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COUNTY OF LANCASTER	)	ORDINANCE NO. 2013 1300
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1366

TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LANCASTER COUNTY AND LCI-LINEBERGER CONSTRUCTION, INC.. PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF COUNCIL TO PROVIDE MONIES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND TO PROVIDE FOR

Be it ordained by the Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina:

#### Section 1. Findings.

The Lancaster County Council finds that:

OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

- (a) Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County") acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council") is authorized and empowered pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act"), to enter into fee agreements with any industry, with said agreements identifying certain properties of such industries as economic development property, through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") and the County will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate, remain, and expand in the State and the County and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products, and natural resources and benefit the general public welfare of the State and County by providing services, employment, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally;
- (b) the County is authorized by Sections 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to provide special source revenue credits for the purpose of defraying the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, or expanding the infrastructure serving the County and for improved and unimproved real estate and personal property, including machinery and equipment, used in the operation of a manufacturing facility or commercial enterprise in order to enhance the economic development of the County;

- (c) LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc., a South Carolina corporation (referred to hereinafter as the "Company") intends to invest in the expansion of its facilities in the County through the acquisition of land, a building, and improvements thereon (the "Land and Building"); the construction of improvements thereon and/or therein; and/or the acquisition of personal property, including, but not limited to, machinery, equipment, and furniture to be installed on and/or in the Land and Building, which would constitute a project within the meaning of the Act and which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property, the cost of which is estimated to be approximately \$3.67 million over five years (the "Project"), all as more fully set forth in the Fee Agreement attached hereto, and provided that approvals of various incentives contemplated for the Project are formalized by the State and/or County;
- (d) pursuant to Resolution No. 0886-R2015, adopted August 24, 2015, the Council approved an Inducement Resolution providing for, among other things, the agreement of the County to enter into a fee-in-lieu of tax incentive with the Company and the provision of special source revenue credits;
- (e) the Company has caused to be prepared and presented to the Council the form of the Fee Agreement by and between the County and the Company (the "Fee Agreement"), which provides for fee-in-lieu of tax payments utilizing a six percent (6%) assessment ratio and fixed millage rate of 289.4 mills for a period of twenty (20) years for the Project or each component thereof placed in service during the investment period and any investment period extension to which the County and the Company agree, and for special source revenue credits equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the fee-in-lieu of tax payments for five (5) years;
- (f) it appears that the Fee Agreement, which is attached to this ordinance, is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

#### Section 2. Approval of Fee Agreement.

Subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this ordinance, and, in order to promote industry, develop trade, and utilize and employ the manpower, products, and natural resources of the State by assisting the Company to expand or locate an industrial facility in the State, the Fee Agreement is hereby authorized, ratified, and approved.

#### Section 3. Statutory Findings.

Council makes the following additional findings:

- (a) The Project will constitute a "project" as the term is referred to and defined in the Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the Act.
- (b) The Project and the payments in lieu of taxes set forth herein are beneficial to the County, and the County has evaluated the Project based upon all criteria prescribed by law, including the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made.
- (c) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally.
- (d) The Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either.

- (e) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, *i.e.*, economic development and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes.
- (f) The inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance.
  - (g) The benefits of the Project to the public will be greater than the costs to the public.

#### Section 4. Cost-Benefit Findings.

Council makes the following findings concerning the costs and benefits of the Project:

- (a) The benefits of providing the incentives arrangement set forth in the Fee Agreement include (i) investment in real and personal property of at least \$3,670,000, (ii) an average annual increase in property taxes (FILOT payments) of approximately \$3,872 after application of incentives, (iii) construction benefit of \$479,858, (iv) facility operation benefit of \$2,663,228, (v) employee benefit of \$39,392, and (vi) visitor benefit of \$0. The total benefit is estimated at \$3,182,478.
- (b) The cost of providing the incentives arrangement is estimated at (i) development costs of \$0, (ii) operational costs of \$47,795, and (iii) employee costs of \$55,993. The total cost is estimated at \$103,788.
  - (c) The benefit to cost ratio in year one is estimated at \$28.34:1 and after year one at \$23.72:1.
- (d) The value of the FILOT incentive to the Company is estimated at \$227,227 and the special source revenue credits at \$24,887.
- (e) Over a five (5) year period a total of seventy three (73) new jobs will be created with an average hourly wage of \$16.00.

#### Section 5. Approval and Execution of Fee Agreement.

The form, terms, and provisions of the Fee Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are approved, and all of the terms, provisions, and conditions thereof are incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was set out in this ordinance in its entirety. The Council Chair and Council Secretary are authorized, empowered, and directed to execute and acknowledge the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form as attached to this ordinance and hereby approved, with such changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, upon the advice of counsel to the County, such officer's execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Fee Agreement attached to this ordinance.

#### Section 6. Economic Development Fund.

(A) Council finds that (i) by passage of Ordinance No. 2014-1260, Council created an Economic Development Fund with the intent to make monies available to the fund from new revenues to the County derived from new and expanded businesses and industry, and (ii) the ability to make monies available to the Economic Development Fund can be difficult because of complexities and legalities applicable to fee-in-lieu of tax arrangements and multi-county parks.

(B) It is the intent of Council, in the annual County budget, to appropriate monies to the Economic Development Fund based on the new revenue that the County receives pursuant to the Fee Agreement. Specifically, it is Council's intent to appropriate from the General Fund of the County an amount based on the following formula: Seven percent (7%) times the amount of money received pursuant to the Fee Agreement by the County after distribution to other taxing entities in the most recently completed tax year.

#### **Section 7.** Authority to Act.

The Council Chair, Council Secretary, Clerk to Council, County Administrator, County Attorney and all other appropriate officials of the County are authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Fee Agreement.

#### Section 8. Severability.

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

#### **Section 9.** Controlling Provisions.

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Lancaster County Code or other County ordinances, resolutions or orders, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

#### **Section 10.** Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon third reading.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of December, 2015.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Bob Bundy, Chair, County Council

Steve Harper, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

Debbie C. Hardin, Clerk to Council

First Reading:

August 24, 2015

Second Reading:

November 23, 2015

Public Hearing:

December 14, 2015

Third Reading:

December 14, 2015

## Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2015-1366

## Fee Agreement Lancaster County and LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc.

See attached.

