FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT, dated as of the January 26, 2024, is by and between the **ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 (the "Agency") and **COMMITMENT 2000, INC.**, a domestic business corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 105 Monsignor Valente Drive, Buffalo, New York 14206 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated February 22, 2023 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to undertake the Project, as defined therein, and act as its Agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project and subject to the Company entering into an Agent and Financial Assistance Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company entered into that certain Agent and Financial Assistance Project Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2023, as amended from time to time, (collectively, the "Agent Agreement"), whereby the Agency authorized the Company to act as its Agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and/or equipping the Facility (as described within the Resolution); and

WHEREAS, the Company has notified the Agency that the Project has not been completed and has requested an extension of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit time period to enable the Company to continue to construct and equip the Project as so approved by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the foregoing, the Agency requires a First Amendment to Agent Agreement be executed, and the Company and the Agency have agreed to execute the First Amendment to Agent Agreement to extend the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit time period provided by the Agency and any additional amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

The Agent Agreement is amended as follows:

- 1. Any references to the sales tax exemption expiration in the Agent Agreement shall be changed from February 29, 2024 to June 30, 2024.
 - 2. A new Paragraph 12 is inserted into the Agent Agreement as follows:

The Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that Agency Financial Assistance constitutes "public funds" unless otherwise excluded under

Section 224-a(3) of the New York Labor Law, and by executing this Agreement, (i) confirms that it has received notice from the Agency pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(d) of the New York Labor Law and (ii) acknowledges its obligations pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(a) of the New York Labor Law. Other than the Agency Financial Assistance estimates provided herein and disclosed to the Company, the Agency makes no representations or covenants with respect to the total sources of "public funds" received by the Company in connection with the Project.

3. <u>Exhibit A, Exhibit B-1</u>, and <u>Exhibit B-2</u> attached hereto shall be made part of, and incorporated into, the Original Agent Agreement in place of Exhibit A, Exhibit B-1, and Exhibit B-2, respectively, in the Original Agreement.

Unless otherwise amended pursuant to the terms contained herein, the terms of the Agent Agreement shall remain unchanged.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agency and the Company have caused this First Amendment to Agent and Financial Assistance Project Agreement to be executed in their respective names, all as of the date first above written.

ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By:

Name: Elizabeth A. Olkeefe

Title: Vice President of Operations

COMMITMENT 2000, INC.

By:

Name: William A. Sam

Title: President