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ASTI Holding Corp.
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Re: Certificate of Completion
556 Baltic Street
Brooklyn, Kings County
Site No. C224375

Dear Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Macchia:

Congratulations on having satisfactorily completed the remedial program at the 556 Baltic Street Site. Enclosed please find an original, signed Certificate of Completion (COC). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is pleased to inform you that the Final Engineering Report is hereby approved, allowing the COC to be issued for the above-referenced site.

Please note that you are required to perform the following tasks:

- If you are the site owner, you must record the Notice of Certificate of Completion in the recording office for the county (or counties) where any portion of the site is

located within 30 days of issuance of the COC; or if you are a prospective purchaser of the site, you must record the Notice within 30 days of the date that you acquire the site. If you are a non-owner, you must work with the owner to assure the Notice is recorded within the time frame specified. A standard Notice of Certificate of Completion form is attached to this letter.

- Provide electronic copies of the recorded Notice and proof of recording to NYSDEC's project manager.
- Provide the Certificate of Completion fact sheet to the Document Repositories within 10 days of issuance of the COC. NYSDEC will develop the fact sheet announcing the issuance of the COC and describing the institutional and engineering controls (IC/ECs), if any, that are required at the site and distribute it to the County Listserv within 10 days;
- Implement NYSDEC-approved Site Management Plan (SMP) which details the activities necessary to assure the performance, effectiveness, and protectiveness of the remedial program; and you must report the results of these activities to NYSDEC in a Periodic Review Report (PRR) which also includes any required IC/EC Certifications. The site IC/ECs are identified on the attached Site Management Form. The first PRR including the certification of the IC/ECs is due to NYSDEC in April 2027.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sydney Sobol, NYSDEC's project manager, at 518-402-4799 or at sydney.sobol@dec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Andrew Guglielmi
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Enclosure

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NYSDEC BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S):

Name

159 Third Realty LLC
159 Third Residence LLC
Baltic Residence LLC

Address

199 Lee Avenue, Suite 777, Brooklyn, NY 11211
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BROWNFIELD CLEANUP AGREEMENT:

Application Approval: 11/17/22 **Agreement Execution:** 12/15/22
Agreement Index No.: C224375-11-22

SITE INFORMATION:

Site No.: C224375 **Site Name:** 556 Baltic Street Site

Site Owner: ASTI Holding Corp.

Street Address: 151-169 Third Avenue

Municipality: Brooklyn

County: Kings

DEC Region: 2

Site Size: 0.271 Acres

Tax Map Identification Number(s): 407-1

Percentage of site located in an EnZone: 100 %

A description of the property subject to this Certificate is attached as Exhibit A and a site survey is attached as Exhibit B.

CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE

This Certificate of Completion, hereinafter referred to as the "Certificate," is issued pursuant to Article 27, Title 14 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL").

This Certificate has been issued upon satisfaction of the Commissioner, following review by the Department of the Final Engineering Report and data submitted pursuant to the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement, as well as any other relevant information regarding the site, that the applicable remediation requirements set forth in the ECL have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the remedial work plan.

The remedial program for the site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses (actual site use is subject to local zoning requirements):

Allowable Uses under the BCP: Restricted-Residential, Commercial, and Industrial

Cleanup Track: Track 2: Restricted use with generic soil cleanup objectives

Tax Credit Provisions:

Site Preparation and On-Site Groundwater Remediation Credit Component Rate is 40 %.

Eligibility for Tangible Property Credit is available through: EnZone.

Tangible Property Credit Component Rate is 15%. Comprised of 10% Base, 5 % EnZone.

Dependent upon the project being developed in a manner consistent with the approved Brownfield Cleanup Program application, additional rate increases may be available if the site is developed as affordable housing (5%), if the Certificate Holder receives a separate Determination of Conformance with the BOA from the Secretary of State (5%), if the site is located in a disadvantaged community and not located in an EnZone (5%), if the site is developed as a renewable energy facility site (5%), or if the site is used primarily for manufacturing activities (5%) not to exceed a maximum 24 %.

The Remedial Program includes use restrictions or reliance on the long term employment of institutional or engineering controls which are contained in the approved Site Management Plan and an Environmental Easement granted pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 which has been duly recorded in the Recording Office for Kings County as 2024000244451.

LIABILITY LIMITATION

Upon issuance of this Certificate of Completion, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Certificate holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall be subject to all rights reserved to the State by ECL Section 27-1421.2 and any other applicable provision of law.

CERTIFICATE TRANSFERABILITY

This Certificate may be transferred to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the site as provided by ECL Section 27-1419.5 and 6NYCRR Part 375-1.9.

CERTIFICATE MODIFICATION/REVOCATION

This Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked by the Commissioner following notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with ECL Section 27-1419 and 6NYCRR Part 375-1.9(e) upon finding any of the following:

- (1) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement;
- (2) the Applicant made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that it was qualified as a Volunteer;
- (3) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that the cleanup levels identified in the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement were reached;
- (4) there is good cause for such modification or revocation;
- (5) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns failed to manage the controls or monitoring in full compliance with the terms of the remedial program;
- (6) the terms and conditions of the environmental easement have been intentionally violated or found to be not protective or enforceable.

