expressly authorized by the Obligor.

Section 21. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, as the same may be in effect from time to time, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

Section 22. Nature of Obligations.

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until each and every one of the PILOT Obligations shall have been irrevocably paid in full and all other obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement shall have been paid and performed in full.

If the Obligor consists of more than one (1) Person, the obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement shall be joint and several.

Section 23. Indemnification.

The Obligor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency and reasonably acceptable to the Obligor) and hold harmless the Agency and its officers, members, agents (other than the Obligor), attorneys, servants and employees, past, present and future, against any liability arising from any default by the Obligor in performing its obligations hereunder or any expense incurred hereunder, including, without limitation, any expenses of the Agency and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses.

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[Signature Page to Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

**NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: _____
Harry Coghlan
Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director

ALKIER STEEL LLC

By: _____
Lee Marie Berkowitz
Member

STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC

By: _____
Glenn Lostritto
Managing Member

[Acknowledgement Page to Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement]

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

On the ___ day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **Harry Coghlan**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On the __ day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Lee Marie Berkowitz**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On the __ day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Glenn Lostritto**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual executed the instrument.

Notary Public

SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL A
SECTION 9 BLOCK 73 LOTS 30-35**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, known and designated as Lots No. 30 to 35, both inclusive, in Block No. 26, on a certain map entitled "Map of Mineola Manor, situated at Mineola, Nassau County, N.Y., owned by Loma Holding Corporation, mapped November 1925, George A. Fairfield, C.E.", filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on November 19, 1925, as Map No. 581, Case No. 590, being more particularly bounded and described according to said map as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Second Street, distant 260.00 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Second Street with the easterly side of Congress Street;

RUNNING THENCE northerly, at right angles to Second Street, 100.00 feet;

THENCE easterly, parallel with Second Street, 120.00 feet;

THENCE southerly, at right angles to Second Street, 100.00 feet to the northerly side of Second Street;

THENCE westerly, along the northerly side of Second Street, 120.00 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION



First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL A
SECTION 9 BLOCK 73 LOTS 25-29**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, being Lots 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 in Block 26 on "Map of Mineola Manor, situated at Mineola, Nassau County, New York, owned by the Loma Holding Corporation, 149 Broadway, New York City, mapped November 1925 by George A. Fairfield, C.E.", filed in the Nassau County Clerk's Office on November 19, 1925 as Map No. 581, Case No. 590, which said lots when taken together, are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Second Street, distant 380.00 feet east of the intersection formed by the northerly side of Second Street with the easterly side of Congress Street;

THENCE northerly, at right angles to Second Street, 100.00 feet;

THENCE easterly, parallel with Second Street, 102.65 feet to the easterly line of filed map;

THENCE southerly, at interior plot angle of 85 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds and along the easterly line of filed map, 100.34 feet to the northerly side of Second Street;

THENCE westerly, along the northerly side of Second Street, 94.31 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.



FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL A
SECTION 9 BLOCK 663 LOT 33**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, being bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Second Street, as extended, distant 2996.60 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Second Street with the easterly side of Roslyn Road, said point also being 333.11 feet east of the easterly line of the filed map line of Mineola Manor, as measured along the extended southerly side of Second Street;

RUNNING THENCE North 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East, along the extended southerly side of Second Street, 115.44 feet;

THENCE southerly, along the arc of a circle bearing to the left, having a radius of 904.75 feet, an arc length of 71.94 feet;

THENCE South 07 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East (deed) South 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East (survey) 200.10 feet to a point on the northerly side of the Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE along the northerly side of the Long Island Rail Road, South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 112.58 feet to a point which is distant 355.79 feet easterly from the easterly line of the filed map line of Mineola Road, as measured along the northerly side of the Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE North 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 271.98 feet (deed) 271.976 (survey) to the southerly side of Second Street as extended, at the point or place of BEGINNING.

In Witness

FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL B
SECTION 9 BLOCK 437 LOT 466**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, known as and by the Lots Numbered 122 to 128 inclusive in Block 27, as shown and designated on a certain map entitled "Map of Mineola Manor, Nassau County, New York, owned by Loma Holding Corporation, 149 Broadway, New York City, mapped November 1925 by George A. Fairfield, C.E., Mineola, New York", filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on November 19, 1925 under the File Number 581, new File Number 590, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:


BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Second Street, distant 2240 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Second Street with the easterly side of Roslyn Road;

RUNNING THENCE along the southerly side of Second Street, North 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 140.00 feet;

THENCE 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 286.00 feet to the northerly side of the land of the Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE along the northerly side of the last mentioned land, South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 140.00 feet;

THENCE North 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 286.00 feet to the southerly side of Second Street, at the point or place of BEGINNING.



FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL B
SECTION 9 BLOCK 663 LOTS 4A;
SECTION 9 BLOCK 663 LOT 4B**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Second Street, distant 2663.49 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of the old line of Roslyn Road with the southerly side of Second Street, said point of beginning being at the southerly end of the easterly terminus of Second Street;

RUNNING THENCE North 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 220.61 feet;

THENCE South 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 271.98 feet (deed) 271.976 feet (survey) to land of the Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West, along the preceding land, 220.61 feet;

THENCE North 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 271.98 feet (deed) 271.976 feet (survey) to the point or place of BEGINNING.

