ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Resolution No. 18-05-15 May 4, 2018

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION (CORNING CANTON PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT) IDA PROJECT # 4001-18-01

A meeting of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "SLCIDA") was convened in public session on May 4, 2018 in Canton, New York.

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

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Blevins, Lynn	X	
Hooper, Donald		X
Hall, Mark C.		X
LaBaff, Ernest		X
McMahon, Andrew	X	
Staples, Brian W.	X	
Morrill, Steven	X	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT: IDA Staff – Patrick J. Kelly, Thomas A. Plastino, Lori Sibley, Kimberly Gilbert, and Richard A. Williams.

After the meeting had been duly called to order, the Chairman announced that among the purposes of the meeting was to consider and take action on certain matters pertaining to a proposed project for the benefit of Corning Inc./Corning Property Management Corporation.

On motion duly made by Mr. Morrill and seconded by Mr. Blevins, the following resolution was placed before the members of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency:

(1) ACCEPTING AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY CORNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW); (2) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE SLCIDA WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (3) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CORNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR A PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IN THE FORM OF (a) A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, and (b) A PARTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT THROUGH A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT; (4) APPOINTING CORNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT; (5) DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (6) AUTHORIZING CREATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. IDA-18-05-15

WHEREAS, the ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "SLCIDA") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "State") as amended, and Chapter 358 of the Laws of 1971 of the State, as amended (collectively, the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreation facilities, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, CORNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CORNING, INC. (individually, and collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the SLCIDA requesting the SLCIDA's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the SLCIDA of a leasehold interest to approximately 1 acre of real property located at 334 County Route 16, Canton, New York 13617, Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "Town"), (herein, the "Land"), (ii) the construction and operation on the Land to include structures that will add new forming capability with structures of approximately 2,280 SF for Material Storage, 7,565 SF Office Space and environmental improvements by way of an additional Bag House 3,955 SF for a total of 13,800 square feet. Approximately 4,400 SF of existing space will be renovated and converted to manufacturing space to increase furnace capacity (the "Improvements"), (iii) the acquisition in and around the Land and Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"), and (iv) the lease of the Facility to the Company pursuant to a straight-lease transaction as defined within the Act, and

WHEREAS, the Company covenants that the Project will assist in the retention of 249 full-time equivalent positions*, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the SLCIDA desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the SLCIDA is contemplating with respect to the Project and authorizing the undertaking, and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, SLCIDA staff scheduled and noticed a public hearing in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, such public hearing having been conducted in accordance with the Act in the Town of DeKalb, New York on April 25, 2018, the minutes of which are attached (**Exhibit A**), and

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 612 of the 1975 Laws of the State of New York, as amended (the "Environmental Act"), provides for the review of certain "actions" undertaken by State and local agencies for the purpose of regulating such activities in order that proper consideration be given to the prevention of environmental damage, and provision of economic assistance to industrial projects by the SLCIDA is an "action" as that term is defined in the Environmental Act, which must be evaluated by the SLCIDA to determine its environmental effect,

^{*}Amended per Resolution IDA-18-12-33

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency as follows:
- <u>Section 1</u>. The Company has presented an Application in a form acceptable to the SLCIDA. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the SLCIDA in the Company's Application, the SLCIDA hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the SLCIDA has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) The SLCIDA has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the SLCIDA will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby creating employment opportunities and critical infrastructure improvements in St. Lawrence County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the SLCIDA as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the SLCIDA hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries' and
- <u>Section 2.</u> SLCIDA has conducted a review of the Project, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and hereby confirms and determines that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts (**Exhibit B**).
- Section 3. Subject to the execution of an Agency Compliance Agreement and the delivery to the SLCIDA of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the SLCIDA, the SLCIDA hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the undertaking of the Project and hereby appoints the Company, and their respective agents and other designees, as the true and lawful agent of the SLCIDA: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the SLCIDA with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the SLCIDA could do if acting in its own behalf.
- <u>Section 4.</u> The form and substance of a proposed Agency Compliance Agreement (**Exhibit C**) by and between SLCIDA and the Company with respect to the Sales and Use Tax Exemption is hereby approved, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute and deliver said Agency Compliance Agreement and related documents.
 - Section 5. The Agency Compliance Agreement shall expire on **December 31, 2018** unless

extended pursuant to the terms of the Agency Compliance Agreement.

