

Preliminary Resolution

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION

(Indian Ocean, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 9th day of October, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Mark A. Onesi	Chairperson
Jason Krempa	First Vice Chairman
Clifford Scott	Second Vice Chairman
William L. Ross	Secretary
Mark D. Berube	Assistant Secretary
Anne E. McCaffrey	Member
Ryan Mahoney	Member
David J. Masse	Member
William Fekete	Member

ABSENT:

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Andrea Klyczek	Executive Director
Michael Dudley	Manager of Finance
Susan Barone	Grants & Operations Manager
Jeremy Geartz	Project Manager
Julie Lamoreaux	Administrative & Human Resource Officer
Mark Gabriele, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Krempa, to wit:

Resolution No. 8.2.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF INDIAN OCEAN, LLC (PHASE II) WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AGENCY FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIAN OCEAN, LLC OR AN ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED; (ii) AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (iv) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **INDIAN OCEAN, LLC** and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in land located at 900 & 913 Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Land"); together with the existing hotel located on the Land (the "Existing Improvements"); (B) the construction an approximate 45,000 square foot addition to include 85 guest rooms, a restaurant and patio space, along with the renovation of the Existing Improvements to conform with the hotel franchises requirements (the "Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will hold public hearings and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) negotiate a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") and payment-in-lieu of tax mortgage (the "PILOT Mortgage") with the Company, (iii) take leasehold or other interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement and PILOT Mortgage have been

negotiated), and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and mortgage tax exemption related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency, a partial real property tax abatement and a mortgage recording tax exemption with respect to a certain payment-in-lieu-of-tax mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has scheduled public hearings and provided notice of the public hearings pursuant to Section 850-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency must determine whether the undertaking of the Project and the providing of the contemplated financial assistance with respect to the same will be in conformance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (said law and regulations hereinafter collectively referred to as "SEQR"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 862 of the Act, the Project may constitute a "retail" project and, as a result, in addition to the other requirements of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any financial assistance to the Project the Agency must determine if the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" as set term is defined in Section 862 of New York General Municipal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(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 Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Niagara County and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing

such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

(E) Pursuant to Section 862 of the Act, the Project constitutes a "retail" project. Subject to documentation to be provided by the Company to the Agency, the Agency hereby finds that the Project is located in a highly distressed area as defined in Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law.

Section 2. For purposes of investigating the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review under SEQR with respect to the Project and determining whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such term is defined under SEQR), the Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to take the following actions:

(A) To obtain an Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") with respect to the Project from the Company; and

(B) To review the EAF with counsel to the Agency and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with SEQR; and

(C) To contact all other "involved agencies" with respect to the Project for the purposes of ascertaining whether they are interested in undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project; and

(D) Upon completion of the foregoing, to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the environmental review process with respect to the Project.

Section 3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to hold public hearings in compliance with the Act and negotiate (but not execute or deliver) the terms of (A) an Agent Agreement, whereby the Agency appoints the Company as its agent to undertake the Project and to immediately provide sales tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the renovation, construction and equipping of the project, (B) a Lease Agreement, whereby the Company leases the Facility to the Agency, (C) a related Leaseback Agreement, conveying the Facility back to the Company, (D) a PILOT Agreement, whereby the Company agrees to make certain payments-in-lieu-of real property taxes, (E) a PILOT Mortgage, securing the payment of the amounts due under the PILOT Agreement and (F) related documents; *provided*, (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 4. The Agency is hereby authorized to conduct public hearings in compliance with the Act.

Section 5. 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 and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to 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 resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 6. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mark Onesi	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Jason Krempa	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Clifford Scott	[x]	[]	[]	[]
William Ross	[x]	[]	[]	[]
William Fekete	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Mark Berube	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Ryan Mahoney	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Anne E, McCaffrey	[x]	[]	[]	[]
David J. Masse	[x]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on October 9, 2024 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 set forth 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 9th day of October, 2024.

[SEAL]


William L. Ross, Secretary

Final Resolution

FINAL RESOLUTION
(Indian Ocean, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 13th day of November, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Mark A. Onesi	Chairperson
Jason Krempa	First Vice Chairman
Clifford Scott	Second Vice Chairman
William L. Ross	Secretary
Mark D. Berube	Assistant Secretary
Anne E. McCaffrey	Member
Ryan Mahoney	Member
David J. Masse	Member
William Fekete	Member

ABSENT:

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Andrea Klyczek	Executive Director
Michael Dudley	Manager of Finance
Susan Barone	Grants & Operations Manager
Jeremy Geartz	Project Manager
Julie Lamoreaux	Administrative & Human Resource Officer
Mark Gabriele, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Krempa, seconded by Mr. Masse, to wit:

Resolution No. 8.2.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIAN OCEAN, LLC AND/OR AN INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE, SUBSIDIARY, OR ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW); (ii) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND (iii) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **INDIAN OCEAN, LLC** and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in land located at 900 & 913 Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Land"); together with the existing hotel located on the Land (the "Existing Improvements"); (B) the construction an approximate 45,000 square foot addition to include 85 guest rooms, a restaurant and patio space, along with the renovation of the Existing Improvements to conform with the hotel franchises requirements (the "Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2024, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Preliminary Resolution") accepting the Application and directing that a public hearing be held; and

WHEREAS, it was contemplated that the Agency would hold a public hearing and (i) negotiate an agent agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, (ii) retain a leasehold interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property

constituting the Facility and (iii) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions related to the Project, consistent with the policies of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of October, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the "Public Hearing") whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views. A copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing along with the Notice of Public Hearing published and forwarded to the affected taxing jurisdictions prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that under Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law, that the Project may be used to make retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the Project facilities to obtain such goods or services and that more than one-third of the total Project costs may be allocated for such retail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Agency also found that based year 2022 Census data, the poverty rate was 21% and the unemployment rate was 2.87 times the state average for the year to which the data related, with respect to the adjacent census tract where the Project is located enabled the Agency to determine that the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" as said term is defined in Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that providing of the contemplated financial assistance will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Niagara, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment and other commitments of the Company contained herein and within the Company's Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(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 Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby advancing job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the County of Niagara, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment and other commitments of the Company contained herein and within the Company's Application; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

Section 2. The Agency has now found that, based year 2022 Census data, the poverty rate was 21% and the unemployment rate was 10.90% or 2.87 times the state average for the year to which the data related, with respect to the adjacent census tract where the Project is located enabling the Agency to determine that the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" as said term is defined in Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law.

Section 3. Subject to the Company executing an Agent Agreement by and between the Agency and the Company and the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency; (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on the date as indicated in the Agent Agreement (*unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency*).

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency may recover or recapture from the company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, constants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or (iv) the consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project. As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of

the Project, must (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

Section 5. The Agency hereby confers on the Company in connection with the Project certain benefits, exemptions and other financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) an exemption benefit from mortgage recording tax, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes benefit conferred through a certain Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. The Agency will provide the Company with Project incentives totaling \$1,519,001.00, comprised of real property tax exemption benefits in the estimated amount of \$1,000,001.00, sales and use tax exemption benefits of approximately \$444,000.00, and mortgage recording exemption benefits of \$75,000.00. To effectuate this Resolution, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate and execute (A) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (B) the related Leaseback Agreement conveying the Project back to the Company, and (C) the PILOT Agreement with real property tax exemption benefits; provided (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

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 and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to 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 resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and shall expire one (1) year from the date hereof unless extended for good cause by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Executive Director.

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

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mark Onesi	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Jason Krempa	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Clifford Scott	[x]	[]	[]	[]
William L. Ross	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Mark D. Berube	[x]	[]	[]	[]
David J. Masse	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Ryan Mahoney	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Anne E, McCaffrey	[x]	[]	[]	[]
William Fekete	[x]	[]	[]	[]

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on November 13, 2024 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 set forth 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 November, 2024.