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## FEE AGREEMENT

between

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

and

LCI-LINEBERGER CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Dated as of December 14, 2015

#### RECAPITULATION OF CONTENTS OF FEE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 12-44-55(B) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), the parties have agreed to waive the requirements of Section 12-44-55(A) of the Code. The following is a summary of the key provisions of this Fee Agreement. This summary is inserted for convenience only and does not constitute a part of this Fee Agreement or a summary compliant with Section 12-44-55 of the Code.

- 1. Legal Name of Each Party to the Agreement Lancaster County, South Carolina and LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc.
- County and Street Address of the Project and Property to be Subject to the Agreement Lancaster County; 1212 Kershaw Camden Highway, Lancaster, South Carolina 29721 (Tax Map Nos. 0081-00-031.00, 0081-00-032.00, 0081-00-034.01, 0081N-0B-005.00, and 0081N-0B-006.00)
- 3. Minimum Investment Agreed Upon \$3,670,000. See Section 1.1 for definition of Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement.
- 4. Length and Term of the Agreement Twenty (20) years for each phase of the Project placed in service during the Investment Period. See Section 1.1 for definition of Termination Date.
- 5. Assessment Ratio Applicable for Each Year of the Agreement Six percent (6%). See Section 4.1(a).
- 6. Millage Rate Applicable for Each Year of the Agreement 289.4 mills. See Section 4.1(a).
- 7. Is the project to be located in a multi-county park formed pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and Sections 4-1-170, -172 and -175 of the Code? Yes, Lancaster-Chesterfield Master Multi-County Park Agreement dated as of December 9, 2013.
- 8. Is disposal of property subject to the fee allowed? Yes, see Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8.
- 9. Will special source revenue bonds be issued or credits for infrastructure investment be allowed in connection with this project? Yes, credits, see Section 4.1(c).
- 10. Will payment amounts be modified using a net present value calculation? No.
- 11. Do replacement property provisions apply? Yes, see Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8.

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#### FEE AGREEMENT

THIS FEE AGREEMENT (the "Fee Agreement") is made and entered into as of December 14, 2015 by and between LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), acting by and through the Lancaster County Council (the "County Council") as the governing body of the County, and LCI-LINEBERGER, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "Company").

#### **RECITALS**

- 1. Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act") authorizes the County (i) to induce industries to locate in the State; (ii) to encourage industries now located in the State to expand their investments and thus make use of and employ manpower, products, and other resources of the State; and (iii) to enter into a fee agreement with entities meeting the requirements of such Act, which identifies certain property of such entities as economic development property.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 12-44-40(I)(1) of the Act, the County finds that: (a) the Project (as defined herein) is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; (b) the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality and to no charge against its general credit or taxing power; (c) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (d) the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.
- 3. The County Council has evaluated the Project based on all relevant criteria that include, but are not limited to, the purposes the Project is to accomplish, the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment, and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County.
- 4. An ordinance that the County Council adopted on December 14, 2015 (Ordinance No. 2015-1366) (the "Fee Ordinance") authorizes the County and the Company to enter into a Fee Agreement that classifies the Project as Economic Development Property under the Act and provides for the payment of fees in lieu of taxes and special source revenue credits, all as further described herein.
- NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### <u>ARTICLE I</u>

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1 The terms that this section defines shall for all purposes of this Fee Agreement have the meanings herein specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Act" shall mean Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

"Act Minimum Investment Requirement" shall mean an investment of at least \$2,500,000 by the Company and any Sponsors and Sponsor Affiliates of property within the Investment Period.

"Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement" shall mean an investment in the Project of at least \$3,670,000 by the Company within the Investment Period.

"Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement" shall mean the creation, not later than the end of the Investment Period, and maintenance, through the end of the Investment Period, by the Company of at least 73 new, full-time jobs (i.e., at least thirty (30) hours per week), (i) with an average hourly wage of not less than fourteen dollars and fifty cents (\$14.50), including overtime, bonuses, and all other forms of actual pre-tax and post-tax monetary compensation, and (ii) with health care benefits.

"Commencement Date" shall mean the last day of the property tax year during which the Project or the first Phase thereof is placed in service, which date must not be later than the last day of the property tax year which is three years from the year in which the County and the Company enter into this Fee Agreement.

"Company" shall mean LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, and any surviving, resulting, or transfere entity in any merger, consolidation, or transfer of assets; or any other person or entity which may succeed to the rights and duties of the Company.

"County" shall mean Lancaster County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, its successors and assigns, acting by and through the County Council.

"County Council" shall mean the governing body of the County.

"Department" or "SCDOR" shall mean the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

"Diminution in Value" in respect of the Project or any Phase of the Project shall mean any reduction in the value using the original fair market value (without regard to depreciation) as determined in Step 1 of Section 4.1(a) of this Fee Agreement, of the items which constitute a part of the Project or such Phase and which are subject to FILOT payments which may be caused by (i) the Company's removal and/or disposal of equipment pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Fee Agreement; (ii) a casualty to the Project, such Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.7 of this Fee Agreement; or (iii) a condemnation of the Project, such Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.8 of this Fee Agreement.

"Economic Development Property" shall mean those items of real and tangible personal property of the Project which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property under

the Act, selected and identified by the Company in its annual filing of a SCDOR PT-300S or comparable form with the Department (as such filing may be amended from time to time) for each year within the Investment Period.

"Equipment" shall mean all of the machinery, equipment, furniture, office equipment, and fixtures, together with any and all additions, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor used or to be used in the County by the Company for the purposes described in Section 2.2(b) hereof, provided, however, that repairs, alterations, or modifications to personal property which is not economic development property or property subject to a fee in lieu of taxes prior to this Fee Agreement, are not eligible to become Economic Development Property, except for modifications which constitute an expansion of existing real property improvements.

"Event of Default" shall mean any event of default specified in Section 5.1 of this Fee Agreement.

"Exemption Period" shall mean the period beginning on the first day of the property tax year after the property tax year in which an applicable piece of Economic Development Property is placed in service and ending on the Termination Date. In case there are Phases of the Project, the Exemption Period applies to each year's investment made during the Investment Period.

