

AGENT AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AGENT AND PROJECT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), made as of the 1st day of September, 2023 by and among the COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having its principal offices at 548 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701 (“Agency”), HOMESTEDT, LLC, a New York limited liability company, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 186, Livingston Manor, New York 12758 (“Homesteadt”) and NORTH BRANCH CIDER MILL LLC, a New York limited liability company, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 186, Livingston Manor, New York 12758 (“NB Cider Mill” together with Homesteadt collectively, the “Company”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 560 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York ("State") pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the (General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively referred to as the “Enabling Act”) as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act authorizes the creation of industrial development agencies for the benefit of the several counties, cities, villages and towns in the State and empowers such agencies, among other things, to acquire, construct, reconstruct, lease, improve, maintain, equip and sell land and any building or other improvement, and all real and personal properties, including, but not limited to, machinery and equipment deemed necessary in connection therewith, whether or not now in existence or under construction, which shall be suitable for manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial or industrial facilities, in order to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and the economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act further authorizes each such agency to lease any or all of its facilities at such rentals and on such other terms and conditions as it deems advisable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in connection with the provisions of the Enabling Act, the Agency is empowered under the Act to undertake the providing of financing and taking of title or a leasehold interest in the Project (as described below); and

WHEREAS, on or about August 3, 2023, the Company presented an application to the Agency (“Application”), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project consisting of the: (i) construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation and equipping of two (2) buildings aggregating approximately 11,000+/- square feet intended to be tourism destination, dining establishment, retail shops, design studio, and residence (collectively, the “Buildings”) together with the related parking area (“Parking Area”) situate on three (3) parcels of real estate consisting of approximately 2.25+/- acres located at 38 and 44 North Branch-Callicoon Center Road, North Branch, Town of Callicoon (“Town”), County of Sullivan, State of New York and identified on the Town’s tax map as Section 24, Block 6, Lot 5.2 and Section 25, Block 1, Lots 23.2 and 50.2 (“Land”); (ii)

acquisition, construction and equipping of the Buildings and Parking Area; (iii) acquisition, construction and installation thereon and therein of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and tools (“Equipment”); (iv) construction of improvements to the Buildings, the Parking Area, the Land and the Equipment (collectively, the Buildings, the Parking Area, the Land and the Equipment are referred to as the “Facility” or the “Project”); and (v) lease of the Facility from the Agency to the Company; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, dated August 14, 2023 (“Resolution”), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of reconstructing, renovating, rehabilitating, installing and equipping the Project; (ii) negotiate and enter into an Agent and Project Agreement, the Lease, the Leaseback and the PILOT Agreement with the Company (collectively, the “Transaction Documents”); (iii) hold a leasehold interest in the Land, the improvements and personal property thereon which constitute the Project; and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of (a) sales tax exemption for purchases related to the reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation and equipping of the Project; (b) a real property tax abatement on increased value resulting from improvements to the Land through the PILOT Agreement, which Agreement shall include language permitting the Company to seek enhanced benefits, in accordance with the Agency’s Retail Sales Program; and (c) a mortgage tax exemption for financing related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Enabling Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance, that the Company enter into this Agreement for the purposes of, among other things, to govern administration of and provide assurances with respect to the provision and recapture of said Financial Assistance upon the terms herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Purpose of Project. The purpose of the Agency’s provision of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, renovating, rehabilitating, installing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Project to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and within the Company’s Application.
2. Scope of Agency. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent for the Agency under the authority of the Resolution, and subject to applicable law, to acts reasonably related to the of reconstructing, renovating, rehabilitating, installing and equipping of the Project. The right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on March 31, 2024. The Agency shall issue subsequent periodic sales tax abatement

letters to the Company, on not less than thirty (30) days prior written request by the Company, so long as the Company is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The subsequent sales tax abatement letters shall be for periods of six (6) months. The aggregate amount of work performed as Agent for the Agency shall not exceed the amounts described in the Application of the Company in this matter. All contracts entered into by the Company as agent for the Agency shall include the following language:

"This contract is being entered into by HOMESTEDT, LLC ("Homestead") and NORTH BRANCH CIDER MILL LLC ("NB Cider Mill" together with Homestead collectively, the "Company") SUBAGENT ("Agent"), as agent for and on behalf of the COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("Agency"), in connection with a certain Project of the Agency for the benefit of the Agent consisting in part of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation and equipping of certain machinery, equipment and building materials, all for incorporation in certain premises located on and around situate on three (3) parcels of real estate consisting of approximately 2.25+/- acres located at 38 and 44 North Branch-Callicoon Center Road, North Branch, Town of Callicoon ("Town"), County of Sullivan, State of New York and identified on the Town's tax map as Section 24, Block 6, Lot 5.2 and Section 25, Block 1, Lots 23.2 and 50.2 ("Premises"). The machinery, equipment and building materials to be incorporated and installed in the Premises and all services and rentals of equipment related to the reconstructing, renovating, rehabilitating, installing and equipping of the Project shall be exempt from all New York State and local sales and use taxes if the reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation and equipping thereof is effected in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached sales tax exemption instruction letter of the Agency; and the Agent hereby represents that this contract is in compliance with the terms of the Agent and Project Agreement by and between the Company and the Agency, dated as of September 1, 2023. This contract is non-recourse to the Agency, and the Agency shall not be directly, indirectly or contingently liable or obligated hereunder in any manner or to any extent whatsoever. By execution or acceptance of this contract, the vendor/contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this paragraph."

3. Sales Tax Abatement Fee. To secure payment of the Agency's sales tax abatement fee, the Company shall deposit with the Agency One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars in escrow ("Escrow Deposit"). The Escrow Deposit shall be made contemporaneously with delivery to the Company of a Sales Tax Abatement Letter substantially in the form of Exhibit 3. Commencing on the fifteenth (15th) day of October, 2023, and on the fifteenth (15th) day of the first month following each calendar quarter thereafter the Company shall provide the Agency a list of taxable purchases which have been made by the Company during the prior calendar quarter without payment of sales tax (each a "Purchase Report"). For the purpose of such a report, a purchase shall be deemed

to have occurred upon payment of an invoice relating to such purchase, and not at the time that goods or services are ordered or delivered. A check made payable to the Agency in an amount equal to one (1%) percent of the taxable purchases shall accompany the Purchase Report. In the event the Purchase Report and accompanying payment is not timely received by the Agency, the Agency shall notify the Company of its failure to submit the Purchase Report and accompanying payment, in which event the Company shall have ten (10) days within which to submit the Purchase Report and payment. If the Company fails to submit the Purchase Report and payment following the notice and cure period, the Agency may immediately withdraw and pay over to the Agency the entire Escrow Deposit and terminate the agent status of the Company; provided, however, that within thirty (30) days after the filing by the Company of Form ST-340 for the year in which the termination occurs (a copy of which shall be provided to the Agency at the same time it is filed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance), either (x) the Company shall pay to the Agency any additional fee which is due but has not yet been paid in connection with taxable purchases for which the Company availed itself of the abatement prior to termination, or (y) the Agency shall refund to the Company any amount of the fee previously paid to the Agency that exceeds the amount due to the Agency for taxable purchases for which the Company availed itself of the abatement prior to termination. Upon such termination, the Company shall immediately commence paying sales tax on all purchases made on or after the date of termination and shall provide written notice to its current vendors advising of the termination of the Company's status as agent of the Agency with respect to the Project. Evidence of the notice of termination to its vendors shall be supplied by the Company to the Agency within the ten (10) days of termination.

4. Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project:
 - (a) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any such instrument or agreement.
 - (b) The Project and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, building and environmental laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (b).
 - (c) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is

a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact on the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

- (d) The Company covenants (i) that the Project will comply in all respects with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, (ii) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Project, except in compliance with all applicable laws, (iii) the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Project or onto any other property, (iv) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Project, (v) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Project, except in full compliance at all times with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and (vi) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is threatened, anticipated, or in existence. The Company upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section 4(d) shall immediately notify the Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), representatives, their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section 4(d). In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Project, the Company agrees to pay the expenses of same to the Agency upon demand.
- (e) The Company further (i) covenants and agrees that the purchase of goods and services relating to the Project and subject to New York State and local sales and use taxes are estimated in the amount up to \$562,500, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized and approved by the Agency cannot exceed \$45,000, (ii) confirms that the mortgage recording tax exemption amount shall not exceed \$8,720, and (iii) confirms that the real property tax abatement benefits to be provided to the Company shall conform to those contained within the PILOT attached hereto as Exhibit 4(e).
- (f) The Company further covenants and agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (NYS Form ST-60), in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 4(f), for each agent, subagent, contractor, subcontractor, if any, contractors or subcontractors of such agents and subagents, if any, and such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and forward said form to the Agency within twenty (20) days of appointment.