[SEAL]


William L. Ross, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

**NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 30th day of October, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at Niagara Fall City Hall, 745 Main Street, Room 117, Niagara Falls, New York 14301, in connection with the following matter:

INDIAN OCEAN, LLC and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in land located at 900 & 913 Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Land"); together with the existing hotel located on the Land (the "Existing Improvements"); (B) the construction an approximate 45,000 square foot addition to include 85 guest rooms, a restaurant and patio space, along with the renovation of the Existing Improvements to conform with the hotel franchises requirements (the "Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

The Agency will acquire leasehold interest in, the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage tax exemption consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.


A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with Subdivision 2 of Section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law.

DATED: October 9, 2024

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: _____


Andrea Klyczek
Executive Director

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The Agency will acquire leasehold interest in, the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage tax exemption consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.

A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

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DATED: October 9, 2024

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Andrea Klyczek
Executive Director

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10/12/2024

Public Hearing for Indian Ocean LLC (Phase II)
October 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Niagara Falls City Hall

Jeremy Geartz; Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 2:00 p.m. My name is Jeremy Geartz.. I am the Project Manager at the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency, and I will be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Niagara Gazette.

We are here to hold the public hearing on Indian Ocean, LLC (Phase II) and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project.

The proposed project (the "Project") is at the existing Courtyard by Marriott upscale hotel property located at 900 Buffalo Ave. It is an 82 unit hotel that will be upgraded in combination with the newly proposed 45,000 sq. ft. expansion. The two spaces will be consistent creating a seamless feel between the spaces. The new building space will be constructed to the existing hotel and will offer an additional 85-88 guest rooms, which will include additional restaurant and patio space. The expansion will also allow for an entirely new facade upgrade for the property.

The proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency includes New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits in compliance with Agency's tax exemption policy. The project application and project summary are posted on the Agency's website at niagaracountybusiness.com and I have copies with me today.

If you have a written comment to submit for the record, you may do so. Written comments may also be delivered to Agency at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York 14132 until the comment period closes on November 13, 2024.

If anyone is interested in making a comment, please, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company.

Jeremy Geartz: Are there any comments? Hearing none, I will now adjourn the meeting.
It is now 2:02 p.m. Thank you.

October 30, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Niagara Falls City Hall

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**Indian Ocean LLC and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies),
or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf**

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EXHIBIT B

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Appendix B

Short Environmental Assessment Form

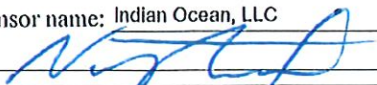
Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information																		
Coutyard by Marriott Niagara Falls, USA Expansion																		
Name of Action or Project: 900 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14303																		
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):																		
Brief Description of Proposed Action:																		
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Indian Ocean, LLC		Telephone: 716-285-0904																
		E-Mail: nirel.patel@rupalhospitality.com																
Address: 1625 Buffalo Avenue Suite 2D																		
City/PO: Niagara Falls		State: New York	Zip Code: 14303															
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
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2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
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3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres																		
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres																		
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 1.89 acres																		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <table style="width: 100%;"><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture)</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Forest</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic</td><td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland</td><td colspan="4"></td></tr></table>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland				
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5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES Direct connection to City Storm/Waste water collection. _____			

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: Indian Ocean, LLC Date: 10-4-2024 Signature: 		

Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
_____	_____
Name of Lead Agency	Date
_____	_____
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
_____	_____
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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PILOT Agreement

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND

INDIAN OCEAN, LLC

PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

Regarding the leasehold interest in land, the construction and equipping of an approximately 45,000 sq. ft. building to be used for guest rooms, a restaurant and patio space together with the renovation of an existing hotel located at
900 & 913 Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, New York

Affected Tax Jurisdictions:
Niagara County
City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls City School District

Dated as of:	May 1, 2025
Termination Date:	December 31, 2036
SBL Nos:	159.13-3-1
	159.13-3-2

PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT (the "PILOT Agreement"), dated as of the 1st day of May, 2025, is by and between the **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with its offices at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite 1, Sanborn, New York 14132 (the "Agency") and **INDIAN OCEAN, LLC** a New York limited liability company formed and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices located at 1625 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14303 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition or retention by the Agency of a leasehold interest in land located at 900 & 913 Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Land"); together with the existing hotel located on the Land (the "Existing Improvements"); (B) the construction an approximate 45,000 square foot addition to include 85 guest rooms, a restaurant and patio space, along with the renovation of the Existing Improvements to conform with the hotel franchises requirements (the "Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to acquire, construct and equip the Facility, the Agency is willing to take a leasehold interest in the land, improvements and personal property constituting the Facility and lease said land, improvements and personal property back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Leaseback Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof (the "Leaseback Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(1) of the Act, the Agency is exempt from the payment of taxes imposed upon real property and improvements owned by it or under its jurisdiction, control or supervision, other than special ad valorem levies, special assessments and service charges against real property which are or may be imposed for special improvements or special district improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company deem it necessary and proper to enter into an agreement making provisions for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes by the Company to the Agency for the benefit of Niagara County (the "County"), the City of Niagara Falls (the "City"), the Niagara Falls City School District (the "School District" or "School" and, collectively with the County and City, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions").

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:

Section I - Payment in lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes:

Section 1.1 A. Subject to the completion and filing by the taxable status date (**March 1, 2026**) (the "Taxable Status Date") of New York State Form RP-412-a Application For Real Property Tax Exemption (the "Exemption Application") under Section 412-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law and Section 874 of the Act and the approval of the Exemption Application by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, the Facility shall be exempt from Real Estate Taxes commencing with the 2026-2027 tax fiscal year of the School District and the 2027 tax fiscal year of the City and County and continuing for the periods set forth in Section 1.5 hereof. For purposes of the foregoing "Real Estate Taxes" means all general levy real estate taxes levied against the Facility by the City, County and School. The Company shall provide to the Agency with the information necessary for the completion and filing of the Exemption Application and shall provide such additional information and take such actions as are required by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review to process and approve the Exemption Application. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Leaseback Agreement to the contrary, in the event the exemption from Real Estate Taxes is denied for any reason, the Company shall pay (and hereby agrees to pay) all Real Estate Taxes levied upon the Facility as they become due. After giving written notice to the Agency, the Company may in good faith contest the denial of the Exemption Application, provided that (i) the overall operating efficiency of the Facility is not impaired and the Facility continues to qualify as a "project" under the Act; (ii) neither the Facility nor any part of or interest in it would be in any danger of being sold, forfeited or lost; or (iii) neither the Company nor the Agency, as a result of such contest, shall be in any danger of any civil or criminal liability. The Company hereby waives any claim or cause of action against the Agency, and releases the Agency from any liability to the Company, arising from the denial of an exemption from Real Estate Taxes except to the extent that such denial results solely from the failure of the Agency to file the Exemption Application with the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review by the Taxable Status Date.

B. Payee. As long as the Agency has a leasehold interest in the Facility, the Company agrees to pay annually to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions as a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, on or before October 1 of each calendar year for School taxes and on or before January 1 of each calendar year for County and City taxes (collectively, the "Payment Date"), commencing on October 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, respectively, an amount equal to the PILOT Payment, as described on **Schedule A** attached hereto.

The parties agree and acknowledge that payments made hereunder are to obtain revenues for public purposes, and to provide a revenue source that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions would otherwise lose because the subject parcels are not on the tax rolls.

1.2 Allocation. To the extent the Agency receives any PILOT Payment, the Agency shall remit to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions amounts received hereunder within thirty (30) days of receipt of said payment and shall allocate said payments among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in the same proportion as ad valorem taxes would have been allocated but for the Agency's involvement, unless the Affected Tax Jurisdictions have consented in writing to a specific allocation.

1.3 Tax Rates. For purposes of determining the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, the Agency shall use the last tax rate utilized for levy of taxes by each such jurisdiction. For County, City and special district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the allocation of the Total PILOT Payment shall be the tax rates relating to the calendar year which includes the PILOT payment due date. For school district purposes, the tax rates used to determine the PILOT payment shall be the rate relating to the school year which includes the PILOT payment due date.