"Fee," "Fee in Lieu of Taxes," "FILOT," or "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" shall mean the amount paid or to be paid in lieu of ad valorem property taxes as provided herein.

"Fee Agreement" shall mean this Fee Agreement.

"Fee Term" shall mean the period from the date of this Fee Agreement until the Termination Date.

"Improvements" shall mean all improvements to the Real Property, including buildings, building additions, roads, sewer lines, and infrastructure, together with any and all additions, fixtures, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor used or to be used in the County for the purposes described in Section 2.2(b) hereof; provided, however, that repairs, alterations, or modifications to real property which is not economic development property or property subject to a fee in lieu of taxes prior to this Fee Agreement, are not eligible to become Economic Development Property, except for modifications which constitute an expansion of existing real property improvements.

"Infrastructure" shall mean infrastructure serving the Project, including the Improvements, to the extent that Section 12-44-70 of the Act and the MCP Act permits, provided that Infrastructure shall first be deemed to include real property and infrastructure improvements prior to including any personal property, notwithstanding any presumptions to the contrary in the Act or otherwise.

"Infrastructure Credit" shall mean the annual infrastructure credit provided to the Company pursuant to Section 12-44-70 of the Act, the MCP Act and Section 4.1(c) hereof, with respect to the Infrastructure.

"Investment Period" shall mean the period beginning with the first day of any purchase or acquisition of Economic Development Property and ending five years after the Commencement Date, provided that the Company and the County may agree to a later date pursuant to Section 12-44-30(13) of the Act.

"MCP Act" shall mean Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-172, and 4-1-175 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and Section 4-29-68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

"Phase" or "Phases" in respect of the Project shall mean that the Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property of the Project are placed in service during more than one year in the Investment Period, and the word "Phase" shall therefore refer to the applicable portion of the Project placed in service in a given year in the Investment Period.

"Project" shall mean all the Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property in the County that the Company determines to be necessary, suitable, or useful for the purposes that Section 2.2(b) describes, and first placed in service in calendar year 2015 or thereafter. The Project shall not include existing buildings and improvements on the Real Property, as of the date of the commencement of the Project by the Company, and any machinery and equipment which have previously been subject to South Carolina ad valorem taxation, except as expressly permitted by Section 12-44-110 of the Act.

"Real Property" shall mean real property that the Company uses or will use in the County for the purposes that Section 2.2(b) describes, and initially consisting of the land identified on Exhibit A hereto, together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way incident or appertaining thereto, and any improvements located thereon.

"Removed Components" shall mean the following types of components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which are subject to FILOT payments, all of which the Company shall be entitled to remove from the Project with the result that the same shall no longer be subject to the terms of the Fee Agreement: (a) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Company, in its sole discretion, determines to be inadequate, obsolete, worn-out, uneconomic, damaged, unsuitable, undesirable, or unnecessary pursuant to Section 4.6 hereof or otherwise; or (b) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Company in its sole discretion, elects to be treated as removed pursuant to Section 4.7(c) or Section 4.8(b)(iii) of this Fee Agreement.

"Replacement Property" shall mean any property which is placed in service as a replacement for any item of Equipment, any Improvement, or any Real Property previously subject to this Fee Agreement regardless of whether such property serves the same functions as the property it is replacing and regardless of whether more than one piece of property replaces any item of Equipment, any Improvement, or any Real Property, to the fullest extent that the Act permits.

"Sponsor" shall mean an entity that joins with or is an affiliate of, the Company and that participates in the investment in, or financing of, the Project and which meets the requirements under the Act to be entitled to the benefits of this Fee Agreement with respect to its participation in the Project.

"Termination Date" shall mean in case the entire Project is placed in service in one year, the end of the last day of the property tax year which is the 19th year following the first property tax year in which the entire Project is placed in service, or in case there are Phases of the Project, the Termination Date shall mean with respect to each Phase of the Project the end of the last day of the property tax year which is the 19th year following the first property tax year in which such Phase of the Project is placed in service, provided, that the intention of the parties is that the Company will make at least 20 annual FILOT payments under Article IV hereof with respect to each Phase of the Project and provided further, that if this Fee Agreement is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof, the Termination Date is the date of such termination.

- Section 1.2 Any reference to any agreement or document in this Article I or otherwise in this Fee Agreement shall include any and all amendments, supplements, addenda, and modifications to such agreement or document.
- Section 1.3 The term "investment" or "invest" as used herein shall include not only investments made by the Company or a Sponsor, but also to the fullest extent permitted by law, those investments made by or for the benefit of the Company in connection with the Project through federal, state, or local grants, to the extent such investments are subject to *ad valorem* taxes or FILOT payments by the Company.

#### ARTICLE II

### REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND AGREEMENTS

- Section 2.1 Representations and Warranties of the County. The County represents and warrants that: (i) it is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State; (ii) it is authorized by the Act to enter into this Fee Agreement; (iii) it has approved this Fee Agreement in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Act and any other applicable state law; and (iv) it has authorized its officials to execute and deliver this Fee Agreement.
- <u>Section 2.2</u> <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company represents and warrants that:
- (a) The Company is duly authorized to transact business in the State of South Carolina, has power to enter into this Fee Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement.
- (b) The Company intends to operate the Project as a "project" within the meaning of the Act as in effect on the date hereof. The Company intends to operate the Project for the purpose of expanding its construction headquarters, and for such other purposes that the Act permits as the Company may deem appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE III**

### COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

Section 3.1 The Project. The Company intends to invest in Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property, which together comprise the Project and which are anticipated to create at least the Act Minimum Investment Requirement in eligible Economic Development Property investment subject to Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the County.