In seal

FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL C
SECTION 9 BLOCK 437 LOT 467;
SECTION 9 BLOCK 663 LOT 5**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, County of Nassau and State of New York, known and designated as and by the Lots 129 to 141, both inclusive, in Block 27 on a certain map entitled "Map of Mineola Manor, owned by Loma Holding Corp., 149 Broadway, New York City, mapped November 1925 by George A. Fairfield, C.E., Mineola, N.Y.", filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on November 19, 1925 as Map No. 581, Case No. 590 and a descriptive parcel adjoining said map, which said lots and descriptive parcel, when taken together, are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Second Street, distant 2380 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Second Street and the easterly side of Roslyn Road;

RUNNING THENCE along the southerly side of Second Street, North 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 283.49 feet to land now or formerly of the Village of Mineola;

THENCE along said land South 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 271.976 feet;

THENCE South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 22.697 feet;

THENCE South 02 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds East 14.07 feet to land now or formerly of Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE along said land, South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 259.59 feet;

THENCE North 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 286.00 feet to the southerly side of Second Street, at the point or place of BEGINNING.

Insure

FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

First American Title Insurance Company

**SCHEDULE A
DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES**

Title No. SP42998-N

**AS TO PARCEL C
SECTION 9 BLOCK 437 LOT 467;
SECTION 9 BLOCK 663 LOT 5**

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Incorporated Village of Mineola, County of Nassau and State of New York, known and designated as and by the Lots 129 to 141, both inclusive, in Block 27 on a certain map entitled "Map of Mineola Manor, owned by Loma Holding Corp., 149 Broadway, New York City, mapped November 1925 by George A. Fairfield, C.E., Mineola, N.Y.", filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on November 19, 1925 as Map No. 581, Case No. 590 and a descriptive parcel adjoining said map, which said lots and descriptive parcel, when taken together, are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Second Street, distant 2380 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Second Street and the easterly side of Roslyn Road;

RUNNING THENCE along the southerly side of Second Street, North 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East 283.49 feet to land now or formerly of the Village of Mineola;

THENCE along said land South 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East 271.976 feet;

THENCE South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 22.697 feet;

THENCE South 02 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds East 14.07 feet to land now or formerly of Long Island Rail Road;

THENCE along said land, South 82 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West 259.59 feet;

THENCE North 07 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West 286.00 feet to the southerly side of Second Street, at the point or place of BEGINNING.

In sure

FOR CONVEYANCING ONLY: TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part, of, in and to the land lying in the street in front of and adjoining said premises.

DESCRIPTION

SCHEDULE B

PILOT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Term:

<u>Tax Year¹</u>	<u>Total PILOT Payment</u>
2021 General / 2020/21 School & Village	\$449,106
2022 General / 2021/22 School & Village	\$449,106
2023 General / 2022/23 School & Village	\$458,088
2024 General / 2023/24 School & Village	\$467,249
2025 General / 2024/25 School & Village	\$476,594
2026 General / 2025/26 School & Village	\$486,126
2027 General / 2026/27 School & Village	\$495,849
2028 General / 2027/28 School & Village	\$505,766
2029 General / 2028/29 School & Village	\$515,881
2030 General / 2029/30 School & Village	\$526,199
2031 General / 2030/31 School & Village	\$536,723
2032 General / 2031/32 School & Village	\$547,457
2033 General / 2032/33 School & Village	\$558,406
2034 General / 2033/34 School & Village	\$569,574
2035 General / 2034/35 School & Village	\$580,966
2036 General / 2035/36 School & Village	\$592,585
2037 General / 2036/37 School & Village	\$604,437
2038 General / 2037/38 School & Village	\$616,526
2039 General / 2038/39 School & Village	\$628,856
2040 General / 2039/40 School & Village	\$641,433

¹ Actual PILOT Commencement Date is subject to timely acceptance of the Application by the appropriate tax assessor(s).

EXHIBIT B

**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**

[See Attached Page]



Department of Taxation and Finance

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 Nassau County IDA			IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 2803-19-09A
Street address One West Street			Telephone number (516) 571-1945
City Mineola	State NY	ZIP code 11501	Email address (optional) N/A

Project operator or agent information

Name of IDA project operator or agent		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employer identification or Social Security number
Street address		Telephone number ()	Primary operator or agent? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City	State	ZIP code	Email address (optional) N/A

Project information

****NOTE: Issued to reflect appointment of sub-agent****

Name of project ALKIER STEEL LLC / STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, 2019 Project			
Street address of project site 222-224 and 225-255 East 2nd Street**		**and any lands located in Nassau County and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project	
City Mineola	State NY	ZIP code 11501	Email address (optional) N/A
Purpose of project <p>The Project consists of: Renovation of an existing, former manufacturing center/plants totaling approximately 160,000 square feet, together with related improvements to the land, including surface parking spaces and the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof, all of the foregoing for use as a warehouse and or other industrial development facility, to be determined by the agent.</p>			

Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes <p>Goods and services, inclusive of fuel and utilities, whether the goods and services are purchased or rented, and notwithstanding that they continue to constitute personal property or the item is used after the completion of the Project, or the item is geographically located outside the legal boundaries of the Project Facility; provided there is a reasonable basis to acquire the item to benefit the Project.</p>			
Date project operator or agent appointed (mm/dd/yy)	Date project operator or agent status ends (mm/dd/yy)	11/30/2022	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project <input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax		\$2,500,000.00	Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided \$215,625.00

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 Harry Coghlan		Print title Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director	
Signature		Date	Telephone number (516) 571-1945

Instructions

When to file

An IDA must file this form within 30 days of the date they appoint any project operator or other person as agent of the IDA, for purposes of extending any sales and use tax exemptions.

Requirements to file

The IDA must file a separate form for each person it appoints as agent, whether directly or indirectly, and regardless of whether the person is the primary project operator or agent. If the IDA authorizes a project operator or agent to appoint other persons as agent of the IDA, the operator or agent making such an appointment must advise the IDA that it has done so, so that the IDA can file a form within 30 days of the date of the new agent's appointment. The IDA should not file this form for a person hired to work on an IDA project if that person is not appointed as agent of the IDA. The IDA should not file this form if they do not extend any sales or use tax exemption benefits for the project.