1.4 Valuation of Future Additions to the Facility: If there shall be a future addition to the Facility constructed or added in any manner after the date of this PILOT Agreement, other than the Project and excluding the replacement of equipment, the Company shall notify the Agency of such future addition ("Future Addition"). The notice to the Agency shall contain a copy of the application for a building permit, plans and specifications, and any other relevant information that the Agency may thereafter request. Upon the earlier of substantial completion, or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any such Future Addition to the Facility, the Company shall become liable for payment of an increase in the Total PILOT Payment. The Agency shall notify the Company of any proposed increase in the Total PILOT Payment related to such Future Addition. If the Company shall disagree with the determination of assessed value for any Future Additions made by the Agency, then and in that event that valuation shall be fixed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any disagreement between the Company and the Agency, the Company shall pay the increased PILOT payment until a different Total PILOT Payment shall be established. If a lesser Total Annual Payment is determined in any proceeding or by subsequent agreement of the parties, the Total PILOT Payment shall be re-computed and any excess payment shall be refunded to the Company or, in the Agency's sole discretion, such excess payment shall be applied as a credit against the next succeeding PILOT payment(s).

1.5 Period of Benefits. The tax benefits provided for herein should be deemed to include (i) the **2026/2027** School tax year through the **2036/2037** School tax year, and (ii) the **2027** County and City tax year through the **2037** County and City tax year. This PILOT Agreement shall expire on **December 31, 2037**; provided, however, the Company shall pay the **2037/2038** School tax bills and the **2038** County and City tax bills on the dates and in the amounts as if the Agency were not in title on the tax status date with respect to said tax years. In no event shall the Company be entitled to receive tax benefits relative to the Facility for more than the periods provided for herein, unless the period is extended by amendment to this PILOT

Agreement executed by both parties after any applicable public hearings. The Company agrees that it will not seek any tax exemption for the Facility which could provide benefits for more than the periods provided for herein and specifically agrees that the exemptions provided for herein, to the extent actually received (based on the number of lease years elapsed), supersede and are in substitution of the exemptions provided by Section 485-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL"). It is hereby agreed and understood that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions can rely upon and enforce the above waiver to the same extent as if they were signatories hereto.

Section II - Special Assessments and Service Charges.

2.1 Special district charges, special assessments, and special ad valorem levies (specifically including but not limited to fire district charges), and pure water charges and sewer charges are to be paid in full in accordance with normal billing practices.

Section III - Transfer of Facility.

3.1 In the event that the Facility is transferred from the Agency to the Company (the lease/leaseback agreements are terminated), and the Company is ineligible for a continued tax exemption under some other tax incentive program, or the exemption results in a payment to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in excess of the payment described in Section I herein, or this PILOT Agreement terminates and the property is not timely transferred back to the Company, the Company agrees to pay no later than the next tax lien date (plus any applicable grace period), to each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, an amount equal to the taxes and assessments which would have been levied on the Facility if the Facility had been classified as fully taxable as of the date of transfer or loss of eligibility of all or a portion of the exemption described herein or date of termination.

Section IV - Assessment Challenges.

4.1 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility, with respect to any proposed assessment or change in assessment with respect to the Facility by any of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions and likewise shall be entitled to protest before and be heard by the appropriate assessors or Board of Assessment Review, and shall be entitled to take any and all appropriate appeals or initiate any proceedings to review the validity or amount of any assessment or the validity or amount of any tax equivalent provided for herein.

4.2 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any tax, service charge, special benefit, ad valorem levy, assessment, or special assessment or service charge in lieu of which the Company is obligated to make a payment pursuant to this PILOT Agreement, as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility.

4.3 The Company shall (i) cause the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers to assess the Facility and apply tax rates to the respective assessments as if the Facility were owned by the Company, (ii) file any accounts or tax returns required by the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers.

Section V - Changes in Law.