The parties hereto agree that, to the extent that applicable law allows or is revised or construed to allow the benefits of the Act, in the form of FILOT Payments to be made under Article IV hereof, to be applicable to leased assets including, but not limited to a building and/or personal property to be installed in the buildings and leased to but not purchased by the Company from one or more Sponsors under any form of lease, then such property shall, at the election of the Company, be subject to FILOT Payments to the same extent as the Company's assets covered by this Fee Agreement, subject, at all times, to the requirement of such applicable law. The parties hereto further agree that this Fee Agreement may be interpreted or modified as may be necessary or appropriate in order to give proper application of this Fee Agreement to such tangible property without such construction or modification constituting an amendment to this Fee Agreement, and thus not requiring any additional action by the County Council. Such leased property shall constitute a part of the Project for all purposes of this Fee Agreement, including removal, replacement, and termination, and such Sponsor shall be deemed to be a party to this Fee Agreement.

Pursuant to the Act and subject to Section 4.2 hereof, the Company and the County hereby agree that the Company shall identify annually those assets which are eligible for FILOT payments under the Act and which the Company selects for such treatment by listing such assets on the applicable schedule in its annual PT-300 form (or comparable form) to be filed with the Department (as such may be amended from time to time) and that by listing such assets, such assets shall automatically become Economic Development Property and therefore be exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation during the Exemption Period. Anything contained in this Fee Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated to complete the acquisition of the Project. However, if the Company does not meet the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, this Fee Agreement shall be terminated as provided in Section 4.2 hereof.

Section 3.2 <u>Diligent Completion</u>. The Company agrees to use its reasonable efforts to cause the completion of the Project as soon as practicable, but in any event on or prior to the end of the Investment Period.

#### Section 3.3 Filings and Reports.

(a) Each year during the term of the Fee Agreement, the Company shall deliver to the County, the County Auditor, the County Assessor, and the County Treasurer, a copy of its most recent annual filings with the Department with respect to the Project, not later than 30 days following delivery thereof to the Department.

(b) The Company shall cause a copy of this Fee Agreement, as well as a copy of the completed Form PT-443 of the Department, to be filed with the County Auditor and the County Assessor of the County and any partner county, when the Project is placed in a multicounty park pursuant to the MCP Act, and the Department within 30 days after the date of execution and delivery hereof by all parties hereto.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

#### Section 4.1 Negotiated Payments.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 12-44-50 of the Act, the Company is required to make payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes to the County with respect to the Economic Development Property. Inasmuch as the Company anticipates an initial investment of sums sufficient for the Project to qualify for a fee in lieu of tax arrangement under the Act, the County and the Company have negotiated the amount of the FILOT Payments in accordance therewith. The Company shall make FILOT Payments on all Economic Development Property which comprises the Project and is placed in service, as follows: the Company shall make FILOT Payments during the Exemption Period with respect to the Economic Development Property or, if there are Phases of the Economic Development Property, with respect to each Phase of the Economic Development Property, said payments to be made annually and to be collected and enforced as provided in Section 12-44-90 of the Act. The determination of the amount of such annual FILOT Payments shall be in accordance with the following procedure (subject, in any event, to the procedures that the Act requires):
  - Step 1: Determine the fair market value of the Economic Development Property (or Phase of the Economic Development Property) placed in service during the Exemption Period using original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any Real Property and Improvements without regard to depreciation (provided, the fair market value of real property, as the Act defines such term, that the Company obtains by construction or purchase in an arms length transaction is equal to the original income tax basis, and otherwise, the determination of the fair market value is by appraisal) and original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any personal property less depreciation for each year allowable for property tax purposes, except that no extraordinary obsolescence shall be allowable. Except as otherwise provided below, the fair market value of the Real Property for the first year of the Fee Term remains the fair market value of the Real Property for the life of the Fee Term. The determination of these values shall take into account all applicable property tax exemptions that State law would allow to the Company if the property were taxable, except those exemptions that Section 12-44-50(A)(2) of the Act specifically disallows.

- Step 2: Apply an assessment ratio of six percent (6%) to the fair market value in Step 1 to establish the taxable value of the Economic Development Property (or each Phase of the Economic Development Property) in the year it is placed in service and in each of the 19 years thereafter or such longer period of years in which the Act permits the Company to make annual fee payments if approved by the County.
- Step 3: Use a fixed millage rate equal to the millage rate in effect on June 30, 2015, which is 289.4 mills, as Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d) of the Act provides, during the Exemption Period against the taxable value to determine the amount of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes due during the Exemption Period on the payment dates that the County prescribes for such payments or such longer period of years in which the Act permits the Company to make annual fee payments.

The Company and the County agree that the Company may, upon written notice to the County, elect to have any real property valued at fair market value as determined by appraisal as provided in Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(c)(i) of the Act. An election made pursuant to this paragraph applies prospectively and shall be evidenced by an amendment to this Fee Agreement executed by the Parties.

(b) In the event that a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction or an agreement of the parties determines that the calculation of the minimum FILOT Payment applicable to this transaction is to be other than by the procedure herein, the payment shall be reset at the minimum permitted level so determined.

In the event that a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction from which no further appeal is allowable declares the Act and/or the herein-described Payments in Lieu of Taxes invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason, the parties express their intentions to reform such payments so as to effectuate most closely the intent hereof and so as to afford the Company with the benefits to be derived herefrom, the intention of the County being to offer the Company a strong inducement to locate the Project in the County. If the Economic Development Property is deemed to be subject to ad valorem taxation, this Fee Agreement shall terminate, and the Company shall pay the County regular ad valorem taxes from the date of termination, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions which are afforded to the Company. Any amount determined to be due and owing to the County from the Company, with respect to a year or years for which the Company previously remitted Payments in Lieu of Taxes to the County hereunder, shall (i) take into account all applicable tax exemptions to which the Company would be entitled if the Economic Development Property was not and had not been Economic Development Property under the Act; and (ii) be reduced by the total amount of Payments in Lieu of Taxes the Company had made with respect to the Project pursuant to the terms hereof. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, neither the Company nor any successor in title or interest shall be required to pay FILOT payments and ad valorem taxes for the same property over the same period in question.