If an IDA modifies a project, such as by extending it beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, they must, within 30 days of the change, file a new form with the new information.

If the information on this form changes

If an IDA amends, revokes, or cancels the appointment of an agent, or if an agent's appointment becomes invalid for any reason, the IDA, within 30 days, must send a letter to the address below for filing this form, indicating that the appointment has been amended, revoked, or cancelled, or is no longer valid, and the effective date of the change. They must attach to the letter a copy of the form it originally filed. The IDA should not send a letter for a form that is not valid merely because the *Completion date of project* has passed.

Mailing instructions

Mail completed form to:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
IDA UNIT
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227-0866

Private delivery services – See Publication 55
Designated Private Delivery Services.

Privacy notification

New York State Law requires all government agencies that maintain a system of records to provide notification of the legal authority for any request for personal information, the principal purpose(s) for which the information is to be collected, and where it will be maintained. To view this information, visit our website, or, if you do not have Internet access, call and request Publication 54, *Privacy Notification*. See *Need help?* for the Web address and telephone number.

Need help?



Visit our website at www.tax.ny.gov

- get information and manage your taxes online
- check for new online services and features

Telephone assistance

Sales Tax Information Center	518-485-2889
To order forms and publications	518-457-5431
Text Telephone (TTY) or TOD equipment users	Dial 7-1-1 for the New York Relay Service

EXHIBIT C-1

**NYS FORM ST-123
FOR
COMPANY**

[See Attached Page]



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

(2.14)

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

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, *Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities*, for more information.

Name of seller			Name of agent or project operator		
Street address			Aikier Steel, LLC		
City, town, or village			Street address		
State			999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200		
ZIP code			City, town, or village		
			State		
			ZIP code		
			Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions)		
			[REDACTED]		

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		
Nassau County IDA		
Name of project		IDA project number (use OSC number)
ALKIER STEEL LLC / STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, 2019 Project		2803-19-09A
Street address of project site **and any lands located in Nassau County and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project		
222-224 and 225-255 East 2nd Street**		
City, town, or village		State
Mineola		NY
ZIP code		11501
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 / 17 / 19		11 / 30 / 22

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

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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*.

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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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- accepted in good faith;
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This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

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EXHIBIT C-3

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

[See Attached Page]



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

(2/14)

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

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. See TSB-M-14(1.1)S, *Sales Tax Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Industrial Development Agencies and Authorities*, for more information.

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 (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 Nassau County IDA		
Name of project ALKIER STEEL LLC / STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC, 2019 Project		IDA project number (use OSC number) 2803-19-09A
Street address of project site 222-224 and 225-255 East 2nd Street* **and any lands located in Nassau County and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project		
City, town, or village Mineola	State NY	ZIP code 11501
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) 11 / 30 / 22

Exempt purchases

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

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EXHIBIT C-3

INVOICE RIDER FORM

I, _____, the
_____ of _____ certify that I am
a duly appointed agent of the NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(the "Agency") and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the
following Agency Project and that such purchases qualify as exempt from sales and use taxes
under the Uniform Project Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2019, by and between the
Agency and ALKIER STEEL LLC and STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC.

Name of the Project: ALKIER STEEL LLC and STEEL MINEOLA
SECOND STREET LLC Project

Street address of the Project Site: 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd
Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North
Hempstead, Nassau County, New York

Tax Map #: (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section:
9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467))

IDA OSC project number: **2803-19-09A**

EXHIBIT D

**NYS FORM ST-340 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMPANY AND FILED
ANNUALLY WITH THE NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 10TH OF EACH YEAR**

[See Attached Page]



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 Alkier Steel, LLC		Employer identification number (EIN) [REDACTED]	
Street address 999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200		Telephone number (516) 576-3170	
City Bethpage		State NY	ZIP code 11714
Name of IDA Nassau County IDA	Name of project Alkier Steel LLC/Steel Mineola Second Street LLC, 2019 Project	IDA project number 2803-19-09A	
Street address of project site 222-224 and 225-255 East 2nd Street**		**and any lands located in Nassau County and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project	
City Mineola		State NY	ZIP code 11501
Date project began 12/17/19	Completion date of project 11/30/22 Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Expected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Total sales and use tax exemptions (actual tax savings; not total purchases)			\$ 215,625.00

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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EXHIBIT E

**FORMS OF ANNUAL
EMPLOYMENT REPORT**

NASSAU IDA JOB CONFIRMATION FORM 2018

1. Sales Tax Abatement Information

Did your company receive Sales Tax Abatement on your
Project during 2019?

Yes__ No__

If so, please provide the amount of sales and use tax exemptions.

This would be Actual tax savings; NOT total purchases.

\$ _____

**(A copy of the ST-340 sales tax report submitted to
New York State for the 2019 reporting period is required
to be attached with this report)**

2. Mortgage Recording Tax Information

a) Did your company receive Mortgage Tax Abatement on your Project
during 2019?

Yes__ No__

(Note this would only be applicable to the year that a mortgage was
placed upon the Project, so if you did not close in 2018, the answer
should be no)

b) Amount of the mortgage recording tax that was abated during 2019: \$ _____

3. Job Information

(NOTE: All job information required herein shall include the employees, independent contractors and employees of independent contractors of all owners, occupants and operators of the Project Facility. Such information of owners, occupants and operators other than the Applicant shall also be separately provided in a certified statement with supporting documentation from each such owner, occupant and operator.)

a) Total number (as of December 31st of 2018) of full time equivalent (“FTE”) jobs (including both retained and newly created jobs) at the Project Facility by job category, the average salary or range of salaries, and average fringe benefits or range of fringe benefits for each:

Category	FTE	Average Salary or Range of Salary	Avg. Fringe Benefits or Range of Benefits
Management	_____	_____	_____
Professional	_____	_____	_____
Administrative	_____	_____	_____
Production	_____	_____	_____
Supervisor	_____	_____	_____
Laborer	_____	_____	_____
Independent Contractor ²	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Total	<input type="text"/>		

b) Number of the foregoing jobs that were (as of 12/31/19) filled by residents of the Local Market Area (i.e., Nassau and Suffolk Counties): _____

² As used in this form, this category includes employees of independent contractors.

