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STATE OF NEW YORK ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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> Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk

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County: Erie Site No: C915367-02-21 BCA Index No.: C915367-02-21

ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT GRANTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71, TITLE 36 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the remediation of abandoned and likely contaminated properties ("sites") that threaten the health and vitality of the communities they burden while at the same time ensuring the protection of public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to establish within the Department a statutory environmental remediation program that includes the use of Environmental Easements as an enforceable means of ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements and the restriction of future uses of the land, when an environmental remediation project leaves residual contamination at levels that have been determined to be safe for a specific use, but not all uses, or which includes engineered structures that must be maintained or protected against damage to perform properly and be effective, or which requires groundwater use or soil management restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that Environmental Easement shall mean an interest in real property, created under and subject to the provisions of Article 71, Title 36 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") which contains a use restriction and/or a prohibition on the use of land in a manner inconsistent with engineering controls which are intended to ensure the long term effectiveness of a site remedial program or eliminate potential exposure pathways to hazardous waste or petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Grantor, is the owner of real property located at the address of 1155 Niagara Street in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, known and designated on the tax map of the County Clerk of Erie as tax map parcel number: Section 99.34 Block 9 Lot 1.1, being the same as that property conveyed to Grantor by deed dated September 14, 2022 and recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber and Page Book 11407, Page 8791. The property subject to this Environmental Easement (the "Controlled Property") comprises approximately 3.64 +/- acres, and is hereinafter more fully described in the Land Title Survey dated February 28, 2020 prepared by Grant E. McEwen (License No. 050754) of Kheops Architecture, Engineering & Survey, DPC, which will be attached to the Site Management Plan. The Controlled Property description is set forth in and attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Department accepts this Environmental Easement in order to ensure the protection of public health and the environment and to achieve the requirements for remediation established for the Controlled Property until such time as this Environmental Easement is extinguished pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the terms and conditions of BCA Index No.Number: C915367-02-21, Grantor conveys to Grantee a permanent Environmental Easement pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 in, on, over, under, and upon the Controlled Property as more fully described herein ("Environmental Easement").

- 1. Purposes. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Purposes of this Environmental Easement are: to convey to Grantee real property rights and interests that will run with the land in perpetuity in order to provide an effective and enforceable means of encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of this Controlled Property at a level that has been determined to be safe for a specific use while ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements; and to ensure the restriction of future uses of the land that are inconsistent with the above-stated purpose.
- 2. <u>Institutional and Engineering Controls</u>. The controls and requirements listed in the Department approved Site Management Plan ("SMP") including any and all Department approved amendments to the SMP are incorporated into and made part of this Environmental Easement. These controls and requirements apply to the use of the Controlled Property, run with the land, are binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's successors and assigns, and are enforceable in law or equity against any owner of the Controlled Property, any lessees and any person using the Controlled Property.
 - A. (1) The Controlled Property may be used for:

Commercial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iii) and Industrial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iv)

- (2) All Engineering Controls must be operated and maintained as specified in the Site Management Plan (SMP);
- (3) All Engineering Controls must be inspected at a frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;
- (4) The use of groundwater underlying the property is prohibited without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or the Erie County Department of Health to render it safe for use as drinking water or for industrial purposes, and the user must first notify and obtain written approval to do so from the Department;
- (5) Groundwater and other environmental or public health monitoring must be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (6) Data and information pertinent to Site Management of the Controlled Property must be reported at the frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;
- (7) All future activities on the property that will disturb remaining contaminated material must be conducted in accordance with the SMP;

- (8) Monitoring to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy must be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (9) Operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy shall be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (10) Access to the site must be provided to agents, employees or other representatives of the State of New York with reasonable prior notice to the property owner to assure compliance with the restrictions identified by this Environmental Easement.
- B. The Controlled Property shall not be used for Residential or Restricted Residential purposes as defined in 6NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)(i) and (ii), and the above-stated engineering controls may not be discontinued without an amendment or extinguishment of this Environmental Easement.
- C. The SMP describes obligations that the Grantor assumes on behalf of Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor's assumption of the obligations contained in the SMP which may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system, and providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, is and remains a fundamental element of the Department's determination that the Controlled Property is safe for a specific use, but not all uses. The SMP may be modified in accordance with the Department's statutory and regulatory authority. The Grantor and all successors and assigns, assume the burden of complying with the SMP and obtaining an up-to-date version of the SMP from:

Site Control Section Division of Environmental Remediation NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233 Phone: (518) 402-9553

- D. Grantor must provide all persons who acquire any interest in the Controlled Property a true and complete copy of the SMP that the Department approves for the Controlled Property and all Department-approved amendments to that SMP.
- E. Grantor covenants and agrees that until such time as the Environmental Easement is extinguished in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 of the ECL, the property deed and all subsequent instruments of conveyance relating to the Controlled Property shall state in at least fifteen-point bold-faced type:

This property is subject to an Environmental Easement held by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Title 36 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