- (g) The Company further covenants and agrees to file an annual statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340), attached hereto as Exhibit 4(g), regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Company, its agents, subagents, consultants or subcontractors have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). The Company further covenants and agrees that it will, within ten (10) days of each filing, provide a copy of same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February 15th of each year. The Company understands and agrees that the failure to file such annual statement will result in the termination of the Company's authority to act as agent for the Agency.
- (h) The Company acknowledges and agrees that all purchases made in furtherance of the Project shall be made using "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4(h)-1 (for use by the Company) and Exhibit 4(h)-2 (for use by subagents of the Company), and it shall be the responsibility of the Company (and not the Agency) to complete NYS Form ST-123. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall identify the Project on each bill and invoice for such purchases and further indicate on such bills or invoices that the Company is making purchases of tangible personal property or services for use in the Project as agent of the Agency. For purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the bill or invoice should state, "*I, the _____ of Homesteadt, LLC and the _____ of North Branch Cider Mill LLC Certify that I am a duly appointed agent of County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency ("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 the agent agreement with the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency.*" The Company further acknowledges and agrees that the following information shall be used by the Company to identify the Project on each bill and invoice: "*the name of the Project, the street address of the Project site.*"
- (i) The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder.
- (j) In accordance with Section 875(3)(b) of the Enabling Act and the Agency's Project Recapture and Termination Policy, the Company covenants and agrees that it will be subject to the recapture of State sales and use tax exemption benefits taken (i) in excess of the amounts authorized by the Agency, (ii) on purchases not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption, (iii) on property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project or (iv) when the Company fails to meet and maintain certain material terms and conditions ("Material Terms") as set forth herein.

- (k) In the event of a recapture of the sales and use tax benefit pursuant to Section 875(3)(b) of the Enabling Act and the Agency's Project Recapture and Termination Policy, the Company covenants and agrees (i) to cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture such sales and use tax exemption benefits and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency as the Agency demands in connection therewith.
 - (l) In accordance with Section 874(10) and (11) of the Enabling Act and the Agency's Project Recapture and Termination Policy, the Company covenants and agrees that it may be subject to suspension, termination, modification or recapture of any or all Financial Assistance in the sole discretion of the Agency if (i) an event of a material violation of the Material Terms occur; or (ii) the Company made a material false or misleading statement, or omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the Application or supporting documents false or misleading in any material respect, on the Application for Financial Assistance. For purposes of paragraphs (j) and (k) of this Section 4, Material Terms shall mean completing the Project as described herein and on the Application.
 - (m) In accordance with Section 859-a(6)(b) of the Enabling Act, the Company covenants and agrees to annually provide a certified statement (i) enumerating the full time equivalent jobs retained and created as a result of the Financial Assistance, by category, including independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the Project location; and (ii) indicating the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and created that was provided in the Application is still accurate and if not, providing revised information.
 - (n) In accordance with Section 859-a(6)(b) of the Enabling Act, the Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that as of the date hereof, the Company is in substantial compliance with all local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
 - (o) The Company acknowledges and agrees that a failure by the Company to provide any certification, form or other reporting information required by this Agreement shall constitute an event of default hereunder, whereby the Agency, in its sole and absolute discretion, may suspend, terminate, modify or recapture of any or all Financial Assistance.
5. Hold Harmless Provision. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), representatives, their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives harmless from and against any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to property or injury to or death of any and all persons that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Project or breach by

the Company of this Agreement; or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's acquiring, reconstructing, renovating, rehabilitating, installing, equipping, owning and leasing of the Project, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expense, incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence on the part of the Agency, or its respective directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), and representatives, their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability, except that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

6. Insurance Required. Effective as of the date hereof and until the Agency consents in writing to a termination, the Company shall maintain or cause to be maintained insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties, with a uniform standard extended coverage endorsement, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the Project, exclusive of excavations and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company.
- (b) Worker's compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide, covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Project.
- (c) Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract and arising from personal injury and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable Worker's Compensation Law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than \$2,000,000, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage.

7. Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance.

- (a) All insurance required by Section 6(c) shall name the Agency as an additional insured. All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company (and reasonably satisfactory to the Agency) and authorized to write such insurance

in the State. Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts not exceeding \$5,000.00. All policies of insurance shall be primary and non-contributory. Such policies shall provide for (i) payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interest may appear, and (ii) at least thirty (30) days written notice of the cancellation thereof to the Company and the Agency.