Section 6. The public hearing held by the SLCIDA on April 25, 2018, concerning the nature and location of the Facility and the contemplation of the provision of financial assistance was duly held in accordance with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the giving of public notice of the meeting a reasonable time before the meeting and affording a reasonable opportunity for persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance to be heard:

Section 7. The SLCIDA hereby authorizes the creation, execution and delivery of any and all Lease Agreements along with the issuance of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement to the Company.

Section 8. The officers, employees and agents of the SLCIDA are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the SLCIDA to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the SLCIDA with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the SLCIDA.

Section 9. The value of New York state and local sales and use tax exemption provided to the Company under this project is estimated to be \$304,000. **

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

MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins, Lynn	X			
Hooper, Donald				X
Hall, Mark C.				X
LaBaff, Ernest				X
McMahon, Andrew	X			
Staples, Brian W.	X			
Morrill, Steven	X			

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON April 25, 2018 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RE: CORNING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

1. Richard Williams of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency called the public hearing to order at 11:00 AM, local time, at the Town of DeKalb offices, 2907 County Route 17, DeKalb Junction, New York 13630, and stated that the minutes of this public hearing would be recorded.

2. He then read the following:

This public hearing is being held pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (hereinafter, the "SLCIDA") in connection with the following matter:

Corning Property Management Corp., (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the SLCIDA requesting the SLCIDA's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the SLCIDA of a leasehold interest to approximately 1 acre of real property located at 334 County Route 16, Canton, New York 13617, Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "Town"), (herein, the "Land"), (ii) the construction and operation on the Land to include structures that will add new forming capability with structures of approximately 2,280 SF for Material Storage, 7,565 SF Office Space and environmental improvements by way of an additional Bag House 3,955 SF for a total of 13,800 square feet. Approximately 4,400 SF of Existing space will be renovated and converted to manufacturing space to increase furnace capacity (the "Improvements"), (iii) the acquisition in and around the Land and Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Equipment" and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"), and (iv) the lease of the Facility to the Company pursuant to a straight-lease transaction as defined within the Act;

SLCIDA is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (the "Financial Assistance") in the form of: a partial real property tax abatement on the improved value of the project through a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement.

A representative of the SLCIDA will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's Application (including a cost-benefit analysis) and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

Additionally, the public has been notified that written statements provided to the SLCIDA regarding the project will also become part of the record of public hearing. Written statements should be addressed to: SLCIDA, 19 Commerce Lane, Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617, and must have been received by the SLCIDA no later than 10:00 o'clock AM on April 25, 2018 to be included in the record of public hearing.

- 3. The floor was then opened to the public to make comments for or against the project. The following is a listing of the persons heard and a summary of their views:
 - Larry Denesha, St. Lawrence County Legislator (District 6). He notes that having a Corporation the caliber of Corning making such a large investment is great and needs to be supported. He points out that like any corporation, they can locate anywhere they can be profitable. Although this project isn't looking to add more employees, it's just as important

to secure the jobs we have. Hopefully the Corporate Office will see we are cooperative and accommodating so the next investment can include additional employment opportunities.

- John Frary, Town Supervisor of DeKalb. Couldn't make it to the hearing but called to state he fully supports the project and the company.
- 4. There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 11:20 AM.

By:

Richard Williams

St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency For:

617.20 Appendix B Short Environmental Assessment Form

Instructions for Completing

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

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

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information					
Corning Property Management Corp.					
Name of Action or Project:					
2018 CORNING CANTON PLANT EXPANSION AND ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTAL IMPRO	NTS PRO	JECT			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):					
334 County Route 16, Canton, NY					
Brief Description of Proposed Action:					
The proposed action will involve construction to include structures that will add new form for Material Storage, 7565 SF Office Space and environmental improvements by way of square feet. Approximately 4,400 SF of Existing space will be renovated and converted to manufacture.	an additi	onal Baghouse 3,955 SF	for a	total of 1	.280 SF 3,800
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Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telepl	none:			
G. Thomas Tranter Jr	E-Mai	1:			
Address:					
One Riverfront Plaza			_		
City/PO:		State:		Code:	
Corning		NY	1483		
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, I	local lav	v, ordinance,		NO	YES
administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to	the env	ironmental resources on 2.	that		
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any			,	NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Benefits will be sought from St. Lawrence County IDA. A building permit has been acquived DYS DEC are managing the Wetlands and Air permit approvals.					
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	8	62 acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		1 acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	8	62 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action ☐ Urban	nercial	☑Residential (subu):	rban)		

