

**Resolution to Increase Value of
Sales Tax Exemption and Extend
Period of Agency Appointment
Horsht, LLC Facility**

Date: March 28, 2023

At a meeting of the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") held at 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York 13441 and at 3211 Oriole Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34243 on March 28, 2023, the following members of the Agency were:

Members Present – Rome, NY: David Grow, Steve Zogby, Mike Fitzgerald.

Members Present – Sarasota, FL: Ferris Betrus, Mary Faith Messenger, Kirk Hinman, Gene Quadraro.

EDGE Staff Present – Rome, NY: Steven J. DiMeo, Maureen Carney, Tim Fitzgerald, Laura Cohen, Mark Kaucher, Chris Lawrence, Hannah Phillips.

EDGE Staff Present – Sarasota, FL: Shawna Papale

EDGE Staff Present – WebEx: Bill Van Shufflin

Other Attendees: Mark Levitt, Levitt & Gordon; Rome Mayor Jackie Izzo, Jef Saunders, Saunder-Kahler LLP; Wade Abraham, Alder Creek Beverage.

Other Attendees – WebEx: Paul Goldman, Goldman Attorneys PLLC; Linda Romano and Laura Ruberto, Bond, Schoeneck & King; Shelby Pay, WUTR; John Herbrand and Charlie Monte Verde, Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad; Alison Stanulevich, Horsht, LLC; Bob Pagano, Kris-Tech Wire; Patrick Allen and Greg Mountain, Collins Solar LLC; Gregg Evans, The Bonadio Group

After the meeting had been duly called to order, the Chairman announced that among the purposes of the meeting was to consider and take action on certain matters pertaining to increasing the value and extending the time of previously approved financial assistance to Horsht, LLC.

The following resolution was duly moved, seconded, discussed and adopted with the following members voting:

Voting Aye

Voting Nay

David Grow
Michael Fitzgerald
Ferris Betrus
Kirk Hinman
Mary Faith Messenger
Eugene Quadraro
Stephen Zogby

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF A SALES TAX EXEMPTION, EXTEND THE PERIOD OF THE AGENCY APPOINTMENT AND EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE HORSHT, LLC FACILITY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, ONEIDA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended and Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act"), the Agency was created with the authority and power among other things, to assist with the acquisition of certain industrial development projects as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Company previously requested the Agency's assistance in connection with construction of a 6,000± square foot addition and a 8,500± square foot addition to existing buildings together with all site preparation and infrastructure to support the same (collectively, the "FIS Improvements"); construction of a 9,600± square foot addition to an existing building together with all site preparation and infrastructure to support the same (collectively, the "TLC Improvements" and together with the FIS Improvements, the "Improvements") situated on parcels of land measuring 11.62 acres in the aggregate located at 161 Clear Road, 175 Clear Road and 132 Base Road, Town of Whitestown, Oneida County New York (the "Land") and the acquisition and installation of equipment in the Improvements (the "Equipment"), all for the purpose of supporting the expansion and growth of Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc. and its communication fiber optics and sheet metal bending operations and supporting the expansion and growth of The Light Connection, Inc. and its cable and tubing manufacturing operations (the Land, the Improvements and the Equipment are referred to collectively as the "Facility" and the construction and equipping of the Facility is referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2022 the Agency adopted a resolution approving financial assistance in support of the Facility, which included exemptions from sales and uses taxes in an amount not to exceed \$161,664.00; and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted to the Agency a request to increase the value of the exemption to \$186,479.00, and to extend the period of the agency appointment under which the Company may utilize the exemption to September 30, 2023 (the "Amended Financial Assistance") to allow the Company to complete construction of the Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (a majority of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines:

(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) The Facility constitutes a “project”, as such term is defined in the Act; and

(c) The Amended Financial Assistance will promote and maintain the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Oneida County and the State of New York and improve their standard of living and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

(d) The Amended Financial Assistance is reasonably necessary to induce the Company to maintain and expand its business operations in the State of New York; and

(e) The SEQRA findings adopted by the Agency on April 22, 2022 encompassed the actions to be undertaken by this resolution and no changes have been made since that time to the proposed action that would create new or increased adverse environmental impacts; and

(f) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to approve the Amended Financial Assistance.

Section 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (i) increase the value of the sales tax exemption to an amount not to exceed \$186,479.00, (ii) extend the agency appointment to September 30, 2023, and (iii) execute and deliver an agency appointment letter, Form ST-60 and related documents (the “Amended Sales Tax Documents”) in support of the Project, conditioned upon the Company paying the corresponding Agency fee of \$1,418.00.

Section 3. The Agency is hereby authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the Amended Financial Assistance, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such Amended Financial Assistance are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. The form and substance of the Amended Sales Tax Documents (each in substantially the forms presented to the Agency and which, prior to the execution and delivery thereof, may be redated) are hereby approved.

Section 5.

(a) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary or any member of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Amended Sales Tax Documents, all in substantially the forms thereof presented to or approved by this meeting with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary or any member of the Agency shall approve, and such other related documents as may be, in

the judgment of the Chairman and Agency Counsel, necessary or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director or any member of the Agency shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(b) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary or member of the Agency are further hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement).

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 or provided for by the provisions of the Amended Sales Tax Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, 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 resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Amended Sales Tax Documents binding upon the Agency.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