(b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers that such insurance is in force and effect, shall be deposited with the Agency on or before the commencement of the term of this Agreement. Prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Agreement.

8. Counterpart Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute a single instrument.

9. Notices. All notices provided for by this Agreement shall be made in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery if personally served on the party to whom notice is to be given, or on the next day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by overnight courier of national reputation providing evidence of receipt and properly addressed, or on the third day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice shall be given by First Class, Certified mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

To the Agency:

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency
548 Broadway
Monticello, New York 12701
Attn: Executive Director

with a copy to:

Walter F. Garigliano P.C.
PO Drawer 1069
449 Broadway
Monticello, New York 12701

To the Homesteadt:

Homesteadt, LLC
PO Box 186
Livingston Manor, New York 12758
Attn: Managers

To NB Cider Mill:

North Branch Cider Mill LLC
PO Box 186
Livingston Manor, New York 12758
Attn: Thomas Roberts, Sole Member

with a copy to:

Jared K. Hart, Esq.
10 Horseshoe Lake Road
Kauneonga Lake, New York 12749

or at such other addresses and/or addressees as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.


10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein. The parties hereto designate a court of proper jurisdiction located in Sullivan County, New York as the sole venue for resolution of any disputes, which may arise under or by reason of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

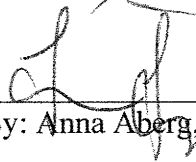


By: Suzanne Loughlin, Chairperson

HOMESTEDT, LLC

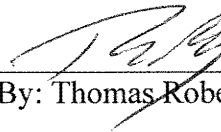


By: Thomas Roberts, Manager



By: Anna Aberg, Manager

NORTH BRANCH CIDER MILL LLC



By: Thomas Roberts, Sole Manager

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

1. Homestead, LLC
2. North Branch Cider Mill LLC
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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9. _____
10. _____

¹ FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A NYS FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY THE COMPANY WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IDA UNIT INDICATING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

EXHIBIT 3

FORM OF SALES TAX EXEMPTION LETTER

EXHIBIT 4(e)

PILOT AGREEMENT

[To be attached following lease/leaseback closing]

EXHIBIT 4(f)

FORM OF NYS FORM ST-60 TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPANY
AND FILED WITH NYS IDA UNIT FOR EACH OF ITS SUBAGENTS

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IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes

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 County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency			IDA project number (use OSC numbering system for projects after 1998) 48012303A
Street address 548 Broadway			Telephone number (845) 428-7575
City Monticello	State NY	ZIP code 12701	Email address (optional)

Project operator or agent information

Name of IDA project operator or agent Homesteadt, LLC		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employer identification or Social Security number 82-5252250
Street address PO Box 186		Telephone number (914) 426-8430	Primary operator or agent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
City Livingston Manor	State NY	ZIP code 12758	Email address (optional)

Project information

Name of project North Branch Cider Mill			
Street address of project site SBL 24.-6-5.2, 25.-1-50.2, 25.-1-23.2			
City North Branch	State NY	ZIP code 12766	Email address (optional)
Purpose of project mixed use retail, tourism, commercial			

Description of goods and services intended to be exempted from New York State and local sales and use taxes goods and services for the construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, installation and equipping of two (2) buildings aggregating approximately 11,000+/- square feet intended to be a tourism destination, dining establishment, retail shops, design studio, and residence together with the related parking area			
Date project operator or agent appointed (mmddyy) 090123	Date project operator or agent status ends (mmddyy) 033124	Mark an X in the box if this is an extension to an original project: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: 562,500.00		Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: 45,000.00	

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 Jennifer M Flad		Print title Executive Director	
Signature 		Date 01/23	Telephone number (845) 428-7575



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City Monticello	State NY	ZIP code 12701	Email address (optional)

Project operator or agent information

Name of IDA project operator or agent North Branch Cider Mill LLC		Mark an X in the box if directly appointed by the IDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employer identification or Social Security number 88-4347184
Street address PO Box 186		Telephone number (914) 426-8430	Primary operator or agent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
City Livingston Manor	State NY	ZIP code 12758	Email address (optional)

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Estimated value of goods and services that will be exempt from New York State and local sales and use tax: 562,500.00		Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided: 45,000.00	