5.1 To the extent the Facility is declared to be subject to taxation or assessment by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change, or by final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Company hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void.

Section VI - Events of Default and Remedies.

6.1 The following shall constitute "Events of Default" hereunder. The failure by the Company to: (i) make the payments described in Section I within thirty (30) days of the Payment Date (the "Delinquency Date"); provided the Company has received notice of the amounts due and the due date for the same; (ii) make any other payments described herein on or before the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty; or (iii) the occurrence and continuance of any events of default under the Leaseback Agreement after any applicable notice and cure periods. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder, in addition to any other right or remedy the Agency and/or the Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have at law or in equity, the Agency and/or Affected Tax Jurisdictions may, immediately and without further notice to the Company (but with notice to the Agency with respect to actions maintained by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions) pursue any action in the courts to enforce payment or to otherwise recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default. The Agency and the Company hereby acknowledge the right of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to recover directly from the Company any amounts so in default pursuant to Section 874(6) of the General Municipal Law and the Company shall immediately notify the Agency of any action brought, or other measure taken, by any Affected Tax Jurisdiction to recover any such amount.

6.2 If payments pursuant to Section I herein are not made by the Delinquency Dates, or if any other payment required to be made hereunder is not made by the last day of any applicable cure period within which said payment can be made without penalty, the Company shall pay penalties and interest as follows. With respect to payments to be made pursuant to Section I herein, if said payment is not received by the Delinquency Date defined in Section 6.1 herein, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, (i) a late payment penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the amount due and (ii) for each month, or any part thereof, that any such payment is delinquent beyond the first month, interest on the total amount due plus the late payment penalty, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) per month. With respect to all other payments due hereunder, if said payment is not paid within any applicable cure period, Company shall pay, in addition to said payment, the greater of the applicable penalties and interest or penalties and interest which would have been incurred had payments made hereunder been tax payments to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.

6.3 Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, the liability of the Company hereunder shall be all amounts due pursuant to Section I hereof through, but not including, the date on which the Facility is no longer exempt from Real Estate Taxes together with all other amounts due pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof and clause (a) of Section 7 of the PILOT Mortgage (as hereinafter defined).

6.4 Subject to the rights of the mortgagees set forth in Section VIII below, whenever any Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to this PILOT Agreement, the remedies of the Agency shall be limited to the rights hereunder, under the Leaseback Agreement and under the PILOT Mortgage, subject to the rights of any lenders to cure any such Event of Default as set forth in Section VIII hereof.

Section VII - Assignment.

7. Except pursuant to a transaction permitted by the Leaseback Agreement, no portion of any interest in this PILOT Agreement may be assigned by the Company, nor shall any person other than the Company be entitled to succeed to or otherwise obtain any benefits of the Company hereunder without the prior written consent of the Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

Section VIII – Rights of Mortgagees.

8.1 For the purposes of this PILOT Agreement, the term “mortgages” shall include any mortgage, leasehold mortgage, purchase money mortgage or other security instrument or instruments encumbering the Facility, such as, without limitation, mortgages, deeds of trust, financing statements, assignments of leases, rents and/or profits, security agreements and other documentation which a mortgage may require, and the terms “holder of a mortgage” and “mortgage” shall mean the secured party under any of the foregoing instruments. ANY MORTGAGE SHALL BE A LIMITED, NON-RECOURSE OBLIGATION OF THE AGENCY AND SHALL IN NO EVENT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT BY THE AGENCY TO ANY PARTY OF ANY AMOUNT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRINCIPAL, INTEREST OR ANY OTHER AMOUNT SECURED BY ANY SUCH MORTGAGE.

8.2 So long as the mortgage shall remain unsatisfied of record or until written notice of satisfaction is given by the Mortgagee to the Agency, the following provisions shall, subject to and unless otherwise prohibited by all applicable law including, but not limited to, the Act, apply (in respect of such mortgage and of any other mortgages which also comply with the above):

(a) There shall be no renewal, cancellation, surrender, acceptance of surrender, amendment or modification of this PILOT Agreement, or the PILOT Mortgage by joint action of the Agency and the Company along, without, in each case, the prior consent in writing of the Mortgagee, nor shall any merger result from the acquisition by, or devolution upon, any one entity of any fee and/or leasehold estates in the Facility.