- (c) The County agrees that all qualifying capital expenses of the Company during the Investment Period shall qualify for a five-year, 15% Infrastructure Credit. The Company shall receive an annual credit in an amount equal to 15% of the FILOT revenues for the Project to offset the aggregate Infrastructure costs incurred. The Infrastructure Credit shall be applied as a setoff against the FILOT owed for the then current year.
- (d) The Company agrees to pay for, or cause to be paid, all costs of the Infrastructure as and when due. The Company agrees that, as of any date during the term of this Fee Agreement, the cumulative dollar amount expended by the Company on Infrastructure shall equal or exceed the cumulative dollar amount of all the Infrastructure Credits received by the Company. For purposes of determining the amount expended on Infrastructure, the County and Company agree that the County may rely on the gross costs of property reported by the Company on its most recently filed PT-300 series form (or comparable form of the Department) as equivalent to the cumulative dollar amount expended by the Company on Infrastructure and the amount invested in the Project and for determining whether the Company has met or exceeded the investment requirement in subsection 4.2(c). In addition, the County and the Company agree that the Infrastructure Credits shall first apply to real property and infrastructure other than real property, notwithstanding any presumption under state law to the contrary.

# Section 4.2 Failure to Achieve Act Minimum Investment Requirement; Clawbacks; Cessation of Operations.

(a) If the cost of the Economic Development Property (without regard to depreciation) that the Company acquires does not reach the Act Minimum Investment Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, this Fee Agreement shall terminate as to such entity failing to meet the minimum investment level. If terminated, the Company shall pay the County an amount (the "Additional Payment") pursuant to the Act which is equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the total amount of ad valorem taxes as would result from taxes levied on the Project by the County, municipality or municipalities, school district or school districts, and other political units as if the items of property comprising the Economic Development Property were not Economic Development Property, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions and abatements to which the Company would be entitled in such a case, through and including the end of the Investment Period, over (ii) the total amount of FILOT payments the Company has made with respect to the Economic Development Property through and including the end of the Investment Period. Any amounts determined to be owing pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be subject to the minimum amount of interest that the Act may require. The Company agrees that if this Fee Agreement is terminated pursuant to this subsection, that under no circumstance shall the County be required to refund or pay any monies to the Company.

#### (b) Reserved.

(c) If the Company satisfies the Act Minimum Investment Requirement but does not satisfy either the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement or the Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement, or both, the Company shall be required to repay to the County a

portion of the Infrastructure Credits received and the repayment amount shall be calculated as follows:

Repayment Amount = Total Amount of Infrastructure Credits Received minus [dollar amount of Infrastructure Credits received times Clawback Achievement Percentage]

Clawback Achievement Percentage = [(Maximum Investment Achieved During Investment Period / \$3,670,000) + (Maximum Number of Jobs Meeting Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement / 73)] ÷ 2. *Provided, however*, that neither of the two computations may be more than one hundred percent (100%).

For example, and by way of example only, if the Company satisfied the Act Minimum Investment Requirement during the Investment Period, created 85 jobs meeting the Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement but only achieved a maximum investment of \$2,750,000, and if the Company had received \$50,000 in Infrastructure Credits, the Repayment Amount would be \$6,267, calculated as follows:

Clawback Achievement Percentage =  $(\$2,750,000 / \$3,670,000) + (85 / 75) \div 2 = (74.932\% + 100\%) \div 2 = 174.932 \div 2 = 87.466\%$ 

Repayment Amount =  $$50,000 - ($50,000 \times 87.466\%) = $50,000 - $43,733 = $6267$ .

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Fee Agreement, the Company acknowledges and agrees that County's obligation to provide the FILOT incentive and the Infrastructure Credits ends, and this Fee Agreement is terminated, if the Company ceases operations. For purposes of this Section 4.2(d), "ceases operations" means closure of the facility. The provisions of Section 4.2(c) relating to clawback apply if this Fee Agreement is terminated in accordance with this subsection prior to the end of the Investment Period and before the Company has achieved the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement and Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement. The Company agrees that if the Agreement is terminated pursuant to this section, that under no circumstance shall the County be required to refund or pay any monies to the Company.
- (e) On or before May 31 of the year following the end of the Investment Period, the Company shall certify to the County Auditor that the Company has complied with the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement and Clawback Minimum Jobs Requirement as of the end of the Investment Period. If the certification is not made or is received after May 31 of the applicable year, then the clawback provisions of this section shall be applied.
- Section 4.3 Payments in Lieu of Taxes on Replacement Property. If the Company elects to replace any Removed Components and to substitute such Removed Components with Replacement Property as a part of the Economic Development Property, or the Company otherwise utilizes Replacement Property, then, pursuant and subject to Section 12-44-60 of the Act, the Company shall make statutory payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with regard to such Replacement Property in accordance with the following:

- (i) Replacement Property does not have to serve the same function as the Economic Development Property it is replacing. Replacement Property is deemed to replace the oldest Economic Development Property subject to the Fee, whether real or personal, which is disposed of in the same property tax year in which the Replacement Property is placed in Replacement Property qualifies as Economic Development Property only to the extent of the original income tax basis of Economic Development Property which is being disposed of in the same property tax year. More than one piece of property can replace a single piece of Economic Development Property. To the extent that the income tax basis of the Replacement Property exceeds the original income tax basis of the Economic Development Property which it is replacing, the excess amount is subject to annual payments calculated as if the exemption for Economic Development Property were not allowable. Replacement Property is entitled to treatment under the Fee Agreement for the period of time remaining during the Exemption Period for the Economic Development Property which it is replacing; and
- (ii) The new Replacement Property which qualifies for the Fee shall be recorded using its income tax basis, and the calculation of the Fee shall utilize the millage rate and assessment ratio in effect with regard to the original property subject to the Fee.

Section 4.4 Reductions in Payments of Taxes Upon Removal, Condemnation, or Casualty. In the event of a Diminution in Value of the Economic Development Property or any Phase of the Economic Development Property, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes with regard to the Economic Development Property or that Phase of the Economic Development Property shall be reduced in the same proportion as the amount of such Diminution in Value bears to the original fair market value of the Economic Development Property or that Phase of the Economic Development Property as determined pursuant to Step 1 of Section 4.1(a) hereof; provided, however, that if at any time subsequent to the end of the Investment Period, the total value of the Project based on the original income tax basis of the Equipment, Real Property, and Improvements contained therein, without deduction for depreciation, is less than the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, beginning with the first payment thereafter due hereunder and continuing until the end of the Fee Term, the Company shall no longer be entitled to the incentive provided in Section 4.1, and the Company shall therefore commence to pay regular ad valorem taxes on the Economic Development Property part of the Project. However, the Company will not be required to make any retroactive payment such as the Additional Payment under Section 4.2.