- c) Please attach (1) the 2019 fourth quarter form NYS-45 (including NYS-45 ATT) filed with New York State Employment Taxation Department indicating number of employees, and (2) the Undersigned's annual payroll report for year ending 12/31/19. *It is not necessary to include Part C.*
- d) Number of FTE construction jobs during 2019 : _____
- e) Average Salary of construction jobs during 2019: _____
- f) Number of FTE jobs created at the Project Facility during the fiscal year by job category the average salary or range of salaries, and average fringe benefits or range of fringe benefits for each:

Category	FTE	Average Salary or Range of Salary	Avg. Fringe Benefits or Range of Benefits
Management	_____	_____	_____
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Administrative	_____	_____	_____
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Laborer	_____	_____	_____
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Other	_____	_____	_____
Total	<input type="text"/>		

- g) Are the foregoing salary and fringe benefits figures consistent with the figures provided by the company in its application for financial assistance? Yes ___ No ___
- h) Number of the foregoing jobs that were (as of 12/31/19) filled by residents of the Local Market Area (i.e., Nassau and Suffolk Counties): _____
- i) Number of the foregoing jobs that were filled by Community Services Division applicants: _____

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j) Number of the foregoing jobs that were filled by Job Training Partnership Act eligible persons. _____

k) Total Annual Payroll for 2019: \$ _____

4. Project Investment Information

a) Project Investment for 2019: \$ _____
(attach evidence such as receipts, contracts, invoices etc.)

The undersigned acknowledges that the average salaries or range of salaries and the average benefits or range of benefits for both retained and created jobs set forth in the Application are still accurate.

The undersigned acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information herein may lead to the immediate termination of the financial assistance and/or the recapture of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement in the project.

The undersigned hereby confirms that (i) no default under the Transaction Documents has occurred and is continuing, and (ii) no leases, subleases or other arrangements permitting the use or occupancy of the Project Facility are in effect, except those expressly authorized in writing by the Agency.

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete.

Signed: _____

Company Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Acknowledgment to be completed by a Notary Public:

State of _____

County of _____

On the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ before me the undersigned, personally appeared _____ 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 signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

NOTARY PUBLIC (Please sign and affix stamp)

RETURN TO:

NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ONE WEST STREET, SUITE 326

MINEOLA, NY 11501

ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 11, 20__

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made as of December 1, 2019, by and among **ALKIER STEEL LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and **STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and will be qualified to do business in the State of New York, each having an office at 999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200, Bethpage, NY 11714, named herein and their undertakings hereunder shall be joint and several, and each representation, warranty and covenant and agreement in the Agreement shall apply to each such parties named herein (collectively, as tenants-in-common, the "Obligor") and the **NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having an office at One West Street, Mineola, NY 11501 (the "Agency"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, 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 Obligor on behalf of itself and entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (together with the Company, the "Applicant"), has presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requests that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the renovation of an existing, blighted former manufacturing center/plants totaling approximately 160,000 square feet in the aggregate (collectively, the "Building") on the land located at 222-224 East 2nd Street and 225-255 East 2nd Street, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 73; Lot: 30-35, 25-29; Section: 9; Block: 663; Lot: 4A, 4B, 5 and 33; Section: 9; Block: 437; Lot 466 and 467) (the "Land"), together with

related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") necessary for the completion thereof (collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use as a warehouse and or other industrial development facility, to be determined by the Applicants; (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 (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicants or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicants and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Company, which is the fee owner of the Facility, proposed that the Company be the sublessee of the Facility and the Agency has approved such proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is or will be the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility pursuant to a certain Company Lease Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Company Lease"), between the Company and the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to undertake the Project as an authorized project under the Act and to sublease its interest in the Facility to the Company pursuant to a Sublease Agreement of even date herewith between the Agency and the Company (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Lease Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the payment and performance of the Obligor's obligations under this Agreement shall be secured by a Mortgage and Assignment of Leases and Rents of even date herewith (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "PILOT Mortgage") from the Obligor and the Agency, as mortgagor, to the County of Nassau (the "PILOT Mortgagee"), its successors and assigns, as mortgagee, pursuant to which the Agency and the Obligor grant a first mortgage lien on the Facility to the PILOT Mortgagee; and

WHEREAS, under the present provisions of the Act and under the present Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York (the "RPTL"), the Agency is required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction or supervision or under its control;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the payments, agreements, and covenants hereinafter contained, the Obligor and the Agency covenant and mutually agree as follows:

Section 1. Tax-Exempt Status of Facility.

A. Application.

(1) The Obligor shall complete, and the Agency shall file, an application for tax exemption pursuant to Section 412-a of the RPTL (the "Application"). The Application shall be filed with the assessor for each of the various taxing entities having jurisdiction over the Facility, including, without limitation, the County of Nassau (the "County")

and each city, town, village and school district within which the Facility is located (such taxing entities, and any successors thereto, being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Taxing Entities" and each individually as a "Taxing Entity"). The Facility shall not be entitled to exempt status on the tax rolls of any Taxing Entity until the beginning of the first fiscal tax year of such Taxing Entity following the first taxable status date of such Taxing Entity occurring subsequent to the last to occur of (i) the Agency becoming the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility, (ii) the filing by the Agency of the appropriate Application for tax exemption, and (iii) the acceptance of such Application by the appropriate tax assessor(s) (such date, the "PILOT Commencement Date").