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan? 6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape? 7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: 8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action 9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: 10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water:	?	NO N	N/A YES YES YES YES YES YES
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12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic		NO	YES
Places?		1	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?		1	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain		NO	YES
wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?			1
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			V
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:	_	ш	
The wetlands encroachment is being addressed separately with NYS DEC	_		
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-succession		apply:	
✓ Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban	iai		
		NO	YE
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?			IE
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16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?		NO	YE
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17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,		NO	YE
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a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?			1
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8. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	NO	YES
f Yes, explain purpose and size:	V	
9. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
f Yes, describe:	\checkmark	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste? f Yes, describe:	V	
AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE	BEST O	F M
Applicant/sponsor name: G. Thomas Tranter, Jr. Date:		
Signature:		

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

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	V	
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	V	

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

that the proposed action may result in one or more pote environmental impact statement is required.	rmation and analysis above, and any supporting documentation,
St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency	May , 2018
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Patrick J. Kelly	Chief Executive Officer
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	NO	YES
If Yes, explain purpose and size:	V	
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	V	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	V	
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE KNOWLEDGE		F MY
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Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

		No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	V	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	1	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	V	
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	✓	
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	V	
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	V	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	V	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	V	
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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK)

and

CORNING INC.

AGENCY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT for conveyance of sales and use tax exemption benefit.

TERM OF CONVEYENCE OF AGENT STATUS: 05/04/2018 – 12/31/2018

(ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK)
(CORNING INC)
(CORNING CANTON PLANT EXPANSION AND ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)
(PROJECT #4001-18-01)

BENEFIT LIMITED TO \$304,000

AGENCY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGENCY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is by and between the ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having its principal office at 19 Commerce Lane, Suite 1, Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York 13617 (the "SLCIDA"), and CORNING INC. a business corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, having offices at 1 Riverfront Plaza, Corning, Steuben County, New York 14831 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the SLCIDA was created by Chapter 132 of the Laws of 1973 of the State of New York, as amended, pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended (collectively, the "Act");

WHEREAS, the COMPANY has submitted an application (the "APPLICATION") to the SLCIDA requesting the SLCIDA's assistance with a certain project in the form of Sales and Use Tax

Exemptions:	
SLCIDA Project Number:	4001-18-01
Project Address:	334 County Route 16
	Canton, New York 13617
	Town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County
Estimated value of goods and services to be exempt from New York State and local sales and	
use tax:	
Estimated value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption provided (8%):	LIMITED TO \$304,000

WHEREAS, pursuant to SLCIDA by Resolution #IDA-18-05-15, duly adopted by the SLCIDA on May 4, 2018, the SLCIDA authorized the COMPANY to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking a certain project, more fully described herein, subject to the COMPANY entering into this Agency Compliance Agreement:

Project -

- 1. Acquisition by the SLCIDA of a leasehold interest to approximately 1 acre of real property located at 334 County Route 16, Canton, New York, located within the Town of DeKalb (the "Land");
- 2. Construction and operation on the Land to include structures of approximately 2,280 SF for Material Storage, 7,565 SF Office Space and environmental improvements by way of an additional Bag House 3,955 SF for a total of 13,800 square feet.
- 3. Approximately 4,400 SF of Existing space will be renovated and converted to manufacturing space to increase furnace capacity. (the "Improvements");
- 4. Acquisition in and around the Land and Improvements and of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property and equipment (the "Equipment", and collectively, with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and
- 5. Lease of the Facility to the Company pursuant to a straight-lease transaction as defined within the Act.