Section 4.5 Place of Payments in Lieu of Taxes. The Company shall make the above-described Payments in Lieu of Taxes directly to the County in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4.6 Removal of Economic Development Property. Subject, always, to the other terms and provisions hereof, the Company shall be entitled to remove and dispose of components or Phases of the Project from the Project in its sole discretion with the result that

said components or Phases shall no longer be considered a part of the Project and, to the extent such constitute Economic Development Property, shall no longer be subject to the terms of this Fee Agreement to the fullest extent allowed by the Act. Economic Development Property is disposed of only when it is scrapped or sold or it is removed from the Project. If it is removed from the Project, it is subject to *ad valorem* property taxes to the extent the Property remains in the State and is otherwise subject to *ad valorem* property taxes.

#### Section 4.7 <u>Damage or Destruction of Economic Development Property.</u>

- (a) <u>Election to Terminate</u>. In the event the Economic Development Property is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, the Company shall be entitled to terminate this Fee Agreement. The Company shall only be required to make FILOT payments as to all or any part of the tax year in which the damage or casualty occurs to the extent property subject to ad valorem taxes would otherwise have been subject to such taxes under the same circumstances for the period in question.
- (b) <u>Election to Rebuild</u>. In the event the Economic Development Property is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, and if the Company does not elect to terminate this Fee Agreement, the Company may commence to restore the Economic Development Property with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Economic Development Property, changes, alterations, and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as may be desired by the Company. All such restorations and replacements shall be considered, to the fullest extent permitted by law and this Fee Agreement, substitutions of the destroyed portions of the Economic Development Property and shall be considered part of the Economic Development Property for all purposes hereof, including, but not limited to, any amounts due by the Company to the County under Section 4.1 hereof.
- (c) <u>Election to Remove</u>. In the event the Company elects not to terminate this Fee Agreement pursuant to subsection (a) and elects not to rebuild pursuant to subsection (b), the damaged portions of the Economic Development Property shall be treated as Removed Components.

#### Section 4.8 Condemnation.

- (a) <u>Complete Taking</u>. If at any time during the Fee Term title to or temporary use of the Economic Development Property should become vested in a public or quasi-public authority by virtue of the exercise of a taking by condemnation, inverse condemnation, or the right of eminent domain; by voluntary transfer under threat of such taking; or by a taking of title to a portion of the Economic Development Property which renders continued use or occupancy of the Economic Development Property commercially unfeasible in the judgment of the Company, the Company shall have the option to terminate this Fee Agreement by sending written notice to the County within a reasonable period of time following such vesting.
- (b) <u>Partial Taking</u>. In the event of a partial taking of the Economic Development Property or a transfer in lieu thereof, the Company may elect: (i) to terminate this Fee Agreement; (ii) subject to the Act and the terms and provisions of this Fee Agreement, to

repair and restore the Economic Development Property, with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Economic Development Property, changes, alterations, and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as the Company may desire, and all such changes, alterations, and modifications shall be considered as substitutions of the taken parts of the Economic Development Property; or (iii) to treat the portions of the Economic Development Property so taken as Removed Components.

(c) The Company shall only be required to make FILOT payments as to all or any part of the tax year in which the taking occurs to the extent property subject to ad valorem taxes would otherwise have been subject to such taxes under the same circumstances for the period in question.

## Section 4.9 Right of Access and Inspection; Confidential Information.

- (a) The Company agrees that the County and its authorized agents have the right at all reasonable times and upon prior reasonable notice to enter upon and examine and inspect the Project and to have access to and examine and inspect all the Company's books and records pertaining to the Project. The right of examination and inspection shall be exercised only upon reasonable and necessary terms and conditions prescribed by the Company to protect the Company's confidentiality and proprietary rights. Any such entrance upon and examination and inspection of the Project shall be at the County's expense.
- The County acknowledges and understands that the Company may have and maintain at the Project certain confidential and proprietary information, including, but not limited to, trade secrets, financial, sales or other information concerning the Company's operations and processes ("Confidential Information") and that any disclosure of the Confidential Information could result in substantial harm to the Company and could have a significant detrimental impact on the Company's employees and also upon the County. Except as required by law, including, without limitation, court orders, the County agrees to use its best reasonable efforts to keep confidential, and to cause employees, agents and representatives of the County to keep confidential, the Confidential Information which may be obtained from the Company, its agents or representatives, when the Confidential Information is clearly marked and identified as Confidential Information and known to the County to be Confidential Information. The County shall not knowingly and willfully disclose and shall cause all employees, agents and representatives of the County not to knowingly and willfully disclose the marked and identified Confidential Information to any person or entity other than in accordance with the terms of this Fee Agreement. If a demand is made for the release, under color of law, to a third party of any Confidential Information, the County shall notify the Company and give the Company the opportunity to contest the release.
- Section 4.10 Assignment. The Company may assign this Fee Agreement in whole or in part without prior approval of the County, unless the prior written consent of the County or a subsequent written ratification by the County is required by the Act and in that event, such consent or ratification the County shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Company agrees to notify the County and the Department of the identity of such transferee within 60 days of the transfer. In case of a transfer, the transferee assumes the transferor's basis in the Project for

purposes of calculating the Fee. No approval is required for transfers to sponsor affiliates or other financing related transfers, as defined in the Act.

Section 4.11 No Double Payment. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, and except as expressly required by law, neither the Company nor any Sponsor shall ever be required to make a Payment in Lieu of Taxes in addition to a regular property tax payment in the same year on the same piece of property, nor shall the Company or any Sponsor be required to make a Payment in Lieu of Taxes on property in cases where, absent this Fee Agreement, property taxes would otherwise not be due on such property.

