

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

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540 Hudson Street, LLC  
Neil Bender  
544 Hudson Street  
New York, NY 10014

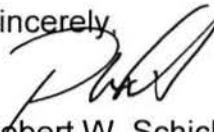
**RE: Site Name: 538-544 Hudson Street**  
**Site No.: C231097**  
**Location of Site: 538-544 Hudson Street**

Dear Mr. Bender:

To complete your file, attached is a fully executed copy of the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement for the 538-544 Hudson Street site.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact the project attorney for this site, Karen Mintzer, Esq., NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of General Counsel, One Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Long Island City, New York 11101, or by email at [Karen.mintzer@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Karen.mintzer@dec.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



Robert W. Schick, P.E.  
Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation

Enclosure

ec: Mandy Yau, Project Manager  
cc: Karen Mintzer, Esq.  
A. Guglielmi, Esq. /M. Mastroianni



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM  
ECL §27-1401 *et seq.*

In the Matter of a Remedial Program for

**BROWNFIELD SITE  
CLEANUP AGREEMENT  
Index No.: C231097-06-15**

**538-544 Hudson Street**

DEC Site No.: C231097

Located at: 538-544 Hudson Street  
New York County  
New York, NY 10014

Hereinafter referred to as "Site"

by:

540 Hudson Street, LLC  
544 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

Hereinafter referred to as "Applicant"

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Department") is authorized to administer the Brownfield Cleanup Program ("BCP") set forth in Article 27, Title 14 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant submitted an application received by the Department on May 8, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has determined that the Site and Applicant are eligible to participate in the BCP.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, IN CONSIDERATION OF AND IN EXCHANGE FOR THE MUTUAL COVENANTS AND PROMISES, THE PARTIES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

I. Applicant Status

The Applicant, 540 Hudson Street, LLC, is participating in the BCP as a Participant as defined in ECL 27-1405(1)(a).

II. Real Property

The Site subject to this Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (the "BCA" or "Agreement") consists of approximately 0.184 acres, a Map of which is attached as Exhibit "A", and is described as follows:

Tax Map/Parcel No.: 621-1  
Street Number: 538 Hudson Street, New York  
Owner: 540 Hudson Street, LLC

Tax Map/Parcel No.: 621-4  
Street Number: 544 Hudson Street, New York  
Owner: Estate of William Gottlieb

### III. Payment of State Costs

Invoices shall be sent to Applicant at the following address:

540 Hudson Street, LLC  
Attn: Neil Bender  
544 Hudson Street  
New York, NY 10014  
[nbender@wmgottlieb.com](mailto:nbender@wmgottlieb.com)

In addition to the requirement to pay future state costs as set forth in Appendix "A", within forty-five (45) Days after the effective date of this Agreement, Applicant shall pay to the Department the sum set forth on Exhibit "B", which shall represent reimbursement for past State Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this Agreement. Applicant acknowledges that all past State Costs are not itemized on the cost summary and that additional charges may be billed at a later date for State Costs incurred prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

### IV. Communications

A. All written communications required by this Agreement shall be transmitted by United States Postal Service, by private courier service, by hand delivery, or by electronic mail.

1. Communication from Applicant shall be sent to:

Mandy Yau  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
One Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
[mandy.yau@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mandy.yau@dec.ny.gov)

Note: one hard copy (unbound) of work plans and reports is required, as well as one electronic copy.

Krista Anders (electronic copy only)  
New York State Department of Health  
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation  
Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower Room 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
[krista.anders@health.ny.gov](mailto:krista.anders@health.ny.gov)

Karen Mintzer, Esq. (correspondence only)  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Office of General Counsel  
One Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
[karen.mintzer@dec.ny.gov](mailto:karen.mintzer@dec.ny.gov)

2. Communication from the Department to Applicant shall be sent to:

540 Hudson Street, LLC  
Attn: Neil Bender  
544 Hudson Street  
New York, NY 10014  
[nbender@wmgottlieb.com](mailto:nbender@wmgottlieb.com)

B. The Department and Applicant reserve the right to designate additional or different addressees for communication on written notice to the other. Additionally, the Department reserves the right to request that the Applicant provide more than one paper copy of any work plan or report.

C. Each party shall notify the other within ninety (90) days after any change in the addresses listed in this paragraph or in Paragraph III.

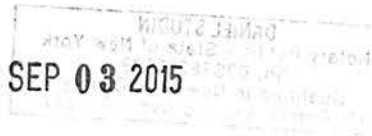
V. Miscellaneous

A. Applicant acknowledges that it has read, understands, and agrees to abide by all the terms set forth in Appendix A - "Standard Clauses for All New York State Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreements" which is attached to and hereby made a part of this Agreement as if set forth fully herein.

B. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this BCA (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of Appendix A, the terms of this BCA shall control.

C. The effective date of this Agreement is the date it is signed by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

DATED:



Marc Gerstman  
Acting Commissioner  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

By:

Robert W. Schick, P.E., Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation

CONSENT BY APPLICANT

Applicant hereby consents to the issuing and entering of this Agreement, waives Applicant's right to a hearing herein as provided by law, and agrees to be bound by this Agreement.

540 Hudson Street, LLC

By: [Signature]

Title: President

Date: 8/18/15

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF NY )

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST in the year 2015, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared NEIL BENDER, 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.

[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Office of individual  
taking acknowledgment

**DANIEL STUDIN**  
Notary Public - State of New York  
No. 02ST6286999  
Qualified in New York County  
My Comm. Expires Aug. 26, 2017

# EXHIBIT A SITE MAP



- LEGEND**
- SITE BOUNDARY
  - Borough Boundary
  - Tax Block Boundary
  - Tax Lot Number
  - Tax Lot Boundary
  - Tax Lot Number
  - Condo FKA Tax Lot Number
  - Tax Lot Dimension
  - Approximate Tax Lot Dimension
  - Condo Flag/Condo Number
  - Air Right Flag/Lot Number
  - Subterranean Right Flag/Lot Number
  - REUC Flag
  - Under Water Tax Lot Boundary
  - Other Boundary
  - Possession Hook
  - Miscellaneous Text
  - Condo Units Range Label
  - Small Tax Lot Dimension
  - Building Footprint
  - Surface Water

**NOTE**  
 BASE MAP TAKEN FROM NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (NYC DCF) DIGITAL TAX MAP DATABASE ON MAY 3, 2015

**LANGAN**  
 21 Fern Plaza, 20th and 31st Street, 8th Floor  
 New York, NY 10001  
 T 212-693-6300 F 212-693-6344 www.langan.com  
 Langan Engineering, Environmental, Scientific and  
 Langan Engineering and Construction Services, Inc.  
 Langan International LLC  
 Consulting Engineer, Inc. Langan

Project:  
**538 - 544 Hudson Street**  
 BLOCK No. 621, LOT Nos. 1 and 4  
 NEW YORK

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|-----------------|-----------|------------|---|
| Project No.     | 170287101 | Figure No. | 4 |
| Date            | 5/3/2015  |            |   |
| Scale           | AS SHOWN  |            |   |
| Drawn By        | PTF       |            |   |
| Submission Date | MAY 2015  |            |   |



## EXHIBIT B

## PAST COSTS

### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Division of Environmental Remediation, Bureau of Program Management  
625 Broadway, 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-7012  
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Transmitted via E-Mail  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Andy Guglielmi, OGC

**FROM:** Laura Zeppetelli, Director, Bureau of Program Management, DER 

**SUBJECT:** Past Costs Associated with Pending Brownfield Cleanup Agreement  
538-544 Hudson Street, C231097

**DATE:** JUN 22 2015

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The purpose of this cost summary is to provide the past costs figure to the Office of General Counsel for insertion into the pending Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Agreement. That is, whenever an applicant is a participant, Paragraph V. Payment of State Costs of the boilerplate agreement requires the applicant to pay past costs within 45 days of the effective date of the agreement.

On May 18, 2015 a letter was sent to Neil Bender of 540 Hudson Street, LLC indicating that their BCP application was complete and an eligibility determination is expected to be made. This cost recovery summary provides available costs incurred by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to date. There may be additional future costs associated with this site that are not included in this summary.

The total unreimbursed costs incurred by DEC through June 19, 2015, in association with the 538-544 Hudson Street site are \$0.00. This amount includes emergency response costs incurred at the site by a hazardous material spill, if any. If the site involves a petroleum spill, any costs incurred by the Oil Spill Fund would be recovered separately by the Office of the Attorney General and are not included in this summary. Costs incurred by the New York State Department of Health are not included since they are not readily available. Please note that there are no open contracts for this site at this time for which we have outstanding obligations.

Please contact Sue Bolesky at (518) 402-9732, if you have any questions on this summary.

Attachments

ec: A. Guglielmi  
R. Schick/A. Daniels  
Shaun Bollers  
Jane O'Connell



## APPENDIX A

### STANDARD CLAUSES FOR ALL NEW YORK STATE BROWNFIELD SITE CLEANUP AGREEMENTS

The parties to the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement (hereinafter "the BCA" or "the Agreement" or "this Agreement") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the BCA. The word "Applicant" herein refers to any party to the Agreement, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (herein after "Department").