WHEREAS, said appointment includes the following as it relates to any proposed acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and completion of any buildings, whether or not any materials or supplies described below are incorporated into or become an integral part of such Facility: (i) all purchases, leases, rentals and other uses of tools, machinery and equipment in connection with acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of the Facility, and (ii) all purchases, rentals, uses or consumption of supplies, materials and services of every kind and description used in connection with acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of the Facility, and (iii) all purchases, leases, rentals and uses of equipment, machinery, and other tangible personal property (including installation costs with respect thereto), installed or placed in, upon or under such Facility, entering into contracts and doing all things requisite and proper for completing the Facility;

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed with the SLCIDA, on behalf of the SLCIDA and as the SLCIDA's agent, to limit its activities as agent for the SLCIDA under the authority of the appointing resolution to acts reasonably related to the construction and equipping of the Facility in accordance with the Plans and Specifications set forth in the APPLICATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS OF THE COMPANY and SLCIDA

- Section 1.1 <u>Representations and Covenants of Company.</u> Company makes the following representations and covenants as the basis for the undertakings on its part herein contained:
- (a) The Company is a business corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of New York, is in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, and has full legal right, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Company.
- (b) To the best of Company's knowledge, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions hereof will conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute a default under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any law or ordinance of the State or any political subdivision thereof, Company's organizational documents, as amended, or any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which Company is a party or by which it is bound.
- (c) Any and all leasehold improvements undertaken by Company with respect to the Facility and the design, construction, equipping and operation of the Facility will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, building and environmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility. The Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the SLCIDA harmless from any liability or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from any failure by Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection.
- (d) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Company enforceable against Company in accordance with its terms.
- (e) The SLCIDA hereby appoints and the Company hereby agrees to act on behalf of the SLCIDA, as its Agent, under the terms of this Agreement, to construct and equip the Facility in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

ARTICLE II: SPECIAL COVENANTS

- Section 2.1 No Warranty of Condition or Suitability by SLCIDA. The SLCIDA makes no warranty, either express or implied, as to the condition, design, operation, merchantability or fitness of, or title to, the Facility or that it is or will be suitable for Company's purposes or needs.
- Section 2.2 Hold Harmless Provisions.

- Company agrees that the SLCIDA, its directors, members, officers, agents (except agents of the Company) and employees shall not be liable for, and agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold the SLCIDA, its directors, members, officers, agents (except agents of the Company) and employees harmless from and against, any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to Property or injury to or death of any and all Persons that may be occasioned by, directly or indirectly, any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Facility or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence of any Person or Property on, in or about the Facility or the Land, and (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred in connection with the SLCIDA's acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and owning and leasing of the Facility, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims arising from the breach by Company of any of its covenants contained herein, the exercise by Company of the authority conferred upon them pursuant to this Agreement and all causes of action and attorneys' fees (whether by reason of third party claims or by reason of the enforcement of any provision of this Agreement (including without limitation this Section) or any of the other documents delivered by the SLCIDA), and any other expenses incurred in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing, provided that any such losses, damages, liabilities or expenses of the SLCIDA are not incurred and do not result from the gross negligence or intentional or willful wrongdoing of the SLCIDA or any of its directors, members, agents (except the Company and Company) or employees. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence in part of the SLCIDA, or any of its members, directors, officers, agents or employees, and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability. The foregoing indemnities are limited only to the extent of any prohibitions imposed by law, and upon the application of any such prohibition by the final judgment or decision of a competent court of law, the remaining provisions of these indemnities shall remain in full force and effect.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the obligations of Company pursuant to this Section shall remain in full force and effect after the termination of this Agreement until the expiration of the period stated in the applicable statute of limitations during which a claim, cause of action or prosecution relating to the matters herein described may be brought, and the payment in full or the satisfaction of such claim, cause of action or prosecution relating to the matters herein described and the payment of all expenses and charges incurred by the SLCIDA, or its members, directors, officers, agents and employees, relating to the enforcement of the provisions herein specified.
- (c) In the event of any claim against the SLCIDA or its members, directors, officers, agents or employees by any employee or contractor of Company or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the obligations of Company hereunder shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, disability benefits or other employee benefit acts.
- Section 2.3 <u>Right to Inspect Facility.</u> The SLCIDA and its duly authorized agents shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the Facility.
- Section 2.4 Qualification in State. Company, throughout the term of this Agreement, shall continue to be duly authorized to do business in the State.