(2) The Obligor hereby waives any claim or cause of action against the Agency, and releases the Agency from any liability to the Obligor, arising from any denial of an exemption from real property taxes and assessments, except to the extent that such denial results solely from the willful failure of the Agency, after demand by the Obligor, to file the completed Application for tax exemption as set forth in this Agreement.

B. Special Assessments. The parties hereto understand that the tax exemption extended to the Agency by Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Section 412-a of the RPTL may not entitle the Agency to exemption from special assessments and special ad valorem levies. Pursuant to the Lease Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, the Obligor will be required to pay all special assessments and special ad valorem levies levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility, subject to Section 2(B)(3) hereof.

C. Other Charges. If any taxes, assessments, service charges or other governmental charges become payable by the Obligor or the Agency on the Facility or the rental paid pursuant to the Lease Agreement or the occupancy of or any interest of the Obligor or the Agency in the Facility or any part thereof or any personal property used in connection with the business conducted and located therein, the amount of any such taxes, assessments or charges shall be paid by the Obligor as and when due. Furthermore, water charges, sewer rentals, sewage treatment charges, solid waste charges and any other charges in the nature of utility charges shall be paid as and when due directly by the Obligor and shall not be credited against nor be affected in any manner by any payment in lieu of real property taxes and assessments in any year and shall be computed pursuant to the formula adopted by the relevant Taxing Entity.

Section 2. Payments

A. Tax Payments.

(1) Prior to the PILOT Commencement Date, the applicable real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility shall be payable in full by the Obligor to the applicable Taxing Entity as if the Agency were not the holder of a leasehold interest in the Facility or otherwise involved in the Project.

B. PILOT Payments.

(1) From the PILOT Commencement Date through and including the last day of the twentieth (20th) fiscal tax year thereafter (such date, the "Abatement Expiration

Date” and such period, the “Term”), the Obligor shall make payments in lieu of real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed by the Taxing Entities against the Facility as set forth on Schedule B hereto, subject to the provisions of Section 2(B)(3) hereof.

The payments in lieu of real property taxes and assessments levied and/or assessed by the Taxing Entities against the Facility pursuant to clause (1) above are referred to herein as the “PILOT Payments.”

(2) From and after the Abatement Expiration Date, and until the Agency’s interest in the Facility is conveyed to the Obligor pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement and the Facility has been returned to the tax rolls as fully taxable property, the Obligor shall make PILOT Payments equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of real property taxes and assessments that would have been levied and/or assessed against or with respect to the Facility as if the Facility were owned by the Obligor and the Agency were not otherwise involved in the Project.

“PILOT Obligations” shall mean all amounts required to be paid by the Obligor under this Agreement, including, without limitation, those amounts set forth in Sections 2(A) and 2(B) hereof.

(3) Any provision of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the amount of PILOT Payments set forth in Section 2(B)(1) hereof for each fiscal tax year from the PILOT Commencement Date through the Abatement Expiration Date, shall be reduced (but not below \$0) by the amount, if any, of special assessments and special ad valorem levies assessed against or levied upon the Facility for such fiscal tax year (collectively, “Special Assessments”), whether by the Nassau County Tax Assessor’s Office or otherwise, which Special Assessments would otherwise be payable by the Obligor pursuant to this Agreement. The amount of any such reduction of a PILOT Payment shall be set forth on the applicable PILOT bill issued with respect to such fiscal tax year, if any, but the failure of the Obligor to receive such bill shall in no event affect the Obligor’s obligation to pay such PILOT Payment. In the event that (i) the amount of Special Assessments for a particular fiscal tax year exceeds the amount of the PILOT Payment for such fiscal tax year (such excess is hereinafter referred to as an “SA Credit”), or (ii) the amount of PILOT Payments for a particular fiscal tax year are not reduced by the amount of Special Assessments for such fiscal tax year (the amount of such Special Assessments is hereinafter referred to as an “SA Reduction”), then the amount of such SA Credit or SA Reduction, as the case may be, shall be carried over as a credit for the following fiscal tax year(s); provided, however, that if there is an unused SA Credit at the end of the Term of this Agreement, then the Obligor shall not be entitled to (a) take such SA Credit against any further payments hereunder or against real property taxes assessed against the Facility, or (b) an extension of the Term of this Agreement.

C. Payments.

(1) Amounts due and payable under this Agreement shall be payable to the Treasurer of the County of Nassau (the “Treasurer”), One West Street, 1st floor, Mineola, NY 11501, or at such other address as the Treasurer may notify the Obligor of in writing.

(2) All PILOT Payments hereunder shall be allocated among the affected tax jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property and other taxes and assessments that would have been received by each Taxing Entity had the Project not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency. This provision constitutes the formula for the calculation of the amounts of the PILOT Payments for each Taxing Entity as required by Section 859-a(6) of the General Municipal Law.

D. Due Dates; Interest; and Penalties.

(1) The Obligor may be billed for PILOT Payments as if the Facility were on the tax rolls at the time when taxes for each Taxing Entity are due.

(2) If any payment required under this Agreement is not made on or before the due date thereof, such payment shall be delinquent and the unpaid amount(s) shall accrue interest (and penalties) at the rates applicable to late payments of taxes for the respective Taxing Entities and as further provided in the General Municipal Law, including Section 874(5) thereof, which currently provides for a late charge equal to the greater of (a) five (5%) percent of the unpaid amount for the first month, and for each month, or part thereof, that the payment is delinquent beyond the first month, an additional late charge equal to one (1%) percent per month of the total amount payable; and (b) the late charge applicable from time to time to real property tax levies and assessments that are not paid when due. The Obligor agrees to pay all such late charges, interest and penalties when due.