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 Jennifer M Flad		Print title Executive Director	
Signature 		Date 9.1.23	Telephone number (845) 428-7575

EXHIBIT 4(g)

NYS FORM ST-340
TO BE COMPLETED AND FILED ANNUALLY BY COMPANY

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Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Claimed by Agent/Project Operator of Industrial Development Agency/Authority (IDA)

For period ending December 31, _____ (enter year)

Project information

Form with fields for Name of IDA agent/project operator, Employer identification number (EIN), Street address, Telephone number, City, State, ZIP code, Name of IDA, Name of project, IDA project number, Street address of project site, Date project began, Completion date of project, and Total sales and use tax exemptions.

Representative information (not required)

Form with fields for Authorized representative, if any, Title, Street address, Telephone number, City, State, and ZIP code.

Certification

Certification text: I certify that the above statements are true, complete, and correct... and a signature block with fields for Print name of officer, employee, or authorized representative, Title of person signing, Signature, and Date.

If you do not annually file a complete report, we may remove your authority to act as an IDA agent/project operator.

Mail completed report to: NYS TAX DEPARTMENT IDA UNIT W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS ALBANY NY 12227-0866

If not using U.S. Mail, see Publication 55, Designated Private Delivery Services.

Instructions

General information

Who must file

The General Municipal Law (GML) and the Public Authorities Law require the agent/project operator (also known as the *project occupant*) of an Industrial Development Agency or Authority (IDA) to file an annual report with the Tax Department. The agent/project operator required to file this report is the person **directly** appointed by the IDA to act for and to represent the IDA for the project. The agent/project operator is ordinarily the one for whom the IDA project was created.

There is usually only one agent/project operator directly appointed by the IDA for an IDA project. However, if the IDA directly appoints multiple agents/project operators, each agent/project operator must file this form (unless they are related corporations).

Only the agent/project operators directly appointed by the IDA must file Form ST-340. Contractors, subcontractors, consultants, or agents appointed by the agent/project operators should **not** themselves file Form ST-340. However, the agent/project operators must include on Form ST-340 information obtained from such contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as described below.

What you must report

The report must show the **total value** of all state and local **sales and use taxes exempted** during the calendar year, as a result of the project's designation as an IDA project. This includes:

- the value of the exemptions the agent/project operator (you) obtained; and
- the value of the exemptions obtained by your contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others, whether or not appointed as agents of the IDA.

Include only the **total combined** exemptions obtained by the above people. A breakdown of the total is not required. However, since the report must include the value of the exemptions they obtained, you must keep records of the amounts others report to you.

You must make it clear to the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and others that they must keep accurate tax information and have it available, so that you can comply with the annual reporting requirements.

Do not include on this report the amount of any sales and use tax exemptions from other provisions of the Tax Law (for example, manufacturer's production equipment exemption, research and development exemption, or contractor's exemption for tangible personal property incorporated into a project of an exempt organization).

When the report is due

You must file Form ST-340 on a calendar-year basis. It is due by the last day of February of the following year. The reporting requirement applies to IDA projects started on or after July 21, 1993.

Project information

At the top of the form, identify the reporting period by entering the year in the space provided. If an address is required, always include the ZIP code.

Name of IDA agent/project operator: Enter your name, address, employer identification number (EIN), and telephone number.

Name of IDA and IDA project number: Enter the name and address of the IDA. If more than one IDA is involved in a particular project, you must file a separate report for the tax exemptions attributable to each IDA. Also enter the ID project number.

Name of project: Enter the name of the project and the address of the project site. If you are involved in more than one project, you

must file a separate report for each project, even if authorized by the same IDA.

Date project began: Enter the date the project started (this means the earliest of the date of any bond or inducement resolution, the execution of any lease, or any bond issuance). Include month, day, and year.

Completion date of project: Enter the date installation, lease, or rental of property (for example, machinery or computers) on the project ended, or the date the project is expected to be completed. Mark an **X** in the appropriate box to indicate if the date entered is actual or expected.

Total sales and use tax exemptions: Enter the total amount of New York State and local sales and use taxes exempted during the reporting period as a result of the project's receipt of IDA financial assistance (*if none, enter 0*). This includes exemptions obtained at the time of purchase, as well as through a refund or credit of tax paid. Include the sales and use taxes exempted on purchases of property or services incorporated into or used on the exempt project. This includes the taxes exempted on purchases made by or on behalf of the agent/project operator, the general contractor for the project, and any subcontractors, consultants, or others. Do **not** enter total purchases.