- Grantor covenants and agrees that this Environmental Easement shall be F. incorporated in full or by reference in any leases, licenses, or other instruments granting a right to
- Grantor covenants and agrees that it shall, at such time as NYSDEC may require, G. submit to NYSDEC a written statement by an expert the NYSDEC may find acceptable certifying under penalty of perjury, in such form and manner as the Department may require, that:
- the inspection of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the institutional and engineering controls required by the remedial program was performed under the direction of the (2)
 - the institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site:
- are unchanged from the previous certification, or that any identified (ii) changes to the controls employed were approved by the NYSDEC and that all controls are in the (iii)
- that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such control to protect the public health and environment;
- the owner will continue to allow access to such real property to evaluate the continued maintenance of such controls; (4)
- nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with any site management plan for such controls; (5)
- the report and all attachments were prepared under the direction of, and reviewed by, the party making the certification;
- to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the work and conclusions described in this certification are in accordance with the requirements of the site remedial program, (7)
 - the information presented is accurate and complete.
- Right to Enter and Inspect. Grantee, its agents, employees, or other representatives of the 3. State may enter and inspect the Controlled Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to assure compliance with the above-stated restrictions.
- Reserved Grantor's Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, its assigns, representatives, and successors in interest with respect to the Property, all rights as fee owner of the Property, including:
- Use of the Controlled Property for all purposes not inconsistent with, or limited by the terms of this Environmental Easement;
- The right to give, sell, assign, or otherwise transfer part or all of the underlying fee interest to the Controlled Property, subject and subordinate to this Environmental Easement;

Enforcement

This Environmental Easement is enforceable in law or equity in perpetuity by Grantor, Grantee, or any affected local government, as defined in ECL Section 71-3603, against the owner of the Property, any lessees, and any person using the land. Enforcement shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel, or waiver. It is not a

defense in any action to enforce this Environmental Easement that: it is not appurtenant to an interest in real property; it is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law; it imposes a negative burden; it imposes affirmative obligations upon the owner of any interest in the burdened property; the benefit does not touch or concern real property; there is no privity of estate or of contract; or it imposes an unreasonable restraint on alienation.

- If any person violates this Environmental Easement, the Grantee may revoke the Certificate of Completion with respect to the Controlled Property.
- Grantee shall notify Grantor of a breach or suspected breach of any of the terms of this Environmental Easement. Such notice shall set forth how Grantor can cure such breach or suspected breach and give Grantor a reasonable amount of time from the date of receipt of notice in which to cure. At the expiration of such period of time to cure, or any extensions granted by Grantee, the Grantee shall notify Grantor of any failure to adequately cure the breach or suspected breach, and Grantee may take any other appropriate action reasonably necessary to remedy any breach of this Environmental Easement, including the commencement of any proceedings in D.
- The failure of Grantee to enforce any of the terms contained herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any such term nor bar any enforcement rights.
- Notice. Whenever notice to the Grantee (other than the annual certification) or approval 6. from the Grantee is required, the Party providing such notice or seeking such approval shall identify the Controlled Property by referencing the following information:

County, NYSDEC Site Number, NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Agreement, State Assistance Contract or Order Number, and the County tax map number or the Liber and Page or computerized Parties shall address correspondence to:

Site Number: C915367-02-21

Office of General Counsel

NYSDEC 625 Broadway

Albany New York 12233-5500

With a copy to:

Site Control Section

Division of Environmental Remediation

NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

All notices and correspondence shall be delivered by hand, by registered mail or by Certified mail and return receipt requested. The Parties may provide for other means of receiving and communicating notices and responses to requests for approval.

Recordation. Grantor shall record this instrument, within thirty (30) days of execution of 7. this instrument by the Commissioner or her/his authorized representative in the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

8. <u>Amendment</u>. Any amendment to this Environmental Easement may only be executed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property 9. Extinguished to the county of the Real Property

- 9. <u>Extinguishment.</u> This Environmental Easement may be extinguished only by a release by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.
- 10. <u>Joint Obligation</u>. If there are two or more parties identified as Grantor herein, the obligations imposed by this instrument upon them shall be joint and several.
- 11. <u>Consistency with the SMP</u>. To the extent there is any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Environmental Easement and the SMP, regarding matters specifically addressed by the SMP, the terms of the SMP will control.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed in its name.

Great Point Studio Management (B) QOZB, LLC:

By:

Print Name:

Date: 12/1/22

Grantor's Acknowledgment

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF Erice) ss:

On the day of <u>Jeenser</u>, in the year 20 22, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared <u>Lawerence Ovinn</u>, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public - State of New York

JACK A. BARGNESI
Notary Public, State of New York
Registration No. 02BA6417401
Qualified in Erie County
Commission expires May 10, 20

THIS ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Acting by and Through the Department of Environmental Conservation as Designee of the Commissioner.

