

**CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**AND**

**CAHOKIA LLC**

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**TAX AGREEMENT**

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**Street Address:**

**24-26 Alexander Street, City of Yonkers, New York**

**Tax Map Number:**

**2.-2608-1**

**Affected Tax Jurisdictions:**

**Westchester County**

**City of Yonkers**

**Dated as of December 18, 2013**

## TAX AGREEMENT

THIS TAX AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), dated as of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013, by and between **CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with its offices located at 87 Nepperhan Avenue, Suite 408, Yonkers New York 10701 (the "Agency") and **CAHOKIA LLC**, a New York limited liability corporation with offices c/o Wolf Family Management Company, 700 Louisiana, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn.: Leigh Manning, Esq. and Daniel Wolf (the "Company").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1982 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: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain land located at 24-26 Alexander Street, City of Yonkers, New York (being more particularly identified as tax map number 2.-2608-1) and the existing improvements located thereon (the "Land") consisting principally of the former Yonkers City Jail (the "Existing Improvements"); (ii) the reconstruction, renovation, refurbishment and equipping of the Existing Improvements, including but not limited to, the conversion of the Existing Improvements into an art studio, gallery and loft space (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Existing Improvements and Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land, Improvements and the Existing Improvements, the "Facility");\

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to acquire, renovate, construct and equip the Facility, the Agency is willing to take title to or a leasehold interest in the Facility (the "Lease to Agency") and thereafter the Agency will leaseback the Facility back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Leaseback Agreement to be dated on or about the date hereof (the "Leaseback Agreement" the Lease to Agency and the Leaseback Agreement the "Lease Agreements"); 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 charges as defined by Section 2.1 which shall be paid by the Company outside this Tax Agreement as billed by the respective third parties; 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 Westchester County and the City of Yonkers, inclusive of the City of Yonkers Dependent School District (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions"); and

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 Exemption Application. Subject to the completion and filing by the Agency or its designee at the direction of the Agency on or before the taxable status date **(October 15, 2014)** (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 for the periods set forth in Section 1.3. For purposes of the foregoing "Real Estate Taxes" means all general levy real estate taxes levied against the Facility by the County and City, including Real Estate Taxes levied by the City for its Dependent School District. The Company shall provide 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, specifically including but not limited to Real Estate Taxes for years prior to and after the tax years covered by this Tax Agreement. 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. Agreement to Make Payments. The parties agree and acknowledge that payments made under this Agreement are for purposes of obtaining revenues for public purposes, and to provide a revenue source that the Affected Tax Jurisdictions would otherwise lose because the subject parcels are exempt from the payment of real property taxes pursuant to Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 874 of the General Municipal Law. The Company shall pay to the Agency, on December 1 of each year beginning on December 1, 2013 (for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions), as an in lieu of tax payment, an amount equal to the Tax Payments as set forth on Schedule A (the "Tax Payments") for the periods described in Section 1.3.

All Tax Payments shall be mailed to the Agency at 87 Nepperhan Avenue, Suite 408, Yonkers, New York 10701 or as otherwise directed by the Agency. The Company hereby agrees to make all such Tax Payments without further notice or invoice from the Agency or the Affected Tax Jurisdictions. **All checks shall be made payable as directed by the Agency from time to time.**

(i) The Company hereby waives any and all rights it may have to any refund of prior tax payments for the periods prior to the periods described in Section 1.3.

(ii) The Agency and the Company intend to establish a fixed payment schedule of Tax Payments that are in lieu of real estate taxes with respect to the Facility that, absent a default by the Company or a change in law, shall provide tax certainty for the Company and revenue certainty for the Affected Tax Jurisdictions. The parties hereto acknowledge that the Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer, including the right to institute a grievance with respect to Real Estate Taxes. The Company hereby agrees for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to not seek a refund of any taxes paid or to be paid for periods prior to the periods described in Section 1.3. Any grievance the Company institutes shall only cause an adjustment in the Special Charges (as defined in Section 2.1) and the Company shall have the right to any refunds related to grievances involving Special Charges.

(iii) Allocation. The Agency shall remit to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions amounts received hereunder, if any, 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.

1.2 Valuation of Future Additions to the Facility: If there shall be a future addition to the Facility that has not been described in the Application constructed or added in any manner after the date of this Agreement, 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 evidence 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 Tax Payment. The Agency shall notify the Company of any proposed increase in the Tax 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 Tax payment until a different Tax Payment shall be established. If a lesser Tax Payment is determined in any proceeding or by subsequent agreement of the parties, the Tax 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 Tax payment(s).