Representative information

If applicable, enter the name, address, title (for example, attorney or accountant), and telephone number of the individual you authorize to submit this report. This section is not required.

Certification

Enter the name and title of the person signing on your behalf (for example, the IDA agent/project operator's officer, employee, or other authorized representative). Your officer, employee, or authorized representative must sign and date the report.

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IDA UNIT
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IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate

Effective for projects beginning on or after June 1, 2014

This certificate is not valid unless all entries have been completed.

Note: To be completed by the purchaser and given to the seller. Do not use this form to purchase motor fuel or diesel motor fuel exempt from tax. See Form FT-123, *IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate for Fuel*.

Name of seller			Name of agent or project operator Homesteadt, LLC		
Street address			Street address PO Box 186		
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code	City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
			Livingston Manor	NY	12758
			Agent or project operator sales tax ID number <i>(see instructions)</i> 82-5252250		

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 County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency		
Name of project North Branch Cider Mill	IDA project number <i>(use OSC number)</i> 48012303A	
Street address of project site SBL 24.-6-5.2, 25.-1-50.2, 25.-1-23.2		
City, town, or village North Branch	State NY	ZIP code 12766
Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator <i>(mm/dd/yy)</i> 09 / 01 / 23	Enter the date that agent or project operator status ends <i>(mm/dd/yy)</i> / /	

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 <i>(include title and relationship)</i>	Date
Type or print the name, title, and relationship that appear in the signature box	



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Table with seller and agent information including name, address, city, state, ZIP code, and sales tax ID number.

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.

Table with project information including IDA name, county, project name, address, city, state, ZIP code, and dates.

Exempt purchases

(Mark an X in boxes that apply)

- Three checkbox options: A. Tangible personal property or services... B. Certain utility services... C. Motor vehicle or tangible personal property...

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Signature and date fields for the purchaser or representative.

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.

IDAs are exempt from the payment of sales and use tax on their purchases, in accordance with Tax Law section 1116(a)(1). However, IDAs do not normally make direct purchases for projects. Commonly, IDAs instead appoint a business enterprise or developer, contractor, or subcontractor as its agent or project operator. Such purchases made by the agent or project operator, acting within the authority granted by the IDA, are deemed to be made by the IDA and therefore exempt from tax.

Example 1: IDA agreement with its agent or project operator states that contractor X may make all purchases of materials and equipment necessary for completion of the project, as agent for the IDA. Contractor X rents a backhoe and a bulldozer for site preparation, purchases concrete and lumber to construct a building, and purchases machinery to be installed in the building. All these purchases by contractor X as agent of the IDA are exempt from tax.

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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.

Exempt purchases

To qualify, the purchases must be made within the authority granted by the IDA and used to complete the project (not to operate the completed project).

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- Mark box B to indicate you are purchasing certain consumer utility services used in completing the project exempt from tax. This includes gas, electricity, refrigeration, and steam; and gas, electric, refrigeration, and steam services.
- Mark box C to indicate you are purchasing a motor vehicle or tangible personal property related to a qualifying motor vehicle exempt from tax.

Misuse of this certificate

Misuse of this exemption certificate may subject you to serious civil and criminal sanctions in addition to the payment of any tax and interest due. These include:

- A penalty equal to 100% of the tax due;
- A \$50 penalty for each fraudulent exemption certificate issued;
- Criminal felony prosecution, punishable by a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence; and
- Revocation of your *Certificate of Authority*, if you are required to be registered as a vendor. See TSB-M-09(17)S, *Amendments that Encourage Compliance with the Tax Law and Enhance the Tax Department's Enforcement Ability*, for more information.

To the seller

When making purchases as agent or project operator of an IDA, the purchaser must provide you with this exemption certificate with all entries completed to establish the right to the exemption. 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.

As a New York State registered vendor, you may accept an exemption certificate in lieu of collecting tax and be protected from liability for the tax if the certificate is valid. The certificate will be considered valid if it is:

- accepted in good faith;
- in your possession within 90 days of the transaction; and
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Name of seller	Name of agent or project operator
Street address	Street address
City, town, or village State ZIP code	City, town, or village State ZIP code
Agent or project operator sales tax ID number (see instructions)	

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City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
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Enter the date that you were appointed agent or project operator (mm/dd/yy)	/	/
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