Section 4.12 Administration Expenses. (A) The Company agrees to reimburse the County from time to time for its Administrative Expenses promptly upon written request therefore, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after receiving the written request from the County. The written request shall include a description of the nature of the Administrative Expenses. As used in this section, "Administrative Expenses" means the reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the County with respect to: (i) the preparation, review, approval and execution of this Fee Agreement, (ii) the preparation, review, approval and execution of other documents related to the Fee Agreement and any multicounty park documents; and (iii) the fulfillment of its obligations under this Fee Agreement and any multi-county park documents, and in the implementation and administration of the terms and provisions of the documents after the date of execution thereof, but only in each case if such are incurred as a result of a request by the Company for a modification, assignment, or a termination of such documents by the Company, or as a result of a bankruptcy of the Company or a default by the Company under the terms of the aforementioned documents.

(B) The Company agrees to reimburse the County for expenses incurred by the County for accountants and similar experts used by the County in the computation, preparation and verification of the annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes and any special source revenue credits or infrastructure credits, *provided*, *however*, the maximum annual reimbursement pursuant to this subsection is capped at one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

#### ARTICLE V

#### **DEFAULT**

- Section 5.1 Events of Default. The following shall be "Events of Default" under this Fee Agreement, and the term "Events of Default" shall mean, whenever used with reference to this Fee Agreement, any one or more of the following occurrences:
- (a) Failure by the Company to make the Payments in Lieu of Taxes described in Section 4.1 hereof, which failure shall not have been cured within 30 days following receipt of written notice thereof from the County; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall be entitled to all redemption rights granted by applicable statutes; or
- (b) A representation or warranty made by the Company which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or

- (c) Failure by the Company to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder (other than those under (a) above), which failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice from the County to the Company specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the Company shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the Company is diligently pursuing corrective action; or
- (d) A representation or warranty made by the County which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or
- (e) Failure by the County to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder, which failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice from the Company to the County specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the County shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the County is diligently pursuing corrective action.

#### Section 5.2 Remedies on Default.

- (a) Whenever any Event of Default by the Company shall have occurred and shall be continuing, the County may take any one or more of the following remedial actions:
  - (i) terminate the Fee Agreement; or
  - (ii) take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts due hereunder. In no event shall the Company be liable to the County or otherwise for monetary damages resulting from the Company's failure to meet the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, other than as expressly set forth herein.
- (b) Whenever any Event of Default by the County shall have occurred or shall be continuing, the Company may take one or more of the following actions:
  - (i) bring an action for specific enforcement;
  - (ii) terminate the Fee Agreement;
  - (iii) withhold so much of the payment as is in dispute with the County until such dispute is fully and finally resolved; or
  - (iv) in case of a materially incorrect representation or warranty, take such action as is appropriate, including legal action, to recover its damages, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 5.3 Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Expenses and Other Expenses. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, should a party be required to employ attorneys or incur other reasonable expenses for the collection of payments due hereunder or for the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation or agreement, the successful party shall be entitled, within 30 days of demand therefor, to reimbursement of the reasonable fees of such attorneys and such other reasonable expenses so incurred.

Section 5.4 No Waiver. No failure or delay on the part of any party hereto in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy hereunder. No waiver of any provision hereof shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the waiving party hereto.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 6.1 Notices. Any notice, election, demand, request, or other communication to be provided under this Fee Agreement shall be effective when delivered to the party named below or when deposited in Federal Express (or any other reputable national "next day" delivery service) or when deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows (or addressed to such other address as any party shall have previously furnished in writing to the other party), except where the terms hereof require receipt rather than sending of any notice, in which case such provision shall control:

#### IF TO THE COMPANY:

LCI-Lineberger Construction, Inc. Attn: Kim Lineberger P.O. Box 1239 Lancaster, SC 29721

#### WITH A COPY TO:

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. Attn: William R Johnson P.O. Box 11889 Columbia, SC 29211

#### IF TO THE COUNTY:

Lancaster County, South Carolina Attn: County Administrator

101 N. Main St. (29720) P.O. Box 1809 (29721) Lancaster, SC

#### WITH A COPY TO:

Lancaster County, South Carolina Attn: County Attorney 101 N. Main St. (29720) P.O. Box 1809 (29721) Lancaster, SC

- Section 6.2 Binding Effect. This Fee Agreement and each document contemplated hereby or related hereto shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company, the County, and their respective successors and assigns. In the event of the dissolution of the County or the consolidation of any part of the County with any other political subdivision or the transfer of any rights of the County to any other such political subdivision, all of the covenants, stipulations, promises, and agreements of this Fee Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors of the County from time to time and any entity, officer, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality to whom or to which any power or duty of the County has been transferred.
- <u>Section 6.3</u> <u>Counterparts</u>. This Fee Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and all of the counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.
- Section 6.4 Governing Law. This Fee Agreement and all documents executed in connection herewith shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- Section 6.5 <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the articles and sections of this Fee Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Fee Agreement.
- Section 6.6 Amendments. The provisions of this Fee Agreement may only be modified or amended in writing by agreement or agreements entered into between the parties.
- Section 6.7 Further Assurance. From time to time, and at the expense of the Company, to the extent any expense is incurred, the County agrees to execute and deliver to the Company such additional instruments as the Company may reasonably request and as are authorized by law and reasonably within the purposes and scope of the Act and Fee Agreement to effectuate the purposes of this Fee Agreement.
- Section 6.8 Invalidity. In the event that the inclusion of property as Economic Development Property or any other issue is unclear under this Fee Agreement, the County hereby expresses its intention that the interpretation of this Fee Agreement shall be in a manner that provides for the broadest inclusion of property under the terms of this Fee Agreement and the maximum

incentive permissible under the Act, to the extent not inconsistent with any of the explicit terms hereof. If any provision of this Fee Agreement is declared illegal, invalid, or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions hereof shall be unimpaired, and such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision shall be reformed to effectuate most closely the legal, valid, and enforceable intent thereof and so as to afford the Company with the maximum benefits to be derived herefrom, it being the intention of the County to offer the Company the strongest inducement possible, within the provisions of the Act, to locate the Project in the County.