(3) Anything contained in this subparagraph to the contrary notwithstanding, the Obligor shall have the obligation to make all payments of PILOT Obligations (other than payments of penalties, if any), in (a) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to January 1 and July 1 for the General Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, and (b) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to October 1 and April 1 for the School Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, and (c) two equal semi-annual installments on or prior to the date which is five (5) Business Days prior to June 1 and December 1 for the Village Tax portion of the PILOT Obligations, as applicable, of each year of the term of the Lease Agreement or on such other due dates as may be established by the Agency or the Treasurer from time to time during the term of the Lease Agreement.

E. Partial Sale; Transferee's Obligation; Apportionment of Reduction to Local Taxing Entities. During the Term of this Agreement, in the event that the Agency's interest in the Facility, or any portion thereof or interest therein, is sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of by the Agency in accordance with the Lease Agreement, the transferees thereof will thereafter pay the real property taxes and assessments on such Land and the Building and any Additional Facilities (as hereinafter defined) located on the Land, or on such portion of the Land, that was sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of, as may be required by applicable law.

F. Sale; Obligor's Obligation. In the event that the Agency sells, transfers, assigns or otherwise disposes of its interest in the Facility to any party other than the Obligor, the Obligor's obligation for PILOT Obligations shall be prorated to the date of the closing of the

transaction and thereupon all obligations of the Obligor for payment of PILOT Obligations shall cease, but the Agency shall take such steps with the transferee or assignee other than the Obligor to assure that each of the Taxing Entities shall suffer no loss of revenue until the Facility can be placed back on the tax rolls as fully taxable real property and taxes levied and billed therefor.

Section 3. Effective Date: Duration of Agreement.

This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement by the Company and the Agency and this Agreement by the Obligor and the Agency and the execution and delivery of the Company Lease from the Company to the Agency and shall continue in effect until the earlier of (i) the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement or of this Agreement, or (ii) the date on which the Company Lease and the Lease Agreement are terminated pursuant to the Lease Agreement or this Agreement and the Facility has been placed back on the tax rolls as taxable property.

Section 4. Events of Default.

The following shall constitute an "Event of Default" under this Agreement:

A. Failure by the Obligor to make any payment specified herein and the continuance of such failure for a period of fifteen (15) days after receipt by the Company of written notice from the Agency, the County and/or any Taxing Entity.

B. Failure by the Obligor to comply with or perform any provision of this Agreement other than the payment provisions hereof and the continuance of such failure for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by the Company of written notice thereof from the Agency or, if such default is capable of being cured but cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, the failure of the Obligor to commence to cure such default within such thirty (30) day period or to prosecute such cure to completion, provided in no event shall such additional cure period exceed sixty (60) days.

C. The occurrence of an Event of Default under the Uniform Project Agreement, Company Lease, the Lease Agreement or any other agreement between the Agency and the Company.

If the Obligor fails to make any payments pursuant to this Agreement when due, the amount or amounts so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Obligor until fully paid.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, the Obligor shall be required to make PILOT Payments as if the Facility were owned by the Obligor and the Agency was not otherwise involved in the Project, such amounts to commence to be paid for the period subsequent to the date it is determined by the Agency that there is an Event of Default hereunder. In such event, the tax rate, interest and penalties shall be those then in effect in the Taxing Entities in which the Facility is located.

Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, (i) the Agency shall be entitled to sue to enforce any provision of this Agreement and to recover the payments of PILOT Obligations in default from the Obligor, together with all the costs and expenses of the

Agency, its successors or assigns, paid or incurred in such recovery (including court costs and attorneys' fees and expenses) and interest at the rate charged by the respective Taxing Entities on overdue payments of taxes, and (ii) the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Company Lease and the Lease Agreement at any time, and the Company shall accept such termination and any tender of reconveyance from the Agency of its interest in the Facility.

The Agency, in enforcing payment by the Obligor of the PILOT Obligations, may take whatever action and exercise any or all of the rights and remedies specified in this Agreement or any other remedy provided by law.

Each and every Event of Default shall give rise to a separate cause of action hereunder, and separate suits may be brought hereunder as each cause of action arises.

No delay or omission in exercising any right or power accruing upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. Further, no payment by the Agency or receipt by the Agency or a Taxing Entity of a lesser amount than the correct amount or manner of payment due hereunder shall be deemed to be other than a payment on account, nor shall any endorsement or statement on any check or any letter accompanying any check or payment be deemed to effect or evidence an accord and satisfaction, and the Agency and/or any Taxing Entity may accept any check or payment as made without prejudice to the right to recover the balance or pursue any other remedy in this Agreement or otherwise provided at law or in equity.

In no event shall the Agency be liable to any of the Taxing Entities for the payments specified herein, whether or not the Obligor makes such payments. The Obligor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency) and hold harmless the Agency and its officers, members, agents (other than the Obligor), attorneys, servants and employees, past, present and future, against any such liability for such payments and against all penalties, interest, and other charges resulting from the delinquency of such payments.

The Agency and the Obligor hereby acknowledge the right of the County, as beneficiary of this Agreement (on behalf of itself and all other Taxing Entities), to pursue any appropriate remedies, including an action or proceeding in the courts, to recover directly from the Obligor any payments of PILOT Obligations in default hereunder and/or to exercise its rights and remedies under the PILOT Mortgage. The Obligor shall promptly notify the Agency of any action or proceeding brought, or other measure taken, by a Taxing Entity to recover such payments in default hereunder. It is understood that the right of any Taxing Entity herein acknowledged is in addition to, and shall not impair, the Agency's own rights arising from a breach of this Agreement.