Section 2.5 Appointment of Project Operator and Agents.

(a) Company, effective of the date hereof and until the SLCIDA consents in writing to a termination of this Agreement, shall accept authority to purchase on behalf of SLCIDA all materials to be incorporated into and made an integral part of the Facility, and the following activities as they relate to any construction, erection and completion of any building(s), whether or not any materials,

equipment or supplies described below are incorporated into or become an integral part of such buildings: (1) all purchases, leases, rentals and other uses of tools, machinery and equipment in connection with construction and equipping, (2) all purchases, rentals, uses of consumption of supplies, materials, utilities and services of every kind and description used in connection with construction and equipping, and (3) all purchases, leases, rentals and uses of equipment, machinery and other tangible personal property (including installation costs), installed or placed in upon or under such building or facility, including all repairs and replacements of such property.

- (b) The authority accepted by the Company on behalf of the SLCIDA as outlined in Section 2.5(a) is deemed also to be accepted by any other project operator or agent that the Company may duly appoint.
- Section 2.6 Agreement to File Appointment of Project Operator Information (the ST-60). The effectiveness of an agency appointment by the SLCIDA is expressly conditioned upon the timely execution by the SLCIDA of New York State Department of Taxation and Finance "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes" (Form ST-60) for the SLCIDA's Agent (the Company) and for each Agent as the Company chooses who provides materials, equipment, supplies or services (the "Authorized Agent(s)"). The ST-60 shall serve to evidence that the SLCIDA has appointed an Agent (the form of which to be completed by Company) and deliver said form to the SLCIDA. Company agrees that it will ensure that the Form ST-60 will be presented to the SLCIDA within twenty-one (21) days, to enable the SLCIDA to fully execute and deliver Form ST-60 to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment. The ST-60 is not and cannot be used as an exemption document.

The Company acknowledges that the executed Form ST-60 is not and cannot serve as a sales or use tax exemption certificate or document. No copy of the executed Form ST-60 shall be tendered to any person required to collect sales tax as a basis to make such purchases exempt from tax. No such person required to collect sales or use taxes may accept the executed Form St-60 in lieu of collecting any tax required to be collected.

The Company acknowledges that the Civil and Criminal penalties for misuse by the Company of a copy of Form ST-60 as an exemption certificate or document or for failure to pay or collect tax shall be as provided in the Tax Law. In addition, the use by an Authorized Agent of such Form ST-60 as an exemption certificate or document shall be deemed to be, under Articles 28 and 37 of the Tax Law, the issuance of a false or fraudulent exemption certificate or document with the intent to evade tax.

- Section 2.7. <u>IDA Agent or Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate (the ST-123)</u>. The Company and its Authorized Agents (i.e. only those for whom forms ST-60 have been filed) shall utilize Form ST-123 "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" to make purchases for the project exempt from state and local sales taxes as an agent of the SLCIDA. The Company and its Authorized Agents, by accepting this authority, understand and agree that misuse of the Form ST-123 may subject them to serious civil and criminal sanctions in addition to the payment of any tax and interest due. Contractors or subcontractors that are not agents of the SLCIDA shall utilize form ST-120.1, Contractors Exempt Purchase Certificate, when making project-related purchases that are exempt from sales tax under sections 111(a)(15) and 1115(a)(16) of the Tax Law.
- Section 2.8 Agreement to File Annual Statements and Provide Information (including ST-340). On an annual basis beginning in the first year in which the financial assistance is conferred by the SLCIDA to the Company, through and until the end of the calendar year following the date of the termination of the project, the Company shall file with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance an annual statement of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed in connection with the Facility in compliance with Sections 874(8) and (9) of the New York State General Municipal Law (Form ST-

- 340). Company shall deliver a copy of such annual statement to the SLCIDA at the time of filing with the Department of Taxation and Finance. Company further agrees to deliver and certify or cause to be delivered and certified whenever requested by the SLCIDA such information concerning Company, its finances, its operations, its employment and its affairs necessary to enable the SLCIDA to make any report required by law, governmental regulation or any of the SLCIDA documents. Such information shall be delivered within thirty (30) days following written request from the SLCIDA.
- Section 2.9 <u>Agreement to Convey Project Status.</u> Should the project require modification, either by extending the project beyond its original completion date, or by increasing or decreasing the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized for the project, the Company must provide the circumstances to the SLCIDA in writing within twenty-one (21) days of the change.

