ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

NIAGARA TRANSFORMER CORP.

A regular meeting of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF NIAGARA TRANSFORMER CORP. (THE "COMPANY") IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT DESCRIBED BELOW: (ii) RATIFYING THE SCHEDULING, NOTICING, AND CONDUCTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT: (iii) MAKING А DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT; (iv) APPOINTING THE COMPANY, OR ITS DESIGNEE, AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT; (v) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE PROJECT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF (A) A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, (B) A PARTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT THROUGH THE PILOT AGREEMENT, AND (C) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR FINANCING RELATED TO THE PROJECT; AND (vi) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, A PILOT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 293 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), the ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping civic, industrial, manufacturing, commercial and other facilities as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, NIAGARA TRANSFORMER CORP., for itself or on behalf of an entity formed or to be formed (the "Company") has submitted an application to the Agency (the "Application") requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) a 3.20+/- acre parcel of land located at 1755 Dale Road, Town of Cheektowaga, Erie County, New York (the "Land"), (ii) the construction and equipping of improvements thereon of a 29,259+/- SF commercial building for operation of a manufacturing facility to be used for the final assembly, painting and testing of power transformers (the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of

machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment," and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, on May 9, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., at Town of Cheektowaga Town Hall in the Town Council Chamber located at 3301 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the "Public Hearing") whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will (i) designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and/or renovating and equipping the Facility pursuant to an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), (ii) negotiate and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement") and related leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement") with the Company, pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Land, the Improvements, the Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility; and (iii) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of (a) an exemption from all New York State and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction and/or renovation, rehabilitation or equipping of the Facility, (b) a partial real property tax abatement through the PILOT Agreement for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project, and (c) a mortgage recording tax exemption for the financing related to the Project (collectively, the sales and use tax exemptions, the PILOT Agreement and the mortgage recording tax exemption are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cheektowaga, in accordance with Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively referred to as the "State Environmental Quality Review Act" and/or "SEQR") undertook uncoordinated review with respect to the Project, and on March 17, 2008, issued a negative declaration (the "Negative Declaration") under SEQR with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable provisions of SEQR, the Company has submitted to the Agency a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's

application and any other correspondence submitted by the Company to the Agency, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to appoint the Company as its agent for purposes of acquiring, constructing and/or renovating and equipping the Project; and

(C) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(D) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing and/or retaining employment opportunities in Erie County, New York and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(E) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and

(F) The Project involves an "Unlisted Action" as said term is defined pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.2(ak) of the SEQR regulations. The Company has conducted an uncoordinated review of the Project pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.6(b)(4)(i). Based upon a comprehensive and thorough review by the Agency of the EAF, the Town of Cheektowaga Negative Declaration and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency, the criteria set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.7 of the SEQR regulations, and the additional representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that the Project will not have a potential significant adverse environmental impact warranting the preparation of an environmental impact statement. The Agency thus issues a "negative declaration" as that term is defined pursuant 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.2(y).

<u>Section 2</u>. Subject to the Company executing an Agent Agreement and the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of insurance for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and/or renovate and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and

subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement, if utilized, shall expire one (1) year from the date of this resolution (unless extended for good cause by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer).

<u>Section 3</u>. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate, execute and deliver (A) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (B) the related Leaseback Agreement conveying the Land and Project back to the Company, and (C) the PILOT Agreement and related documents; provided, however, that (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement to the Company include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy, or procedures for deviation have been complied with accordingly.

Section 4. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate, execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance acquisition and Project costs or equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter, with the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and related documents, collectively called the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided in all events recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

<u>Section 5.</u> The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to negotiate, execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency. <u>Section 6</u>. The provision by the Agency of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as described herein is subject to the execution and delivery of the Agency's Administrative Fee Agreement (the "Fee Agreement") and payment by the Company of an administrative fee calculated in accordance with the Fee Agreement, all within sixty (60) days of the date of this resolution. In the event the Agency has not received the executed Fee Agreement and the appropriate fee within such sixty (60) day period, this resolution shall become automatically null and void and of no further effect and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise, unless extended in the discretion of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Assistant Treasurer for good cause shown.

<u>Section 7</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall expire one (1) year from the date hereof unless extended for good cause by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Treasurer and/or the Chief Financial Officer.

Dated: May 16, 2011

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF ERIE) SS:

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on May 16, 2011, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 16th day of May, 2011.

Robert S. Munay

Robert G. Murray Assistant Secretary

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