ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

UNIFRAX 1 LLC, AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE(S), SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF

A regular meeting of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Wednesday, August 19, 2014 at 9:00 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 UNIFRAX 1 LLC, AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE(S), SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (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) APPOINTING THE COMPANY, OR ITS DESIGNEE, AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT; (iv) AUTHORIZING THE TO PROVIDE UNDERTAKING OF THE PROJECT **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 MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION, AND (C) PARTIAL ABATEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES THROUGH THE PILOT AGREEMENT; AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, A PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT, AN AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 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, UNIFRAX 1 LLC, AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (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) the leasehold interest in up to an approximately 17+/- acre parcel of land located at 300, 330, 333 and 360 Fire Tower Drive and the Fire Tower Drive Municipality Circle abatement property, Town of Tonawanda, Erie County, New York (the "Land") together with the existing improvements thereon (the

"Existing Improvements"), (ii) the construction, renovation, upgrading and equipping of the Existing Improvements to include a new 40,230+/- SF connecting building for manufacturing operations located between 333 and 330 Fire Tower Drive and installing new L3 wet-forming production equipment in the building located at 360 Fire Tower Drive (the "Improvements"), and (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Existing Improvements and Improvements by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, on July 31, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at the Town of Tonawanda Town Hall located at 2919 Delaware Avenue (Town Board Conference Room), Kenmore, New York 14217, 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, renovating, upgrading and equipping the Facility pursuant to an agent agreement (the "Agent and Financial Assistance 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 Existing Improvements, 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, renovation, upgrading or equipping of the Facility (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption, and (c) partial abatements from real property taxes through the PILOT Agreement for a 10-year benefit period for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project (collectively, the New York State and local sales and use tax exemptions, the mortgage recording tax exemptions, and the PILOT Agreement are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted August 19, 2014, the Agency adopted a negative declaration in compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; 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, public hearing comments, if any, Agency Policy Committee review of the Project and its August 7, 2014 resolution to approve the Project subject to the terms and conditions as described herein,

and Agency board member review, discussion, and consideration of same, 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, renovating, upgrading 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

<u>Section 2</u>. The Agency hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Project and the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company as described herein.

Subject to the Company executing an Agent and Financial Assistance Section 3. 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, renovation, upgrading and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct, renovate, upgrade 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 appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency, shall expire one year from the date of this resolution (unless extended for good cause by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and/or the Assistant Treasurer).

With respect to the foregoing, and based upon the representations and warranties made by the Company in its application for financial assistance, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an estimated amount up to \$4,550,000.00, which may result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed \$398,000.00. The Agency may consider any requests by the Company for increases to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services.

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, and per the policies of the Agency, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits and/or all mortgage recording tax exemption benefits and/or real property tax abatement benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for Financial Assistance; (v) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits and/or mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatement benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project.

As a condition precedent of receiving Financial Assistance, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any Financial Assistance, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

As an additional condition precedent of receiving Financial Assistance, and as a material term or condition as approved by the Agency in connection with the Project, the Company covenants and agrees and understands that it must, subject to potential recapture of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and/or real property tax abatement benefits for failure to meet and maintain the thresholds as described below, submit, on an annual basis or as indicated below through the termination of the PILOT Agreement, a certification, as so required by the Agency, confirming:

(i) the total investment actually made with respect to the Project at the time of Project completion equals or exceeds \$28,050,000.00 (which represents the product of 85% multiplied by \$33,000,000.00, being the total project cost as stated in the Company's application for financial assistance);

- (ii) that there are at least 268 existing full time equivalent ("FTE") employees located at, or to be located at, the Facility as stated in the Company's application for Financial Assistance (the "Baseline FTE"); and
- (iii) the number of current FTE employees in the then current year at the Facility; and
- (iv) that, the Company has maintained and created FTE employment at the Facility equal to 289 FTE employees [representing the sum of 268 Baseline FTE plus 21 (representing the product of 85% multiplied by 25 (representing the 25 new FTE employee positions as proposed to be created by the Company as stated in the Company's application for Financial Assistance)]; and
- (v) that, the Company adheres to and complies with the Agency's Local Labor Workforce Certification policy.

<u>Section 4</u>. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate, execute and deliver (A) an Agent and Financial Assistance Agreement, (B) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (C) the related Leaseback Agreement conveying the Land and Project back to the Company, and (D) the PILOT Agreement and (E) 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 5. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer 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, 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 Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice

President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer 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.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. 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 Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer for good cause shown.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall expire one (1) year from the date hereof unless extended for good cause by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer.

Dated: August 19, 2014

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 August 19, 2014, 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 19th day of August, 2014.

Robert S. Muna Robert G. Murray Secretary

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