By:

Andrew O. Guglielmi, Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

Grantee's Acknowledgment

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the OM day of Ole My, in the year 2022 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Andrew O. Guglielmi, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within of the Commissioner of the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and that by his/her/ signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

votary Public - State of New York

JENNIFER ANDALORO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02AN6098246
Qualified in Albany County
Commission Expires January 14, 20

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

All that Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Block Number 204, further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection between the easterly line of Niagara Street being (99' wide) and the southerly line of West Ferry Street being (49.5' wide);

THENCE easterly along the southerly line of West Ferry Street, 440.00 feet to the intersection between said southerly line of West Ferry Street and the westerly line of West Avenue being (66' wide);

THENCE southerly along the westerly line of West Avenue at an interior angle of 89'-00'-33", a distance of 280.50 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel "E" now or formerly conveyed in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 11322 of Deeds at Page 5285;

THENCE westerly along the southerly line of said Parcel "E" and parallel with Albany Street being (66' wide), a distance of 100.00 feet to the easterly line of lands now or formerly conveyed in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 7425 of Deeds at Page 637;

THENCE southerly along said east line of Liber 7425, page 637 and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 34.00 feet;

THENCE westerly and parallel with said Albany Street, a distance of 5.00 feet to the east line of lands now or formerly conveyed in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 3979 of Deeds at Page 230;

THENCE southerly along the east line of said Liber 3979, Page 230 and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 30.00 feet;

THENCE easterly and parallel with said Albany Street, a distance of 5.00 feet;

THENCE southerly and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 35.00 feet;

THENCE westerly and parallel with Albany Street, a distance of 54.00 feet;

THENCE southerly and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 30.00 feet to the south line of lands now or formerly conveyed in the Erie County Clerk's Office In Liber 3084 of Deeds at Page 232 and designated as Parcel 3, also being in the northerly line of lands now or formerly conveyed in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 606 of Deeds at Page 627;

THENCE westerly along the south line of said Liber 3084, Page 232, Parcel 3 and the north line of said Uber 606, page 627, a distance of 46.00 feet, distant 200.00 feet west of the westerly line of West Avenue as measured along the north line of said Liber 606, Page 627;

THENCE northerly and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 30.00 feet:

THENCE westerly and parallel with said Albany Street, a distance of 20.00 feet;

THENCE northerly and parallel with said West Avenue, a distance of 9.00 feet to the south line of Liber 3084, Page 232, Parcel 2:

THENCE westerly along the south line of said Liber 3084, Page 232, Parcel 2 and parallel with said Albany Street, a distance of 65.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Liber 3084, Page 232, Parcel 2;

THENCE northerly and parallel with Niagara Street, a distance of 2.49 feet;

THENCE westerly at right angles to Niagara Street, a distance of 36.74 feet. distant 118.26 feet east of the easterly line of said Niagara Street

THENCE southerly and parallel with said Niagara Street, a distance of 31.00 feet;

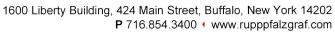
THENCE westerly at right angles, a distance of 35.00 feet

THENCE southwesterly at an exterior angle of 135' -00'-00", a distance of 2.83 feet;

THENCE southerly and parallel with said Niagara Street, a distance of 1.73 feet;

THENCE westerly at right angles to said Niagara Street, a distance of 81.19 feet to the easterly line of said Niagara Street. distant 325.77 feet north of the northerly line of said Albany Street;

THENCE northerly along the easterly line of said Niagara Street, a distance of 397.62 feet to the POINT or PLACE of BEGINNING containing 3.64 acres of land, more or less.





Marc Romanowski romanowski@rupppfalzgraf.com

March 22, 2023

Mayor Byron Brown City of Buffalo 65 Niagara Square Buffalo, New York 14223

Dear Mayor Brown,

Re:

NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY—ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT

Our File No.: 5953.29613

Please be advised that I am the attorney for Great Point Studio Management (B) QOZB, LLC ("Great Point"). Attached please find a copy of an environmental easement granted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") on December 6, 2022 by Great Point for the property located at 1155 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14213; Tax Map No.: 99.34-9-1.1; DEC Site No.: C915367 (hereinafter referred to as the "Site"). Great Point is participating in the Brownfield Cleanup Program of the Site as a volunteer as defined in ECL 27-1405(1)(b).

This Environmental Easement restricts future use of the above-referenced property to commercial use (which allows for industrial use). Any on-site activity must be done in accordance with the Environmental Easement and the Site Management Plan which is incorporated into the Environmental Easement. Department approval is also required prior to any groundwater use.

Article 71, Section 71-3607 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law requires that:

- 1. Whenever the department is granted an environmental easement, it shall provide each affected local government with a copy of such easement and shall also provide a copy of any documents modifying or terminating such environmental easement.
- 2. Whenever an affected local government receives an application for a building permit or any other application affecting land use or development of land that is subject to an environmental easement and that may relate to or impact such easement, the affected local

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> government shall notify the department and refer such application to the department. The department shall evaluate whether the application is consistent with the environmental easement and shall notify the affected local government of its determination in a timely fashion, considering the time frame for the local government's review of the application. The affected local government shall not approve the application until it receives approval from the department.

An electronic version of every environmental easement that has been accepted by the Department is available to the public at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/36045.html. Please forward this notice to your building and/or planning departments, as applicable, to ensure your compliance with these provisions of New York State Environmental Conservation Law. If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me

Very truly yours,

Marc Romanowski

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