The Certificate holder(s) (including its successors or assigns) shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure any deficiency or to seek a hearing. If the deficiency is not cured or a request for a hearing is not received within such 30-day period, the Certificate shall be deemed modified or vacated on the 31st day after the Department's notice.

Amanda Lefton
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

By: Andrew Guglielmi Date: 12/24/2025

Andrew O. Guglielmi, Director
Division of Environmental Remediation

Exhibit A

Site Description

ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BALTIC STREET AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF 3rd AVENUE;

RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BALTIC STREET, 83 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY SIDE OF 3rd AVENUE, 100 FEET;

THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BALTIC STREET, 48 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY SIDE OF 3rd AVENUE, 100 FEET TO THE NORtherly SIDE OF BUTLER STREET;

THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SAID NORtherly SIDE OF BUTLER STREET, 35 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY SIDE OF 3rd AVENUE;

THENCE NORtherly ALONG THE SAID EASTERLY SIDE OF 3rd AVENUE, 200 FEET TO THE CORNER FIRST MENTIONED, AT THE POINT OR PLACE OF **BEGINNING**.

ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT AREA = 11, 799.93 SQ.FT = 0.2709 ACRE

Exhibit B

Site Survey

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
Brownfield Cleanup Program
6 NYCRR Part 375-1.9(d)

556 Baltic Street Site, Site ID No. C224375
151-169 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11217
Brooklyn, Kings County, Tax Map Identification Number: 407-1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has issued a Certificate of Completion (Certificate) pursuant to Article 27, Title 14 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) to 159 Third Realty LLC, 159 Third Residence LLC, and Baltic Residence LLC for a parcel approximately 0.271 acres located at 151-169 Third Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings County.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Certificate was issued upon satisfaction of the Commissioner, following review by NYSDEC of the Final Engineering Report and data submitted pursuant to the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement, as well as any other relevant information regarding the site, that the remediation requirements set forth in ECL Article 27, Title 14 have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the Remedial Work Plan.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the remedial program for the site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses (actual site use is subject to local zoning requirements):

- Unrestricted Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(1)i
- Residential Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)i.
- Restricted Residential Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)ii.
- Commercial Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)iii.
- Industrial Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)iv.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the remedial program relies upon use restrictions or the long-term employment of institutional or engineering controls; such institutional or engineering controls are contained in an Environmental Easement granted pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 which has been duly recorded in the Recording Office for Kings County as 2024000244451.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Environmental Easement requires that the approved Site Management Plan (SMP) for this property be adhered to. The SMP, which may be amended from time to time, may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system on the property, providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, and generally provides for the management of any and all plans and limitations on the property. A copy of the SMP is available upon request by writing to NYSDEC's Division of Environmental Remediation, Site Control Section, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, provided that the Environmental Easement, SMP and Certificate are complied with, the Certificate holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall be subject to all rights reserved to the State by ECL Section 27-1421.2 and any other applicable provision of law.

**556 Baltic Street Site, C224375
151-169 Third Avenue, New York, NY 11217**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, any change of use of the site, as defined in 6 NYCRR 375, must be preceded by notice to NYSDEC in accordance with 6 NYCRR 375-1.11(d). A transfer of any or all of the property constitutes a change of use.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Certificate may be revoked if the Environmental Easement as implemented, if applicable, is not protective or enforceable.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Certificate may entitle the Certificate holder(s) to tax credits in accordance with Tax Law Sections 21, 22 and 23.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Certificate may only be transferred to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the site as provided by ECL Section 27-1419.5 and 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.9. Failure to comply with the regulatory requirements for transfer **WILL** bar the successors and assigns from the benefits of the Certificate.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Certificate may be modified or revoked by the Commissioner as set forth in the applicable regulations.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, a copy of the Certificate can be reviewed at the NYSDEC's Region 2 Office located at 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, by contacting the Regional Environmental Remediation Engineer, or at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224375>.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned has signed this Notice of Certificate

ASTI Holding Corp.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF)

On the _____ day of _____, in the year 20____, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Please record and return to:

Signature and Office of individual
taking acknowledgment

Feb. 2022

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**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION****Site Management Form**

12/9/2025

**SITE DESCRIPTION****SITE NO.** C224375**SITE NAME** 556 Baltic Street Site**SITE ADDRESS:** 151-169 Third Avenue **ZIP CODE:** 11217**CITY/TOWN:** Brooklyn**COUNTY:** Kings**ALLOWABLE USE:** Restricted-Residential, Commercial, and Industrial**SITE MANAGEMENT DESCRIPTION****SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDES:** YES NO

IC/EC Certification Plan
Monitoring Plan
Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan

Periodic Review Frequency: once a year

Periodic Review Report Submitted Date: 04/30/2027

Description of Institutional Control**Description of Engineering Control**