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FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT, dated as of the 31st day of August, 2018, 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 **SILOS AT ELK STREET LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 740 Seneca Street, Buffalo, New York 14210 (the "Company").

W I T N E S S E T H:

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, 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 leasehold interest in a parcel of land located at 50 Elk Street, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York (the "Land") improved thereon with an existing 19,000+/- SF malting and drying building (the "Existing Improvements"), (ii) the construction, reconstruction and/or renovation, upgrading and equipping of the Existing Improvements on the Land to accommodate 14,140+/- SF commercial space, 3,125+/- SF retail space, and 1,690+/- SF residential space (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, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated May 24, 2017 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to undertake the Project and act as its Agent for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Facility and subject to the Company entering into an Agent Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company entered into that certain Agent and Financial Assistance Project Agreement, dated as of June 25, 2017, 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; 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 provided by the Agency, which the Agency has agreed to provide to the Company; and

WHEREAS, 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 reflect the extension of 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 August 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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

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: Karen M. Fiala
Name: Karen M. Fiala
Title: Assistant Treasurer

SILOS AT ELK STREET LLC

By: _____
Name: Jerry Young
Title: Member

Exhibit A

NEW YORK STATE

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			IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998)
Erie County Industrial Development Agency			1404-17-09A
Street address			Telephone number
95 Perry Street, Suite 403			(716) 856-6525
City	State	ZIP code	Email address *(optional)*
Buffalo	NY	14203	

Project operator or agent information

Name of IDA project operator or agent		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: No ☐	Employer identification or Social Security number
Street address		Telephone number ( )	Primary operator or agent? Yes ☐ No ☒
City	State ZIP code	Email address (optional)	

Project information

Name of project		
Silos at Elk Street, LLC		
Street address of project site		
50 Elk Street, and any lands located in Erie Co. and occupied by license or easement during construction or improvement by third parties for the benefit of the project.		
City	State ZIP code	Email address (optional)
Buffalo	NY 14210	

Purpose of project

Renovation and equipping of an existing 19,000+/- SF building to be utilized as a mixed-use facility comprising light industrial, office and residential space.

Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes

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.

Date project operator or agent appointed *(mmddyy)*	Date project operator or agent status ends *(mmddyy)*	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project:
062517	123118	☒

Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax:	(all agents, all in) 900,000.00	Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided:	(all agents, all in) 78,750.00

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	Print title	
Karen M. Fiala	Assistant Treasurer	
Signature Karen M. Fiala	Date 9-24-18	Telephone number (716) 856-6525

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.

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Exhibit B-1

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 Silos at Elk Street, LLC		
Street address			Street address 740 Seneca Street		
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	City, town, or village Buffalo	State NY	ZIP code 14210
			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 Erie County Industrial Development Agency			
Name of project Silos at Elk Street, LLC		IDA project number *(use OSC number)* 1404-17-09A	
Street address of project site 50 Elk Street			
City, town, or village Buffalo		State NY	ZIP code 14210
Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator *(mm/dd/yy)* ..... 06 / 25 / 17		Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends *(mm/dd/yy)* ..... 12 / 31 / 18	

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

Certification: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct, and that no material information has been omitted. I make these statements and issue this exemption certificate with the knowledge that this document provides evidence that state and local sales or use taxes do not apply to a transaction or transactions for which I tendered this document and that willfully issuing this document with the intent to evade any such tax may constitute a felony or other crime under New York State Law, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence. I understand that this document is required to be filed with, and delivered to, the vendor as agent for the Tax Department for the purposes of Tax Law section 1838 and is deemed a document required to be filed with the Tax Department for the purpose of prosecution of offenses. I also understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of tax exclusions or exemptions claimed and the accuracy of any information entered on this document.

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

You may use Form ST-123 if you:

- have been appointed as an agent or project operator by an industrial development agency (IDA) and
- the purchases qualify for exemption from sales and use tax as described in the IDA contract.

You may use Form ST-123 as a single-purchase certificate or as a blanket certificate covering the first and subsequent purchases qualifying for the project listed.

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***.

Industrial development agencies and authorities (IDAs) are public benefit corporations under General Municipal Law Article 18-A and the Public Authorities Law, for the purpose of promoting, developing, encouraging, and assisting in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities in New York State.

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A contractor or subcontractor not appointed as agent or project operator of an IDA must present suppliers with Form ST-120.1, *Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate*, when making purchases that are ordinarily exempt from tax in accordance with Tax Law sections 1115(a)(15) and 1115(a)(16). For more information, see Form ST-120.1.

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To the seller

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