1.3 Period of Benefits. The tax benefits provided for herein shall be deemed to include: (i) the 2014 County tax year through the 2024 County tax year and (ii) the balance of 2013/14 City tax year through the 2023/2024 City tax year. This Tax Agreement shall expire on **December 31, 2023** (with the understanding that the Company will be making a payment hereunder for 2025 County tax year and 2024/2025 City tax year in the amounts as if the Agency were not in title on the tax lien 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 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"); provided, the foregoing shall not be interpreted to limit the Company and Agency from subsequently agreeing to additional benefits based upon commitments to make additional improvements or changes in use from time to time between the Agency and the Company. 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 District Charges, Special Assessments and other charges.

2.1 *Special District Charges and other payments:* Special district charges, special assessments, special ad valorem levies specifically including but not limited to charges imposed by the City of Yonkers for frontage feet ("CC001"); Housing Units ("CC002"); ETPA Charge ("CC003"); and a Safety Inspection Fee ("CC004") and district charges including but not limited to pure water charges and Westchester County sewer district charges (collectively the "Special Charges"), are not included in the amount of the Tax Payment and are to be paid in full in accordance with the City of Yonkers' normal billing practices.

## Section III - Transfer of Facility.

3.1 In the event this 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.

4.2 The Company shall have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any Special Charges as if and to the same extent as if the Company were the owner of the Facility.

4.3 The Company shall file any accounts or tax returns required by the appropriate real estate tax assessment office and tax levy officers and provide information to the Agency as requested from time to time.

#### 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.

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"); (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 Lease Agreements after the expiration of any applicable 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 Prior to exercising any remedy hereunder, any Mortgagee, as defined in the Leaseback Agreement dated the date hereof, between the Agency and the Company, shall be afforded notice and the cure rights set forth in such section, as if such section were set forth in full herein.

Section VII - Assignment.

7.1 No portion of any interest in this 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 or delayed.

Section VIII – Miscellaneous.

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

8.2 Notices. All notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when delivered and, if delivered by mail, shall be sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, or to a nationally recognized courier such as Federal Express, addressed as follows:

***To the Agency:***

City of Yonkers Industrial Development Agency  
87 Nepperhan Avenue, Suite 408  
Yonkers, New York 10701  
Attention: Melvina M. Carter, President/CEO

***With a copy to:***

Gregory Young, Esq.  
566 Westchester Avenue  
Rye Brook, New York 10573

***And to:***

Harris Beach PLLC  
99 Garnsey Road  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
Attention: Shawn M. Griffin, Esq.

***To the Company:***

Cahokia LLC  
c/o Wolf Family Management Company  
700 Louisiana, Suite 1100  
Houston, Texas 77002  
Attn.: Leigh Manning, Esq. and Daniel Wolf

***With a Copy To:***

John S. Marwell, Esq.  
Shamberg Marwell & Hollis, P.C.  
55 Smith Avenue  
Mount Kisco, New York 10549

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. Any notice hereunder may be given by counsel for a party with the same force and effect as if given by such party.

8.3 This Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Westchester County, New York.

8.4 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 Agreement on its behalf shall be liable personally under this 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 Agreement.

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

CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Melvina M. Carter  
Melvina M. Carter, President/CEO

CAHOKIA LLC

By: Daniel Wolf  
Name: Daniel Wolf  
Title: Managing Member

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **TAX AGREEMENT DATED THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013, BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND**

Pursuant to the terms of Section 1.1 of this Tax Agreement, "Tax Payments" shall mean an amount per annum equal to the following amounts for the period designated:

<b>PILOT TERM</b>	<b>City Year</b>	<b>County Year</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>	<b>PILOT Payment</b>
YR 1	2013/2014 balance	2014	December 1, 2013	\$0.00
YR 2	2014/2015	2015	December 1, 2014	\$0.00
YR 3	2015/2016	2016	December 1, 2015	\$3,191
YR 4	2016/2017	2017	December 1, 2016	\$6,510
YR 5	2017/2018	2018	December 1, 2017	\$9,960
YR 6	2018/2019	2019	December 1, 2018	\$13,545
YR 7	2019/2020	2020	December 1, 2019	\$17,270
YR 8	2020/2021	2021	December 1, 2020	\$21,139
YR 9	2021/2022	2022	December 1, 2021	\$25,155
YR 10	2022/2023	2023	December 1, 2022	\$29,324
YR 11	2023/2024	2024	December 1, 2023	\$33,649

The Agency interest in the Land shall expire on **December 31, 2023**. The Company shall pay the 2025 County tax bill and the 2024/2025 City tax bill and tax bills for all subsequent tax years to the extent it is so required, on the dates and in the amounts as if the Agency did not have an interest in the Land as noted in the Project Lease Agreements on the tax status date with respect to said tax years.