Section 2.10 Books of Record and Account; Financial Statements and Documents Retention.

- (a) The Company, at all times, agrees to maintain proper accounts, records and books in which full and correct entries shall be made, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of all transactions and events relating to the business and affairs of Company and any and all records relating to the sales and use tax exemptions claimed in connection with the Facility in compliance with this Agreement.
- (b) The Company must retain for at least six (6) years from the date of expiration of its Contract copies of (i) this Agreement and (ii) all contracts, agreements, invoices, bill or purchases entered into or made by such Agent using Form ST-123 and to make all such records available to the SLCIDA upon reasonable notice. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- Recovery Provisions. In compliance with General Municipal Law §875(3), the policies Section 2.11 of the SLCIDA and the Resolution, the Company covenants and agrees that the SLCIDA shall recover, recapture, receive or otherwise obtain from the Company and to any other parties as the Company may designate, or other person or entity State Sales and Use Exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by any such person to which the person is not entitled or which are in excess of the amounts authorized or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where such agent or project operator, or other person or entity failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by the Company through this Agreement. The Company shall cooperate with the SLCIDA in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive or otherwise obtain such State Sales and Use Exemption benefits, and the Company shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the SLCIDA that SLCIDA demands in connection herewith. Failure to pay over such amounts to the SLCIDA shall be grounds for the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to assess and determine State Sales and Use taxes due as a result of this violation, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- Section 2.12 <u>Identification of Equipment</u>. If any equipment is to or may become the Property of the SLCIDA pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement then such equipment shall be properly identified by Company by such appropriate records, including computerized records, as may be approved by the SLCIDA. All Equipment and other Property of whatever nature affixed or attached to the Land or used or to be used by Company in connection with the Facility shall be deemed presumptively to be owned by the SLCIDA, rather than Company, unless the same were utilized for purposes of construction of the Facility or were installed by Company and title thereto was retained by Company in a manner provided subsequent to any Lease Agreement and such Equipment and other Property were properly identified by such appropriate records as were approved by the SLCIDA.

- Section 2.13 <u>Depreciation Deductions and Investment Tax Credit.</u> The parties agree that, as between them, Company shall be entitled to all depreciation deductions with respect to any depreciable property comprising a part of the Facility and to any investment credit with respect to any part of the Facility.
- Section 2.14 Aggregate Sales and Use Tax Exemption. Company agrees that the purchase of goods and services relating to the Project and subject to New York State and local sales and use taxes are estimated in an amount up to \$3,800,000, and therefore, the value of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption authorized and approved by the SLCIDA, subject to the terms thereof, cannot under any circumstances exceed \$304,000. Benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company or its Authorized Agents which are in excess of this amount shall be subject to the recovery provisions outlined in Section 2.11 herein.
- Section 2.15 Expiration. The Agent Status created by this Agreement is limited to the Facility and will expire on December 31, 2018. Company may apply in writing to extend this agency authority by showing good cause. Benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company or its Authorized Agents after this date shall be subject to the recovery provisions outlined in Section 2.11 herein.
- Section 2.16 <u>Disclosure</u>. Pursuant to GML §875(7) this Agreement and related project documents shall be made available on the Internet and copies of same shall also be provided, without charge to any person who asks for it in writing or in person. Any information exempted from disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, will be deleted.
- Section 2.17 <u>Execution of Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- Section 2.18 <u>Notices.</u> All notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be either delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as follows or to such other address as any party may specify in writing to the other:

To the SLCIDA:

St. Lawrence County
Industrial Development Agency
19 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
Canton, New York 13617
Attn: Patrick J. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer

With a copy to:

Silver and Collins, Attorneys at Law 44 Court Street Canton, New York 13617 Attn: Andrew Silver, Esq.

To the Company:

Corning Inc.
One Riverside Plaza
Corning, New York 14831
attn. G. Thomas Tranter, Jr.