In the event that any interest in and to the Facility is conveyed by the Obligor or title to the Facility is conveyed by the Obligor to any other party prior to expiration of the term of the Lease Agreement (other than transfers expressly permitted under the Lease Agreement or otherwise consented to by the Agency), this Agreement shall, at the option of the Agency, become null and void and any remaining tax abatement hereunder shall be canceled.

The rights, powers and remedies of the Agency and the County under this Agreement shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any other right, power or remedy which the Agency or the County may have against the Obligor pursuant to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, or existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The respective rights, powers and remedies of the Agency and the County hereunder may be pursued singly, concurrently or otherwise, at such time and in such order as the Agency or the County may determine in its sole discretion. No delay or omission to exercise any remedy, right or power accruing upon an Event of Default shall impair any such remedy, right or power or shall be construed as a waiver thereof, but any such remedy, right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. A waiver of one Event of Default with respect to the Obligor shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent Event of Default by the Obligor or to impair any remedy, right or power consequent thereon.

Section 5. Additional Facilities.

If any structural additions or change in use shall be made to the buildings or other improvements included in the Facility subsequent to the date hereof (other than the initial construction of the Building contemplated by the Project), or if any additional buildings or improvements shall be constructed on the Land other than the Building (such change of use, new structures, structural additions, buildings and improvements being referred to hereinafter as "Additional Facilities"), the Obligor agrees that its PILOT Obligations hereunder shall be increased by an amount, as determined by the Agency or a tax assessor selected by the Agency, equal to the increased tax payments, if any, that would have been payable on such increase if this Agreement were not in effect. Nothing herein shall constitute the Agency's consent to the construction of any such additions or additional buildings or improvements or to such change of use.

Section 6. Change of Law.

In the event the Facility, or any part thereof, is declared to be subject to taxation for real property taxes or assessments by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change or a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Obligor hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void. If the Obligor has already paid any amounts under this Agreement for any period that the Obligor is required to pay taxes or assessments because of such amendment, legislative or final judgment (collectively, "Prior Payments"), then the Obligor shall look to the Taxing Authorities for repayment of the Prior Payments or a credit in the amount of the Prior Payments against taxes payable to the relevant Taxing Entity but in no event shall the Obligor look to the Agency for a refund of the Prior Payments.

Section 7. Waiver of Tax Exemption.

The Obligor, in recognition of the benefits provided under this Agreement, and for so long as the Lease Agreement is in effect, hereby expressly waives any rights it may have for any exemption under Section 485-b of the RPTL or any other exemption under any other law or regulation (except, however, for the exemption provided under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the Facility.

The Obligor, in recognition of the benefits provided under this Agreement and the Lease Agreement, hereby expressly waives the right to institute judicial or other review of an assessment of the real property with respect to the Facility, whether pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the RPTL or other applicable law, as the same may be amended from time to time, with respect to any fiscal tax year from and after the PILOT Commencement Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the final three (3) years of the term of this Agreement, the Obligor shall have the right to institute judicial or other review of the assessed value of the real property with respect to the Facility, whether pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the RPTL or other applicable law, as the same may be amended from time to time; provided, however, that no such judicial or other review or settlement thereof shall have any effect on the Obligor's obligations under this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Obligor's obligation to make the PILOT Payments when due. Such judicial or other review shall only be for purposes of setting the assessed value of the Facility as though the Facility was on the tax rolls of each Taxing Entity as taxable real property but shall have no effect on this Agreement or the tax-exempt status of the Facility during the term of this Agreement.

In addition, the Obligor hereby represents and warrants that it has stipulated to the discontinuance (with prejudice) of all pending tax certiorari proceedings, if any, with respect to the Facility on or before the date hereof.

Section 8. Delivery of PILOT Statement.

The Obligor shall deliver to the Comptroller of the County of Nassau, on or before the dates set forth for payment of the PILOT Obligations in Section 2 hereof, in each year during the term of the Lease Agreement, a verified statement setting forth the amount of such payments and the dates of such payments.

Section 9. Limited Obligation.

The obligations, covenants and agreements of the Agency hereunder shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York, the County, or any city, town, village or school district within which the Facility is located and neither the State of New York, the County, nor any such city, town, village or school district shall be liable thereon, and further, such obligations, covenants and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency.

Section 10. No Waiver.

Failure by the Agency in any instance to insist upon the strict performance of any one or more of the obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement, or to exercise any election herein contained, shall in no manner be or be deemed to be a waiver by the Agency of any of the Obligor's defaults or breaches hereunder or of any of the rights and remedies of the Agency by reason of such defaults or breaches, or a waiver or relinquishment of any and all of the Obligor's obligations hereunder. No waiver, amendment, release or modification of this Agreement shall be established by conduct, custom or course of dealing. Further, no payment by the Obligor or receipt by the Agency of a lesser amount than the correct amount or manner of payment due hereunder shall be deemed to be other than a payment on account, nor shall any endorsement or

statement on any check or any letter accompanying any check or payment be deemed to effect or evidence an accord and satisfaction, and the Agency may accept any check or payments as made without prejudice to the right to recover the balance or pursue any other remedy in this Agreement or otherwise provided at law or in equity.

Section 11. Notices.

A. All notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given on the earlier of (1) three (3) Business Days after being sent to the applicable address stated below by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or two (2) Business Days after being sent by nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (2) the date on which delivery is refused by the addressee, as evidenced by the affidavit of the Person who attempted to effect such delivery.

B. The addresses to which notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be delivered are as follows:

To the Agency:

Nassau County Industrial Development Agency
One West Street
Mineola, NY 11501
Attention: Chief Executive Officer

With a courtesy copy to:

Harris Beach PLLC
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 901
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Andrew Komaromi, Esq.

To the Obligor:

ALKIER STEEL LLC
STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC
c/o Steel Equities
999 South Oyster Bay Road, Suite 200
Bethpage, NY 11714
Attn: Glenn Lostritto

With a courtesy copy to:

Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP
333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010
Uniondale, NY 11553
Attn: Daniel P. Deegan, Esq.

