## SEQR RESOLUTION 135 SENECA STREET, LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the offices of the Agency located at One Keuka Business Park in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York on January 16, 2013 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairman of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

#### PRESENT:

Kevin T. Bailey
Craig E. Densmore
James Long
Robert Corcoran
Mike Briggs
Tim Dennis

Chairman
Secretary
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Member
Member

#### ABSENT:

Mary Ann Zelazny Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

#### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Steve Griffin Chief Executive Officer
Doreen Jensen Chief Financial Officer

Alex Taylor Director of Community Development

The following resolution was offered by Tim Dennis, seconded by Craig Densmore, to wit:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF 135 SENECA STREET, LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 113 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 893-b of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, September, 2012, The Birkett Mills (the "Applicant"), on behalf of 135 Seneca Street, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company") submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land (TM # 49.75-2-39) containing approximately 0.6 acres located at 135 Seneca Street in the Town of Milo and the Village of Penn Yan, Yates County, New York (the "Land"), together with the existing building containing approximately 14,000 square feet of space located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction of a new building to contain approximately 14,000 square feet of space located on the Land (the "Facility"), and (4) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a commercial facility to be owned and operated by the Company for use as a packaging and warehousing facility and any other directly or indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 19, 2012 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on October 1, 2012 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on October 1, 2012 on a bulletin board located in the Yates County Courthouse located at 417 Liberty Street in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on October 3, 2012 in The Chronicle Express, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Milo, Village of Penn Yan, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on October 16, 2012 at 3:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the in the offices of the Agency located at One Keuka Business Park in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York located at One Keuka Business Park, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA") must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA and in the Regulations prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project: and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency an environmental

assessment form (the "EAF") with respect to the Project, a copy of which EAF was presented to and reviewed by the Agency at this meeting and a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency has examined the EAF in order to make an determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project does not appear to constitute a "Type I Action" (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations), and therefore coordinated review and notification is optional with respect to the actions contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project and to determine whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact statement;

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

- Section 1. Based upon an examination of the EAF, and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings with respect to the Project:
  - The project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land (TM # 49.75-2-39) containing approximately 0.6 acres located at 135 Seneca Street in the Town of Milo and the Village of Penn Yan, Yates County, New York (the "Land"), together with the existing building containing approximately 14,000 square feet of space located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction of a new building to contain approximately 14,000 square feet of space located on the Land (the "Facility"), and (4) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a commercial facility to be owned and operated by the Company for use as a packaging and warehousing facility and any other directly or indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.
  - B. No potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the Reviewed Materials, and none are known to the Agency.
- Section 2. Based upon the foregoing investigation of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of each environmental impact therein indicated, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - A. The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations) and therefore coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional. The Agency hereby determines not to undertake a coordinated review of the Project, and therefore will not seek lead agency status with respect to the Project;

- B. The Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which will not cause significant damage to the environment. Therefore, the Agency hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the Agency will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and
- C. As a consequence of the foregoing, the Agency has decided to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project.
- Section 3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby directed to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project, said negative declaration to be substantially in the form and to the effect of the negative declaration attached hereto, and to cause copies of said negative declaration to be (A) filed in the main office of the Agency and (B) distributed to the Company.

# Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Kevin T. Bailey	VOTING	<b>Abstained</b>
Craig E. Densmore	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
James Long	VOTING	Yes
Robert Corcoran	VOTING	Yes
Mary Ann Zelazny	VOTING	Absent
Mike Briggs	VOTING	<u>Abstained</u>
Tim Dennis	VOTING	Yes

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) SS.:
COUNTY OF YATES	)

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 16, 2013 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 16th day of January, 2013.

(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

## TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

In accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "Act"), and the statewide regulations under the Act (6 NYCRR Part 617) (the "Regulations"), notice is hereby given that Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has reviewed an application and an environmental assessment form from 135 Seneca Street, LLC (the "Company") in connection with the proposed project described below (the "Project") and that the Agency has determined (A) that the proposed Project is an "Unlisted Action" pursuant to the Regulations, and therefore that coordinated review and notification is optional with respect to said Project; (B) to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project; (C) that the Project will result in no major impacts and therefore will not have a significant effect on the environment; and (D) therefore that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project. THIS NOTICE IS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT.

- 1. <u>Lead Agency</u>: The Agency has determined not to follow the coordinated review provisions of the Regulations. Therefore, there is no lead agency for the Project.
- 2. <u>Person to Contact for Further Information</u>: Steve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer, Yates County Industrial Development Agency, One Keuka Business Park, Suite 104, Penn Yan, New York 14527; Telephone No. (315) 536-7328.
  - 3. Project Identification: Proposed 135 Seneca Street, LLC Project.
- 4. Project Description: The Project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land (TM # 49.75-2-39) containing approximately 0.6 acres located at 135 Seneca Street in the Town of Milo and the Village of Penn Yan, Yates County, New York (the "Land"), together with the existing building containing approximately 14,000 square feet of space located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the construction of a new building to contain approximately 14,000 square feet of space located on the Land (the "Facility"), and (4) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a commercial facility to be owned and operated by the Company for use as a packaging and warehousing facility and any other directly or indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.
- 5. <u>Project Location</u>: The Project Facility will be located at 135 Seneca Street in the Town of Milo and the Village of Penn Yan, Yates County in the Town of Milo and Village of Penn Yan, Yates County, New York.
- 6. <u>Reasons for Determination of Non-Significance</u>: By resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 16, 2013, no significant environmental impacts were identified by the Agency in its review of the environmental assessment form submitted to the Agency with respect to the Project

and, based upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, no significant environmental impacts are known to the Agency.

7. <u>Comment Period</u>: All interested parties, groups and persons disagreeing with or otherwise desiring to comment upon the Agency's environmental determination with respect to this Project are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Agency. All such comments should be sent by mail addressed to Steve Griffin, Chief Executive Officer at the address specified in paragraph two hereof.

Dated: January 16, 2013

YATES COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY:

Chief Executive Office