(b) The Agency shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, upon receipt of any notice or other communication, whether of default or any other matter, simultaneously serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee, and no such notice of other communication to the Company shall be deemed received unless a copy is so served upon the Mortgagee in the manner provided in this PILOT Agreement for the giving of notice.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Agency serves a notice of default upon the Company, it shall, at no cost to the Agency and at the sole cost of the Company, also serve a copy of such notice upon the Mortgagee at the address set forth in Section 9.2 hereof.

(d) In the event of any default by the Company under this PILOT Agreement, the Mortgagee shall have fifteen (15) days for a monetary default and thirty (30) days in the case of any other default, after notice to the Mortgagee of such default (which notice shall be given in the manner set forth in Section 9.2 below), to cure or to cause to be cured the default complained of and the Agency shall accept such performance by or at the instigation of the Mortgagee as if same had been done by the Company. Each notice of default given by the Agency will state the amounts of any payments herein provided that are then claimed to be in default.

(e) If, before the expiration of the Mortgagee's cure period as provided in paragraph (3) above, the Mortgagee shall have notified the Agency in writing of its agreement to pay or cause to be paid, within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of mortgagor's cure period, all payments in this PILOT Agreement provided for and then in default, and/or in the case of non-monetary defaults, shall have agreed within forty-five (45) days to commence or cause to be commenced the cure of such non-monetary defaults, if any are then in default (other than defaults which by their nature cannot be cured), and shall prosecute or cause the prosecution of same to completion with reasonable diligence (collectively, the "extended cure period"), then the Agency shall not exercise any of its rights and remedies hereunder or under the PILOT Mortgage until expiration of the extended cure period.

(f) The Company (and not the Agency) shall give the Mortgagee notice of any arbitration or other proceeding or dispute by or between the parties hereto, and shall have the right to intervene therein and be made a party to any such arbitration or other proceeding.

(g) Except where the Mortgagee has succeeded to the interest of the Company in the Facility or assumed the right to cure as provided in this Section VIII, no liability for any payments to be made pursuant to this PILOT Agreement or the performance of any of the Company's covenants and agreements under this PILOT Agreement shall attach to or be imposed upon the Mortgagee, and if the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee succeeds to the interest of the Company in the Facility, all of the obligations and liabilities of the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee shall be limited to such entity's interest in the Facility and as otherwise imposed by this PILOT Agreement and shall cease and terminate upon assignment of this PILOT Agreement (any such further assignment to be approved by the Agency).

(h) Notwithstanding any provision of this PILOT Agreement, the Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement or the PILOT Mortgage to the contrary, foreclosure of a mortgage or any sale of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility in connection with a foreclosure, whether by judicial proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility to the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee by virtue of or in lieu of foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings, or any conveyance of the Company's interest in this PILOT Agreement and/or the Facility by the Mortgagee or its nominee or designee, shall not require the consent or approval of the Agency and shall not be a default or Event of Default hereunder.

Section IX -- Miscellaneous.

9.1 This PILOT 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.

9.2 All notices, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the Agency: Niagara County Industrial Development Agency
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One
Sanborn, New York 14132-9099
Attn: Executive Director

With Copy To: Gabriele & Berrigan, P.C.
800 Main Street, 4th Floor
Niagara Falls, New York 14302
Attention: Mark J. Gabriele, Esq.

To the Company: Indian Ocean, LLC
1625 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14303
Attn: Niral Patel, Managing Member

With Copy To: Michael J. Dowd Law Offices
920 Center Street
Lewiston, New York 14092
Attn: Michael J. Dowd, Esq.

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

9.3 This PILOT 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 and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Niagara County, New York.

9.4 The obligations of the Company under this PILOT Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of the Leaseback Agreement, for whatever reason terminated or expired.