Section 12. Change of Address.

The Agency or the Obligor may, by notice given hereunder to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications to them shall be sent.

Section 13. Assignment of Agreement.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of the Obligor but no assignment shall be effective to relieve the Obligor of any of its obligations hereunder unless expressly authorized and approved in writing by the Agency. The rights and obligations of the Obligor hereunder may not be assigned except in connection with a permitted assignment of the Obligor's interest in and to the Lease Agreement. Nothing herein is intended to be for, or to inure to, the benefit of any Person other than the parties hereto, the County and the other Taxing Entities.

Section 14. Independent Agreement.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, including the recitals hereof, the parties agree that the Lease Agreement executed between the parties thereto shall be a separate and independent document from this Agreement, and irrespective of whether any provision of this Agreement or the entirety hereof shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the Lease Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and otherwise regarded separate and apart from this Agreement. The parties hereto specifically note that the considerations and terms provided for in this Agreement and provided for in the Lease Agreement are the only considerations and terms for which the parties thereto have executed this Agreement.

Section 15. Invalidity.

If any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or provisions of this Agreement or the entirety hereof shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by any order, decree or judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, then such phrase, sentence, clause or provision or the entirety of this Agreement shall be deemed to be reformed in such manner as shall be determined by such court, or in the absence of such a determination then in the reasonable judgment of the Agency, to render such phrase, sentence, clause or provision of this Agreement valid and enforceable under applicable law. The parties hereto agree to enter into such documents, agreements and instruments as the Agency reasonably determines are necessary to effect any such reformation. In the event that any one more of the phrases, sentences, clauses or provisions of this Agreement cannot be reformed to comply with applicable law, then this Agreement shall be construed as if such phrase, sentence, clause or paragraph had not appeared in this Agreement.

Section 16. Amendments.

This Agreement may not be modified, amended, supplemented, or changed without the written consent of the Agency and the Obligor.

Section 17. Prior Agreements.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 18. Delivery of Agreement.

The Agency covenants to use reasonable efforts to deliver to each Taxing Entity a copy of this Agreement within fifteen (15) days after its execution.

Section 19. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 20. Service of Process; Consent to Jurisdiction; Forum.

A. The Obligor represents that it is subject to service of process in the State of New York and covenants that it will remain so subject so long as the Lease Agreement shall be in effect. If for any reason the Obligor should cease to be so subject to service of process in the State of New York, the Obligor hereby designates and appoints, without power of revocation, Daniel P. Deegan, Esq., Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP, 333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010, Uniondale, NY 11553, as agent for service of process, and if such agent shall cease to act or otherwise cease to be subject to service of process in the State of New York, the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as the agents of the Obligor upon whom may be served all process, pleadings, notices or other papers which may be served upon the Obligor as a result of any of its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that the serving of such process, pleadings, notices or other papers shall not constitute a condition to the Obligor's obligations hereunder.

B. The Obligor irrevocably and unconditionally (1) agrees that any suit, action or other legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents may be brought in the courts of record of the State of New York in Nassau County or the courts of the United States, Eastern District of New York; (2) consents to the jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding; and (3) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts. For such time as the Lease Agreement is in effect, the Obligor's agents designated above shall accept and acknowledge in the Obligor's behalf service of any and all process in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court. The Obligor agrees and consents that any such service of process upon such agents and written notice of such service to the Obligor in the manner set forth in Section 11 hereof shall be taken and held to be valid personal service upon the Obligor whether or not the Obligor shall then be doing, or at any time shall have done, business within the State of New York and that any such service of process shall be of the same force and validity as if service were made upon the Obligor according to the laws governing the validity and requirements of such service in the State of New York, and waives all claim of error by reason of any such service. Such agents shall not have any power or authority to enter into any appearance or to file any pleadings in connection with any suit, action or other legal proceedings

against the Obligor or to conduct the defense of any such suit, action or any other legal proceeding except as expressly authorized by the Obligor.

Section 21. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, as the same may be in effect from time to time, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

Section 22. Nature of Obligations.

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until each and every one of the PILOT Obligations shall have been irrevocably paid in full and all other obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement shall have been paid and performed in full.

If the Obligor consists of more than one (1) Person, the obligations of the Obligor under this Agreement shall be joint and several.

Section 23. Indemnification.

The Obligor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel selected by the Agency and reasonably acceptable to the Obligor) and hold harmless the Agency and its officers, members, agents (other than the Obligor), attorneys, servants and employees, past, present and future, against any liability arising from any default by the Obligor in performing its obligations hereunder or any expense incurred hereunder, including, without limitation, any expenses of the Agency and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses.


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

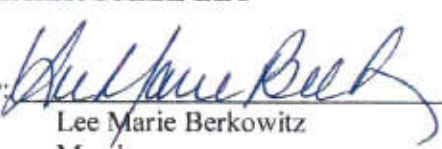
**NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By: _____


Harry Coghlan
Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director


ALKIER STEEL LLC

By: _____


Lee Marie Berkowitz
Member

STEEL MINEOLA SECOND STREET LLC

By: _____


Glenn Lostritto
Managing Member

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

On the 17 day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **Harry Coghlan**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Wendy Stettine
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF)

WENDY STETTINE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01ST4642045
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires August 31, 2021

On the 16 day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Lee Marie Berkowitz**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual executed the instrument.

Georgia Emanuel
Notary Public
GEORGIA EMANUEL
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01EM6396834
Qualified in Nassau County
My Commission Expires: 8/26/23

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On the 16 day of December 2019, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Glenn Lostritto**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual executed the instrument.

Georgia Emanuel
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