FINAL SEQR RESOLUTION NORTHSTAR 41 LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the offices of the Agency located at 190 Banker Road, Suite 500 in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York on January 13, 2014 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Trent Trahan	Chairperson
David Hoover	Vice Chairperson
Kim Murray	Assistant Secretary
John VanNatten	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
Keith Defayette	Member
Mark Leta	Member

Excused:

Michael E. Zurlo

Secretary

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Erin M. Hynes	Executive Director
Barbara Shute	Recording Secretary
Nadene E. Zeigler, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by D. Hoover, seconded by J. VanNatten, to wit:

Resolution # 01-14-03

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTHSTAR 41 LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Northstar 41 LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), has 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 portion of an approximately 55.70 acre parcel of land located at 641 Ridge Road (Tax Map # 78.-1-13.1) in the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), together with an existing approximately 386,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of the Facility and making of other improvements including but not limited to, parking (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property, including without limitation, tenant improvement and finish (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be leased by the Company to manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and other industrial multi-use tenants for long term leases; (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 estate 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; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 9, 2013 (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 December 18, 2013 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on December 18, 2013 at the Chazy Town Hall located at 9631 Route 9 in the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York as well as on the Agency's Website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on December 22, 2013 in <u>The Press Republican</u>, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

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"),

by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 9, 2013 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined (1) that the Project involves more than one "involved agency",

and (2) that, although the Project may constitute an "unlisted action", and coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional with respect to the Project, the Agency wished to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA); 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 COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. 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:

A. The project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of an approximately 55.70 acre parcel of land located at 641 Ridge Road (Tax Map # 78.-1-13.1) in the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), together with an existing approximately 386,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of the Facility and making of other improvements including but not limited to, parking (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property, including without limitation, tenant improvement and finish (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be leased by the Company to manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and other industrial multi-use tenants for long term leases; (B) he 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. The only potential impacts on the environment noted in the EAF or otherwise known to the Agency, and the Agency's evaluation of the potential significance of same, are as follows:

1. The Project will create employment. The Application indicates that the anticipated number of new full-time employees, at the end of the second year of the completion of the Project Facility, will be approximately 25-200. Due to the number of workers currently on the local unemployment rolls, this potential impact will not be significant.

2. The Project will not adversely affect any publicly-owned open space, public recreation and/or critical environmental areas.

3. It is not anticipated that the Project will have any adverse impact on threatened or endangered aquatic species or other plant or animal resources.

4. The proposed Project is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact on agricultural resources.

5. It is not anticipated that any archeological or historical resources will be impacted by the proposed Project.

6. It is not anticipated that the Project will result in the generation of traffic significantly above current traffic levels and, as a result, the Project is not expected to cause any significant adverse impact on transportation.

7. It is not anticipated that noise associated with the renovation of the Project will have a significant impact on the environment or surrounding residents, and there will be no blasting during construction. Following completion of the Project, the noise on the Project site will be generated from the daily operations at the Project site. As this is a small to moderate impact, it is not significant.

8. It is not anticipated that there will be any significant adverse impact on the environment from odors during the construction or operational phase of the Project.

9. It is not anticipated that wastes generated during the construction or operation of the Project will cause any significant adverse environmental impact. In addition, with respect to both the construction and operational activities associated with the Project, it is not anticipated that the Project will have a significant adverse impact upon public health and safety.

10. The Project will not create a demand for community provided services.

C. No other potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF, and none are known to the Agency.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Executive Director 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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	EXCUSED
Kim Murray	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of County of Clinton 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 13, 2014 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 13th day of January, 2014.

Kim Murray, 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 County of Clinton County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has reviewed an application and environmental assessment form from Northstar 41 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>: Erin M. Hynes, Executive Director, County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency, 190 Banker Road, Suite 500, Plattsburgh, New York 12901; Telephone No. 518-563-3100.

3. Project Identification: Proposed Northstar 41 LLC Project.

4. <u>Project Description</u>: The Project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of an approximately 55.70 acre parcel of land located at 641 Ridge Road (Tax Map # 78.-1-13.1) in the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), together with an existing approximately 386,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of the Facility and making of other improvements including but not limited to, parking (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property, including without limitation, tenant improvement and finish (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be leased by the Company to manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and other industrial multi-use tenants for long term leases; (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 641 Ridge Road (Tax Map # 78.-1-13.1) in the Town of Chazy, Clinton County, New York.

6. <u>Reasons for Determination of Non-Significance</u>: By resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 13, 2014 the Agency determined that the following potential environmental impacts of the Project will not constitute significant adverse impacts:

a. The Project will create employment. The Application indicates that the anticipated number of new full-time employees, at the end of the second year of the completion of the Project Facility, will be approximately 25-200. Due to the number of workers currently on the local unemployment rolls, this potential impact will not be significant.

b. The Project will not adversely affect any publicly-owned open space, public recreation and/or critical environmental areas.

c. It is not anticipated that the Project will have any adverse impact on threatened or endangered aquatic species or other plant or animal resources.

d. The proposed Project is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact on agricultural resources.

e. It is not anticipated that any archeological or historical resources will be impacted by the proposed Project.

f. It is not anticipated that the Project will result in the generation of traffic significantly above current traffic levels and, as a result, the Project is not expected to cause any significant adverse impact on transportation.

g. It is not anticipated that noise associated with the renovation of the Project will have a significant impact on the environment or surrounding residents, and there will be no blasting during construction. Following completion of the Project, the noise on the Project site will be generated from the daily operations at the Project site. As this is a small to moderate impact, it is not significant.

h. It is not anticipated that there will be any significant adverse impact on the environment from odors during the construction or operational phase of the Project.

i. It is not anticipated that wastes generated during the construction or operation of the Project will cause any significant adverse environmental impact. In addition, with respect to both the construction and operational activities associated with the Project, it is not anticipated that the Project will have a significant adverse impact upon public health and safety.

j. The Project will not create a demand for community provided services.

No other 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 Erin M. Hynes, Executive Director at the address specified in paragraph two hereof.

Notice of Determination – SEQR Northstar 41, LLC January 13, 2014

Dated: January 13, 2014

COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Executive Director BY: