

PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS PROJECT AGREEMENT (the "Project Agreement"), is made as of March 17, 2025, by and between the **GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY d/b/a GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having its offices at 99 MedTech Drive, Suite 106, Batavia, New York, 14020 (the "Agency"), and **LEATHERLEAF SOLAR, LLC**, a New York limited liability company, with offices at 3402 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90405 (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency was created by Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York pursuant to Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act") as a body corporate and politic and as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 35 acres located at 7501 Ivison Road in the Town of Byron, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 9.-1-7.113, as may be subdivided); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on March 28, 2024 (the "Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of undertaking the Project, subject to the Company entering into this Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, by the Resolution, the Agency approved certain financial assistance for the benefit of the Company in connection with the Project consisting of: (a) an exemption from all New York State and local sales and use tax for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Facility, (b) a partial abatement from real property taxes conferred through a certain tax agreement, between the Agency and the Company (the "Tax Agreement") requiring the Company to make payments-in-lieu-of-taxes for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project and (c) a partial mortgage recording tax exemption authorized pursuant to the laws of the State (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption benefit and the partial abatement from real property taxes benefit are hereinafter referred to as, the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 859-a and 874 of the Act, the Agency requires, as a condition and as an inducement for it to provide any Financial Assistance, that the Company enter into this Project Agreement for the purposes of, among other things, to govern the administration of, and provide assurances with respect to, the provision and recapture of said Financial Assistance upon the terms herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; and

WHEREAS, no agency appointment of the Company or any subagent thereof, nor any amount of Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company by the Agency prior to the effective date of this Project Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions of Terms. The words and terms as used in this Project shall have the same meanings as used in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 2.1 Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company makes the following representations and covenants in order to induce the Agency to proceed with the Project/Facility:

(a) The Company is a limited liability company formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, has the authority to enter into this Project Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Project Agreement.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Project Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Project Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any such instrument or agreement.

(c) The Facility and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, and building laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any

liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this Section 2.1(c).

(d) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Project Agreement.

(e) The Company covenants that, except in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, (i) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Facility, (ii) that the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Facility or onto any other property, (iii) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Facility, (iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility, and (v) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is, to the Company's knowledge, threatened, anticipated, or in existence. The Company upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section 2.1(e) shall promptly notify the Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than the Company), representatives, successors, and assigns from and against any and all third party claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section 2.1(e). In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility, the Company agrees to, at its election, (i) have such diligence activities or environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility and provide the resulting report(s) to the Agency or (ii) pay the reasonable, actual and documented out-of-pocket expenses of same to the Agency within sixty (60) days following demand.

(f) Any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall, following the commercial operation date of the Facility, be located in Genesee County, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use; for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not impose any restrictions on personal property acquired in the name of the Company.

(g) The Company hereby represents to the Agency that facilities and property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and services to customers who personally visit the Facility will not constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the total costs of the Facility, except in accordance with New York General Municipal Law (the "GML") Section 862.

(h) The Company acknowledges and agrees that, except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder.

(i) The Company covenants and agrees that at all times, it will (i) maintain its existence and not dissolve, (ii) continue to be a limited liability company subject to service of process in the State and either organized under the laws of the State, or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States and duly qualified to do business in the State, (iii) not liquidate, wind-up or dissolve or otherwise sell, assign, or dispose of all or substantially all of its property, business or assets. This Project Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Agency or otherwise in accordance with the Leaseback Agreement.

(j) The Company confirms and acknowledges under the penalty of perjury that as of the date hereof, the Company, as owner, occupant, or operator of the Project receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency in connection with the Project, is in substantial compliance with all applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations. The Company agrees that it will, throughout the term of this Project Agreement, promptly comply in all material respects with all applicable statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, decrees, injunctions, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, authorizations, directions and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments and their departments, commissions, boards, or associations insuring the premises, courts, authorities, officials and officers, foreseen or unforeseen, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Facility or any part thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may in good faith contest the validity of the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to this Section 2.1(j). In such event, the Company, with the prior written consent of the Agency (which shall not be unreasonably conditioned, delayed or withheld), may fail to comply with the requirement or requirements so contested during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Agency shall notify the Company that it must comply with such requirement or requirements.

(k) The Company hereby agrees that at all times during which it is operating the Facility and this Agreement is in effect, and whether or not the Leaseback Agreement is in effect to comply with, it will require compliance by its subtenants or sublessees with, the provisions of the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2025 (the "Environmental Compliance Agreement").

(l) The Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing Agency Financial Assistance constitutes "public funds" unless otherwise excluded under Section 224-a(3) of the New York Labor Law, and by executing this Project Agreement, (i) confirms that it has received notice from the Agency pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(d) of the New York Labor Law and (ii) acknowledges its obligations pursuant to Section 224-a(8)(a) of the New York Labor Law. Other than the Agency Financial Assistance estimates provided herein and disclosed to the Company, the Agency makes no representations or covenants with respect to the total sources of "public funds" received by the Company in connection with the Project. If and to the extent that the Company determines that it is necessary and desirable to reduce the overall amount of "public funds" to be received by the Company in connection with the Project, the Agency agrees to work cooperatively with the Company to adjust the total amount of Agency Financial Assistance to be provided to the Company, which will include, but may not be limited to amending this Project Agreement and/or the Tax Agreement (and if the term of the Tax Agreement is modified, the

corresponding terms of the Lease Agreement and Leaseback Agreement shall be modified accordingly).

ARTICLE III. GENERAL

Section 3.1 Purpose of Project. The purpose of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Facility, to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the Genesee County, New York, and to specifically promote the investment commitment, employment commitment, and other commitments of the Company contained herein and in the Company's Application.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RECAPTURE OF BENEFITS

Section 4.1 In accordance with the Resolution, the Company further: (i) covenants, with respect to the Sales Tax Exemption, that it shall comply with this Project Agreement, specifically, but not limited to, Section 4.3 hereof; (ii) confirms that the Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption (as defined in Section 4.7 hereof) shall not exceed the Maximum Mortgage Principal Amount, as more fully described in Section 4.7 hereof; and (iii) confirms that real property tax abatement to be provided to the Company shall conform to the Tax Agreement (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), the terms of which Tax Agreement shall comply with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "UTEP"). If the terms of the Tax Agreement deviate from the UTEP, the Agency has or will comply with the procedures for deviation from the UTEP.

Section 4.2 Tax Agreement. The parties hereto have executed or will execute the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement and Tax Agreement. As provided in the Tax Agreement, the Company agrees to certain payments (as described in the Tax Agreement) in addition to paying all special ad valorem levies, special assessments or special district taxes and service charges against real property in the jurisdiction where the Facility is located.

Section 4.3 Sales Tax Exemption.

(a) The Agency hereby appoints and confirms its appointment of the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency to undertake the Project. Such appointment was made by the Agency pursuant to the Resolution.

(b) The Company, as agent of the Agency, will undertake the Project. The Company hereby agrees to limit its activities as agent of the Agency under the authority of the Resolution to acts reasonably related to the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Facility. The right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency shall expire on the earlier of (x) the completion of the Project, or (y) **December 31, 2026** ("Termination Date"); *provided, however*, that the Agency, through its President/CEO, may extend the Company's agent appointment at its discretion upon the written request of the Company if such activities and

improvements are not completed by such time, and further provided that the Agency shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to the extension of such appointment.

(c) Agency's Exempt Status. The Agency constitutes a corporate governmental agency and a public benefit corporation under the laws of the State of New York, and therefore, in the exercise of its governmental functions, is exempt from the imposition of Sales and Use Taxes. As an exempt governmental entity, no exempt organization identification number has been issued to the Agency nor is one required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agency makes no representation to the Company, any Agent (as defined in **Schedule C** attached hereto) or any third party that any Sales Tax Exemption is available under this Project Agreement.

(d) Scope of Authorization of Sales Tax Exemption. The Agency hereby authorizes the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Project Agreement, to act as its agent in connection with the Project for the purpose of effecting purchases and leases of certain items so that such purchases and leases are exempt from the imposition of Sales and Use Taxes. The Agency's authorization with respect to such Sales Tax Exemption provided to the Company and its Agents pursuant to this Project Agreement shall be subject to the following limitations:

(i) The Sales Tax Exemption shall be effective only for a term commencing on the date hereof and expiring upon the earliest of (A) the termination of this Project Agreement, (B) the Termination Date, (C) failure of the Company to file Form ST-340, as described in Section 4.5 below, (D) the termination of the Sales Tax Exemption authorization pursuant to Section 6.2 or (E) the date upon which the Company received the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption.

(ii) The Sales Tax Exemption authorization set forth herein shall automatically be suspended upon written notice to the Company that the Company is in default under this Project Agreement (or related document) until such default is cured to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agency.

(iii) The Sales Tax Exemption authorization shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Project Agreement.

(iv) The Sales Tax Exemption shall only be utilized for items which shall be purchased, incorporated, completed or installed for use only by the Company at the Facility or in connection with the Project (and not with any intention to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such item to a Person as shall not constitute the Company), it being the intention of the Agency and the Company that the Sales Tax Exemption shall not be made available with respect to any item unless such item is used solely by the Company at the Facility or in connection with the Project.

(v) The Sales Tax Exemption shall not be used to benefit any person or entity, including any tenant or subtenant located at the Facility, other than the Company, without the prior written consent of the Agency.

(vi) By execution by the Company of this Project Agreement, the Company agrees to accept the terms hereof and represents and warrants to the

Agency that the use of the Sales Tax Exemption by the Company or by any Agent is strictly for the purposes stated herein.

(vii) Upon the Termination Date, the Company and each Agent shall cease being agents of the Agency, and the Company shall promptly notify each Agent in writing of such termination.

(viii) The Company agrees that the aggregate amount of Sales Tax Exemption realized by the Company and by all Agents of the Company, if any, in connection with the Facility shall not exceed in the aggregate the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption.

Section 4.4 Procedures for Appointing Subagents. If the Company desires to seek the appointment of a contractor, a subcontractor or other party to act as the Agency's agent, including, but not limited, to the individuals and entities described on **Schedule B** attached hereto (a "Subagent") for the purpose of effecting purchases which are eligible for the Sales Tax Exemption pursuant to authority of this Project Agreement, it must complete the following steps:

(i) The Company shall have the right to amend **Schedule B** from time to time and shall be solely responsible for maintaining an accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. The Company's right to appoint Subagents is expressly conditioned upon updating of **Schedule B** attached hereto, along with, for each Subagent, the Company must complete and submit Form ST-60 to the Agency, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. An Authorized Representative of the Agency must sign the Form ST-60 and return the same to the Company. Following receipt of the signed Form ST-60, the Company must file such Form ST-60 within thirty (30) days of the date that the Agency appoints a project operator or other person or entity to act as a Subagent of the Agency for purposes of extending the Sales Tax Exemption to such Subagent. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it shall be the Company's sole and exclusive responsibility to file a completed Form ST-60 with respect to any Subagent and the failure to timely do so could result in an Event of Default and Recapture Event (as hereinafter defined).

(ii) The Company shall ensure that each Subagent shall observe and comply with the terms and conditions of this Project Agreement.

(iii) Form ST-60 Not an Exemption Certificate. The Company acknowledges that the executed Form ST-60 designating the Company or any Subagent as an agent of the Agency shall not serve as a Sales Tax Exemption certificate or document. Neither the Company nor any other Agent may tender a copy of the executed Form ST-60 to any person required to collect sales or use 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 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MISUSE 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 LAW. IN ADDITION, THE USE BY A SUBAGENT, THE COMPANY, OR OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY OF SUCH FORM ST-60 AS AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE, UNDER ARTICLES TWENTY EIGHT AND THIRTY SEVEN OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX AND FINANCE LAW (THE "TAX LAW"), THE ISSUANCE OF A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT WITH THE INTENT TO EVADE TAX.

(iv) Form ST-123 Requirement and Form FT-123 Requirement. As an agent of the Agency, the Company agrees that it will, and will cause each Subagent to, present to each seller or vendor a completed and signed Form ST-123, attached hereto as **Exhibit C-1**, for each contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order entered into by the Company or by any Subagent, as agent for the Agency, for the purpose of undertaking the Project.

As an agent of the Agency, the Company agrees that it will, and will cause each Subagent to, present to each seller or vendor a completed and signed Form FT-123, attached hereto as **Exhibit C-2**, for each contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order **for fuel** entered into by the Company or by any Subagent, as agent for the Agency, for the purpose of undertaking the Project.

Form ST-123 and Form FT-123 require that each seller or vendor accepting Form ST-123 or Form FT-123 identify the Facility on each bill or invoice for purchases and indicate on the bill or invoice that the Agency or Agent or Company, as project operator of the Agency, was the purchaser. For the purposes of indicating who the purchaser is, each bill or invoice should state:

"I, LEATHERLEAF SOLAR, LLC [OR, NAME OF SUBAGENT: _____], certify that I am a duly appointed agent of the GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER and that I am purchasing the tangible personal property or services for use in the Leatherleaf Solar, LLC Project located at 7501 Ivison Road, Town of Byron, Genesee County, New York, and any lands located in Genesee County and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project, being IDA OSC Project Number 1801-24-02A".

For convenience purposes, in the instance where the vendor does not print on each invoice the acknowledgment as described in the prior sentence, an "Invoice Rider" (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C-3**) can be utilized for record keeping purposes. The Company shall retain copies of all such contracts, agreements, invoices, bills and purchase orders for a period of not less than six (6) years from the date thereof. For each Subagent, the Form ST-123 or Form FT-123 shall be completed as follows: (i) the "Project information" section of Form ST-123 or Form FT-123, attached hereto as **Exhibit C-1** and **Exhibit C-2** respectively, should be completed using the name and

address of the Facility as indicated on the Form ST-60 used to appoint the Subagent and;
(ii) the date that the Subagent was appointed as indicated on the Form ST-60.

All contracts entered into by the Company and all Subagents thereof as agent for the Agency shall include the language contained within **Schedule C** attached hereto. **Failure by the Company and/or any Subagent thereof to include such language may disqualify the agent status and Sales Tax Exemption derived by virtue of this Project Agreement. The Company, for itself and on behalf of all duly appointed Subagents, hereby agrees that all contracts entered into by the Company and any Subagents thereof shall be available to the Agency for inspection and confirmation of the foregoing mandatory language.**

Section 4.5 **Form ST-340 Filing Requirement.** The Company shall annually file a statement with the State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Commissioner") on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (NYS Form ST-340, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**) regarding the value of Sales Tax Exemption the Company and its Subagents, if any, have claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on the Company with respect to the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 874(8). **Please note, the Company is to report only the Sales Tax Exemption derived as a result of the Agency's participation in the Project and not those received as a result of other available State exemptions. For the avoidance of doubt, other State exemptions, which the Company should not report on its NYS Form ST-340, include, but are not limited to, exemptions available to certain manufactures or those exemptions that apply to capital improvements.** On or before February 15th of each year, the Company shall provide a copy of same to the Agency. The Company understands and agrees that the failure to file such annual statement will result in the removal of the Company's authority to act as agent for the Agency and/or Recapture of Agency Benefits as described in Section 4.8 hereof.

Section 4.6 **GML Provisions Relating to Sales Tax Savings.**

(a) The Company covenants and agrees to comply, and to cause each of its contractors, subcontractors, Subagents, persons or entities to comply, with the requirements of GML Sections 875(1) and (3) (the "GML Provisions"), as such provisions may be amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict between the other provisions of this Project Agreement and the GML Provisions, the GML Provisions shall control.

(b) The Company acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to GML Section 875(3), the Agency shall have the right to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from the Company, Sales Tax Savings taken or purported to be taken by the Company, any Subagent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company to which the Company is not entitled or which are in excess of the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where the Company, any Subagent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by this Project Agreement. The Company shall, and shall require each Subagent and any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Company, to cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such Sales Tax Savings and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency or any other

entity that it requests receive the Sales Tax Savings. The failure to pay over such amounts to such recipient shall be grounds for the Commissioner to assess and determine State Sales and Use Taxes due from the Company under Article 28 of the Tax Law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

Subject to the provisions of Section 4.6(b) above, in the event that the Company or any Subagent shall utilize the Sales Tax Exemption in violation of the provisions of this Project Agreement, the Company shall promptly deliver notice of same to the Agency, and the Company shall, upon demand by the Agency, pay to or at the direction of the Agency a return of sales or use tax exemptions in an amount equal to all such unauthorized Sales Tax Savings together with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum compounded daily from, as applicable, (i) the date and with respect to the dollar amount for which each such unauthorized Sales Tax Exemption was availed of by the Company or (ii) the date on which the Company receives notice of violation by any Subagent and with respect to the dollar amount for which each such unauthorized Sales Tax Exemption was availed by such Subagent.

(c) Upon request by the Agency with reasonable notice to the Company, the Company shall make available at reasonable times to the Agency and/or the Independent Accountant all such books, records, contracts, agreements, invoices, bills or purchase orders of the Company and any Agent (in possession of the Company), and require all appropriate officers and employees of the Company to respond to reasonable inquiries by the Agency and/or the Independent Accountant, as shall be necessary (i) to indicate in reasonable detail those costs for which the Company or any Subagent shall have utilized the Sales Tax Exemption and the dates and amounts so utilized, and (ii) to permit the Agency to determine any amounts owed by the Company under this Section 4.6(c).

Section 4.7 Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption. Section 874 of the Act exempts the Agency from paying certain mortgage recording taxes except for the portion of the mortgage recording tax allocated to transportation districts referenced in Section 253(2)(a) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. The Agency hereby grants to the Company exemption from mortgage recording taxes for one or more mortgages (collectively, the "Mortgage") securing an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Maximum Mortgage Principal Amount, or such greater amount as approved by the Agency in its sole and absolute discretion, in connection with the financing of the Project and any future financing, refinancing or permanent financing of the costs of the Project (the "Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption"). The Company represents and warrants (1) that the real property secured by the Mortgage is located within a transportation district referenced in Section 253(2)(a) of the Tax Law, and (2) that upon recording the Mortgage, the Company shall pay the mortgage recording tax allocated to transportation districts referenced in Section 253(a)(2) of the Tax Law.

Section 4.8 Recapture of Agency Benefits.

(a) It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the Agency is entering into this Project Agreement in order to provide the Financial Assistance to the Company for the Facility and to accomplish the public purposes of the Act. In consideration therefor, the Company hereby agrees that if there shall occur a Recapture Event (as defined below) after the date hereof, the Company shall pay to the Agency, or to the State of New York, if so directed by the Agency

(except as otherwise specified below) as a return of public benefits conferred by the Agency, one hundred percent (100%) of the Recaptured Benefits.

(b) The term "Recaptured Benefits" shall mean all direct monetary benefits, tax exemptions and abatements and other financial assistance, if any, derived solely from the Agency's participation in the transaction contemplated by this Project Agreement, including, but not limited to, the amount equal to 100% of:

- (i) the Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption; and
- (ii) Sales Tax Exemption savings realized by or for the benefit of the Company, including any savings realized by any Subagent; and
- (iii) real property tax abatements granted pursuant to the Tax Agreement;

which Recaptured Benefits from time to time shall upon the occurrence of a Recapture Event in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.8(c) below and the declaration of a Recapture Event by notice from the Agency to the Company be payable directly to the Agency or the State of New York if so directed by the Agency within thirty (30) days after such notice.

(c) The term "Recapture Event" shall mean any of the following events:

(i) The occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default under this Project Agreement which remains uncured beyond any applicable notice and/or grace period, if any, provided hereunder; or

(ii) The Project shall cease to be a "Project" within the meaning of the Act as in effect on the date hereof, through the act of omission of the Company; or

(iii) The Company receives Sales Tax Savings in connection with property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or

(iv) The Company receives Sales Tax Savings in connection with the Project in excess of the Maximum Sales Tax Exemption; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall constitute a Recapture Event with respect to such excess Sales Tax Savings only. It is further provided that failure to repay the Sales Tax Savings within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of a Recapture Event with respect to excess Sales Tax Savings shall constitute a Recapture Event with respect to all Recapture Benefits; or

(v) The Company has made a material false or misleading statement, or omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any material information in the application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, on its application for Financial Assistance; or

(vi) Failure of the Company to file a copy of the Form ST-340 with the Agency in compliance with Section 4.5 hereof.

In order to certify and verify the foregoing, the Company shall provide annually, to the Agency, a certified statement and documentation in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E**: (i) enumerating the full-time equivalent jobs retained and the full-time equivalent jobs created as a result of the Financial Assistance, by category, including full-time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the project location, (ii) indicating that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if it is not still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created, and (iii) such other information, as so requested from time to time, to enable the Agency to assess the progress of the Project toward achieving the investment, job retention, job creation, or other objectives of the Project indicated in the Application for Financial Assistance.

(d) In the event any payment owing by the Company under this Section shall not be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of demand by the Agency, such payment shall bear interest from the date of such demand at a rate equal to one percent (1%) plus the Prime Rate, but in no event at a rate higher than the maximum lawful prevailing rate, until the Company shall have made such payment in full, together with such accrued interest to the date of payment, to the Agency (except as otherwise specified above).

(e) The Agency shall be entitled to deduct all reasonable out of pocket expenses of the Agency, including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees, incurred with the recovery of all amounts due under this Section 4.8, from amounts received by the Agency pursuant to this Section 4.8.

ARTICLE V. INSURANCE

Section 5.1 Insurance Required. Effective as of the date hereof and until the expiration or termination of the right of the Company to act as agent of the Agency hereunder, the Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained by its subagent or subcontractors, certain insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type, and paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(a) Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties, with a uniform standard extended coverage endorsement or equivalent, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the Facility, exclusive of excavations and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company subject to customary and commercially available sublimits; or as an alternative to the foregoing, the Company may insure the Facility under a blanket insurance policy or policies covering not only the Facility but other properties as well, provided a periodic appraisal is performed and provided to the Agency.

(b) Workers' compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide, covering loss

resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Facility.

(c) Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities imposed by law or assumed in any written contract (including the contractual liability assumed by the Company under Section 7.1 hereof subject to the policy terms and conditions) and arising from personal injury and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than **\$1,000,000** per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, **\$1,000,000** per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable workers' compensation law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than **\$3,000,000**, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage. Such liability limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary and excess liability policies

Section 5.2 Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance. (a) **All insurance required by Sections 5.1(a) and (c) shall name the Agency as an additional insured.** All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company and authorized to write such insurance in the State. Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar in size, character and other respects to those in which the Company is engaged. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide (i) for payment of the losses of the Company and the Agency as their respective interest may appear, and (ii) that the insurance company shall endeavor to give thirty (30) days' prior written notice or such other notice as the policy provides for, of the cancellation thereof to the Company and the Agency, except ten (10) days for nonpayment of premium.

(b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers indicating that such insurance is in force and effect, and all policies (if applicable), shall be deposited with the Agency on the date hereof. Prior to the expiration of any such policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency with evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Project Agreement.

ARTICLE VI. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 The following shall each be "Events of Default" under this Project Agreement:

- (a) the failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant contained in Sections 2.1(e), 2.1(g), 2.1(i), 2.1(j), 2.1(k), 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 5.1, 5.2, 7.1 and 7.6 hereof;
- (b) the failure by the Company to pay the Recapture Benefits on the date due;
- (c) the occurrence and continuation of a Recapture Event;

(d) the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Leaseback Agreement or Tax Agreement;

(e) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company; or the failure by the Company to release, stay, discharge, lift or bond within thirty (30) days any execution, garnishment, judgment or attachment of such consequence as may impair its ability to carry on its operations; or the failure by the Company generally to pay its debts as they become due; or an assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors; or the commencement by the Company (as the debtor) of a case in bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law; or the commencement of a case in bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law against the Company (as the debtor), wherein a court having jurisdiction in the premises enters a decree or order for relief against the Company as the debtor, or such case or proceeding is consented to by the Company or remains undismissed for forty (40) days, or the Company consents to or admits the material allegations against it in any such case or proceeding; or a trustee, receiver or agent (however named) is appointed or authorized to take charge of substantially all of the property of the Company for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such Property or for the purpose of general administration of such Property for the benefit of creditors.

Section 6.2 Remedies on Default.

(a) Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Agency may take, to the extent permitted by law, any one or more of the following remedial steps, provided that the Agency shall provide prior written notice of its intent to take the following remedial steps and the Company shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice to cure any Event of Default:

(i) declare, by written notice to the Company, to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable: (A) all due and owing Recapture Benefits and (B) all other payments due under this Project Agreement; or

(ii) terminate this Project Agreement and the Sales Tax Exemption authorization; or

(iii) take any other action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due or thereafter to become due hereunder, and to enforce the obligations, agreements and covenants of the Company under this Project Agreement.

(b) No action taken pursuant to this Section 6.2 (including termination of the Project Agreement) shall relieve the Company from its obligation to make all payments required by the Leaseback Agreement, the Tax Agreement or Recapture Benefits.

Section 6.3 Remedies Cumulative. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Agency is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other remedy given under this Project Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right and power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or power may be exercised from

time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Agency to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article VI it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be herein expressly required in this Project Agreement.

Section 6.4 Agreement to Pay Attorneys' Fees and Expenses. In the event the Company should default under any of the provisions of this Project Agreement and the Agency should employ attorneys or incur other expenses for the collection of amounts payable hereunder or the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligations or agreements on the part of the Company herein contained, the Company shall, on demand therefor, pay to the Agency the fees of such attorneys and such other expenses so incurred.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1 Hold Harmless Provision. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency and its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (other than the Company), representatives, successors and assigns 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 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 on, in or about the Facility or breach by the Company of this Project Agreement or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, constructing, equipping, owning and leasing of the Facility, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the fault or negligence on the part of the Agency, or any of its respective executive director, directors, members, officers, agents or employees and irrespective of the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability, except that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Agency or any other person or entity to be indemnified.

Section 7.2 This Project 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. The exchange of copies of this Project Agreement and of signature pages by facsimile or portable document format (PDF) transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Project Agreement as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Project Agreement and signature pages for all purposes.

Section 7.3 All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by e-mail of a PDF document (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective party at

the following address (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this Section:

To the Agency: Genesee County Industrial Development Agency
d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center
99 MedTech Drive, Suite 106
Batavia, New York 14020
Attn: Mark A. Masse, President/CEO
Email: mmasse@gcedc.com

With a copy to: Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC
99 Garnsey Road
Pittsford, New York 14534
Attn: Russell E. Gaenzle, Esq.
Email: rgaenzle@harrisbeach.com

To the Company: Leatherleaf Solar, LLC
3402 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, California 90405
Attn: Asset Management

With a copy to: Sweeney Law Firm PLLC
16 Keith Road
Delmar, New York 12054
Attn: Mark T. Sweeney, Esq.
Email: mark@mtsweeneylaw.com

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

Section 7.4 This Project Agreement shall be governed by, and all matters in connection herewith shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements executed and to be wholly performed therein and the parties hereto hereby agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the federal or state courts located in Genesee County, New York.

Section 7.5 The warranties, representations, obligations and covenants of the Company under this Project Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Project Agreement, shall be deemed to have been relied upon by the Agency, and shall survive the delivery and termination of this Project Agreement to the Agency, regardless of any investigation made by the Agency. This Project Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of the Leaseback Agreement or the Tax Agreement, as described below.

Section 7.6 The parties are contemplating that unless the Agency and Company enter into the Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), and the related Leaseback Agreement

(the "Leaseback Agreement"), the Company agrees not to take title to any real property as agent for the Agency. The Agency will provide the Company with a bill of sale (a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**) which sells, transfers and delivers unto the Company and its successors and assigns, all Equipment which were acquired and installed and/or are to be acquired and installed by the Company as agent for the Agency pursuant to this Project Agreement which Equipment is located or intended to be located within and used exclusively in furtherance of the operations of the Facility.

Section 7.7 By executing this Project Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees to pay all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (a) reasonable fees for legal services provided by the Agency's general counsel and bond/transaction counsel, (b) other consultants retained by the Agency, if any, in connection with the Project; and (c) with respect to Agency's enforcement of any event of default or failure to comply with the terms of this Project Agreement (including reasonable attorney fees). The Company further covenants and agrees that the Company is liable for payment to the Agency of all charges referred to above, as well as all other actual costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in undertaking the Project notwithstanding the occurrence of any of (i) the Company's withdrawal, abandonment, cancellation or failure to pursue the Project; (ii) the inability of the Agency or the Company to procure the services of one or more financial institutions to provide financing for the Project; or (iii) the Company's failure, for whatever reason, to undertake and/or successfully complete the Project.

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

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GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

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Title: President/CEO

LEATHERLEAF SOLAR, LLC

By: _____
Name: Steve Kiesling
Title: Authorized Person

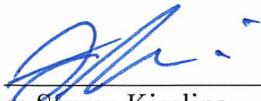
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