9.5 To the extent the Facility is declared to be subject to taxation or assessment by an amendment to the Act, other legislative change, or by final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the obligations of the Company hereunder shall, to such extent, be null and void.

9.6 Notwithstanding any other term or condition contained herein, all obligations of the Agency hereunder shall constitute a special obligation payable solely from the revenues and other monies, if any, derived from the Facility and paid to the Agency by the Company. Neither member of the Agency nor any person executing this PILOT Agreement on its behalf shall be liable personally under this PILOT Agreement. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or interest on amounts due hereunder or for any claim based upon or in respect of any modification of or supplement hereto against any past, present or future member, officer, agent, servant, or employee, as such, of the Agency, or of any successor or political subdivision, either directly or through the Agency or any such successor, all such liability of such members, officer, agents, servants and employees being, to the extent permitted by law, expressly waived and released by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the execution of this PILOT Agreement.

9.7 The Company hereby agrees that it shall, as security for its obligations hereunder, grant to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions a mortgage lien on the Facility pursuant to a certain PILOT Mortgage, dated as of May 1, 2025, from the Company and the Agency to the Agency, for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (the "PILOT Mortgage"), which PILOT Mortgage shall constitute a priority mortgage lien on and security interest in the Facility.

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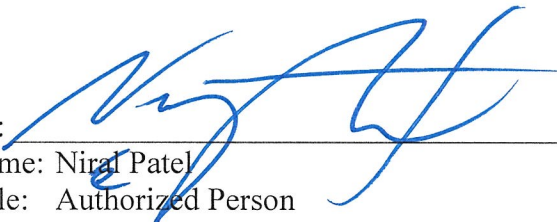
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this PILOT Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
Name: Andrea Klyczek
Its: Executive Director

INDIAN OCEAN, LLC

By: 
Name: Niraj Patel
Title: Authorized Person

SCHEDULE A

**TO PILOT AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2025 BETWEEN
NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AND
INDIAN OCEAN, LLC**

Pursuant to the terms of Section 1.2 of this PILOT Agreement, Total PILOT Payment shall mean an amount per annum as follows:

<u>PILOT Year</u>	<u>School Tax Year</u>	<u>County and City Tax Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Normal Tax</u>
Year 1	2026/27	2027	100%
Year 2	2027/28	2028	20%
Year 3	2028/29	2029	25%
Year 4	2029/30	2030	30%
Year 5	2030/31	2031	35%
Year 6	2031/32	2032	40%
Year 7	2032/33	2033	45%
Year 8	2033/34	2034	50%
Year 9	2034/35	2035	55%
Year 10	2035/36	2036	60%
Year 11	2036/37	2037	65%
Year 12 And thereafter	2037/38	2038	100%

The payments in lieu of taxes to be paid by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction pursuant to the terms of this Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement shall be computed separately for each Affected Tax Jurisdiction as follows:

1. First, determine the amount of general taxes and general assessments (hereinafter referred to as the "Normal Tax") which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Land and Existing Improvements were owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Land and Existing Improvements as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Land and the Existing Improvements, if the Land and the Existing Improvements were owned by the Company and not the Agency.
2. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Land and the Existing Improvements shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Land and the Existing Improvements shall be an amount equal to

100% of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Land and Existing Improvements for such tax year.

3. Next, determine the Normal Tax which would be payable to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction if the Improvements and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property were owned by the Company and not the Agency by multiplying the (a) Assessed Value of the Improvements and such assessable Equipment as determined by the appropriate Assessor by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Affected Tax Jurisdiction that would be applicable to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment if the Improvements and such assessable Equipment was owned by the Company and not the Agency.
4. In each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement, commencing on the first tax year following the date on which the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be assessed as exempt on the assessment roll of any Affected Tax Jurisdiction, the amount payable by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdiction as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment shall be an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the Normal Tax due each Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements and such assessable Equipment for such tax year, as shown in the table.
5. The Total PILOT Payment to be made by the Company to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions shall equal the sum of Number (2) and Number (4), above, for each tax year during the term of this PILOT Agreement.