The County agrees that in case the FILOT incentive described herein is found to be invalid or otherwise does not provide the Company with the economic benefit it is intended to receive from the County as an inducement to locate in the County, the savings lost as a result of such invalidity will be considered a special source revenue credit or infrastructure improvement credit to the Company (in addition to the Infrastructure Credit provided in Section 4.1(c) above) to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the County will provide a special source revenue credit or infrastructure improvement credit against all FILOT payments or fee payments made or to be made by the Company equal to the amount that the Company would have saved if the FILOT had been valid, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

<u>Section 6.9</u> <u>Force Majeure</u>. The Company shall not be responsible for any delays or non-performance caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by strikes, accidents, freight embargoes, fires, floods, inability to obtain materials, conditions arising from governmental orders or regulations, war or national emergency, acts of God, and any other cause, similar or dissimilar, beyond the Company's reasonable control.

Section 6.10 Termination by Company. The Company is authorized to terminate this Fee Agreement at any time with respect to all or part of the Project upon providing the County with 30 days' notice; provided, however, that (i) any monetary obligations existing hereunder and due and owing at the time of termination to a party hereto; and (ii) any provisions which are intended to survive termination, shall survive such termination. In the year following such termination, all property shall be subject to ad valorem taxation or such other taxation or fee in lieu of taxation that would apply absent this Fee Agreement. The Company's obligation to make fee in lieu of tax payments under this Fee Agreement shall terminate in the year following the year of such termination pursuant to this section.

Section 6.11 Entire Understanding. This Fee Agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements of the parties hereto with each other with respect to its subject matter, and neither party hereto has made or shall be bound by any agreement or any representation to the other party which is not expressly set forth in this Fee Agreement or in certificates delivered in connection with the execution and delivery hereof.

Section 6.12 Waiver. Either party may waive compliance by the other party with any term or condition of this Fee Agreement only in a writing signed by the waiving party.

Section 6.13 Business Day. In the event that any action, payment, or notice is, by the terms of this Fee Agreement, required to be taken, made, or given on any day which is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the jurisdiction in which the person obligated to act is

domiciled, such action, payment, or notice may be taken, made, or given on the following business day with the same effect as if given as required hereby, and no interest shall accrue in the interim.

Section 6.14 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, any financial obligation the County may incur hereunder, including for the payment of money, shall not be deemed to constitute a pecuniary liability or a debt or general obligation of the County; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the Company from enforcing its rights hereunder by suit for *mandamus* or specific performance.

(Signature Page Follows)

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, acting by and through the County Council, has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed in its name and behalf by the Council Chair and Council Secretary and to be attested by the Clerk to Council; and the Company has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer, all as of the day and year first above written.

	Bob Bundy, Chair, County Council
ATTEST:	Steve Harper, Secretary, County Council
Debbie C. Hardin, Clerk to Council	
	LCI-LINEBERGER CONSTRUCTION, INC.
	Signature:
	Name:
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#### EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

#### PARCEL 1:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate approximately two (2) miles South of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, South Carolina, containing 5.8 acres, more or less, and being that certain 5.8 acres set out and described on Plat of Survey revised by F. E. Kerr on December 16, 1972 entitled, 'Plat Property of Donald Parker', and found recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lancaster County, South Carolina, as Plat Number 3923, reference to which said Plat is craved for a more minute description as to the metes and bounds.

### Tax Map No. 0081-00-034.01

All that piece, parcel or lot of land South of the City of Lancaster, State and County aforesaid, and known as the old land fill site and being described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe 35 feet south of the centerline of Bear Creek and or the eastern edge of the Right of Way of Southern Railroad; thence N 44 11 E for 66.70 feet; thence N 29 30 for 83.22 feet; thence N 50 21 E for 70.20 feet; thence N 27 36 E for 67.91 feet to point in the center of Old Camden Highway and Bear Creek, thence S 24 02 E for 237.4 feet to a point in the centerline of said road; thence S 24 17 E for 672.06 feet to a point in the centerline of said road; thence S 23 36 E for 239.65 feet to a point in the centerline of said highway; thence S 87 37 W for 495.79 feet, more or less, to the eastern right of way of Southern Railroad, thence along the eastern edge of the Right of Way of Southern Railroad in a northerly direction to the point of beginning. See Plat Book 20 at Page 144.

#### Tax Map No. 0081-00-032.00

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying, being and situate on the South side of U.S. Highway No. 521 about one mile Southeast of the Town of Lancaster, in Lancaster County, South Carolina, fronting North on U.S. Highway No. 521 for a distance of 300' and running back South therefrom in a uniform width for a distance of 267 feet, designated as Tract 'A' on a Plat entitled 'Plat of Property of T. Y. Williams Estate' dated December 7, 1965, made by R. H. Iseley, Surveyor, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lancaster County in Plat Book 16 at Page 230, reference to which plat is made for a more particular description.

All that piece, parcel or lot of land, lying, being and situate on the North side of the Old Camden Road about one mile Southeast of the Town of Lancaster in Lancaster County, South Carolina, fronting South on the Old Camden Road for a distance of 656.6 feet, containing 6.64 acres, designated as Tract 'B' on a Plat entitled 'Plat of Property of T. Y. Williams Estate' dated December 7, 1965, made by R.H. Iseley, Surveyor, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lancaster County, South Carolina in Plat Book 16 at Page 30, reference to which plat is made for a more particular description.

#### Tax Map Nos. 0081N-0B-005.00 and 0081N-0B-006.00

#### PARCEL 2:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate approximately one mile southeast of the City of Lancaster in Lancaster County, South Carolina, southwest of U. S. Highway 521, containing 70.659 acres and being shown, described and designated as Tract A (1.300 acre), Tract B (11.955 acres) and Tract C (57.404 acres) on plat of survey entitled 'Plat of Property of James F. Lineberger' dated May 29, 2002, surveyed by J.C. Crumpler, RLS, and recorded as Plat No. 2002-305 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lancaster County, South Carolina, which plat is by reference incorporated herein.

#### Tax Map No. 0081-00-031.00

For derivation, see Deed of Beverly Wrenn, Personal Representative of the Estate of James Franklin Lineberger to Kim Lineberger dated September 16, 2014 and recorded September 18, 2014 in Deed Book 820 Page 226, in the Register of Deeds Office, Lancaster County, South Carolina.

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