#### I. Citizen Participation Plan

Within twenty (20) days after the effective date of this Agreement, Applicant shall submit for review and approval a written citizen participation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of ECL § 27-1417 and 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.10 and 375-3.10. Upon approval, the Citizen Participation Plan shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

#### II. Development, Performance, and Reporting of Work Plans

##### A. Work Plan Requirements

The work plans ("Work Plan" or "Work Plans") under this Agreement shall be prepared and implemented in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 27, Title 14, 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.6(a) and 375-3.6, and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and guidance documents. The Work Plans shall be captioned as follows:

1. "Remedial Investigation Work Plan" if the Work Plan provides for the investigation of the nature and extent of contamination within the boundaries of the Site and, if the Applicant is a "Participant", the extent of contamination emanating from such Site. If the Applicant is a "Volunteer" it shall perform a qualitative exposure assessment of the contamination emanating from the site in accordance with ECL § 27-1415(2)(b) and Department guidance;

2. "Remedial Work Plan" if the Work Plan provides for the development and implementation of a Remedial Program for contamination within the boundaries of the Site and, if the Applicant is a "Participant", the contamination that has emanated from such Site;

3. "IRM Work Plan" if the Work Plan provides for an interim remedial measure; or

4. "Site Management Plan" if the Work Plan provides for the identification and implementation of institutional and/or engineering

controls as well as any necessary monitoring and/or operation and maintenance of the remedy.

5. "Supplemental" if additional work plans other than those set forth in II.A.1-4 are required to be prepared and implemented.

##### B. Submission/Implementation of Work Plans

1. The first proposed Work Plan to be submitted under this Agreement shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Applicant shall submit such other and additional work plans as determined in a schedule to be approved by the Department.

2. Any proposed Work Plan shall be submitted for the Department's review and approval and shall include, at a minimum, a chronological description of the anticipated activities to be conducted in accordance with current guidance, a schedule for performance of those activities, and sufficient detail to allow the Department to evaluate that Work Plan. The Department shall use best efforts in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-3.6(b) to approve, modify, or reject a proposed Work Plan within forty-five (45) days from its receipt or within fifteen (15) days from the close of the comment period, if applicable, whichever is later.

i. Upon the Department's written approval of a Work Plan, such Department-approved Work Plan shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement and shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule contained therein.

ii. If the Department requires modification of a Work Plan, the reason for such modification shall be provided in writing and the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(3) shall apply.

iii. If the Department disapproves a Work Plan, the reason for such disapproval shall be provided in writing and the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(4) shall apply.

3. A Site Management Plan, if necessary, shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule set forth in the IRM Work Plan or Remedial Work Plan.

##### C. Submission of Final Reports

1. In accordance with the schedule contained in an approved Work Plan, Applicant shall submit a Final Report for an Investigation Work Plan prepared in accordance with ECL § 27-1411(1) and 6

NYCRR § 375-1.6. If such Final Report concludes that no remediation is necessary, and the Site does not meet the requirements for Track 1, Applicant shall submit an Alternatives Analysis prepared in accordance with ECL § 27-1413 and 6 NYCRR § 375-3.8(f) that supports such determination.

2. In accordance with the schedule contained in an approved Work Plan, Applicant shall submit a Final Engineering Report certifying that remediation of the Site has been performed in accordance with the requirements of ECL §§ 27-1419(1) and (2) and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6. The Department shall review such Report, the submittals made pursuant to this Agreement, and any other relevant information regarding the Site and make a determination as to whether the goals of the remedial program have been or will be achieved in accordance with established timeframes; if so, a written Certificate of Completion will be issued in accordance with ECL § 27-1419, 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.9 and 375-3.9.

3. Within sixty (60) days of the Department's approval of a Final Report, Applicant shall submit such additional Work Plans as it proposes to implement. Failure to submit any additional Work Plans within such period shall, unless other Work Plans are under review by the Department or being implemented by Applicant, result in the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph XII.

#### D. Review of Submittals other than Work Plans

1. The Department shall timely notify Applicant in writing of its approval or disapproval of each submittal other than a Work Plan in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6. All Department-approved submittals shall be incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Agreement.

2. If the Department disapproves a submittal covered by this Subparagraph, it shall specify the reason for its disapproval and may request Applicant to modify or expand the submittal. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice that Applicant's submittal has been disapproved, Applicant shall elect in writing to either (i) modify or expand it within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written notice of disapproval; (ii) complete any other Department-approved Work Plan(s); (iii) invoke dispute resolution pursuant to Paragraph XIII; or (iv) terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph XII. If Applicant submits a revised submittal and it is disapproved, the Department and Applicant may pursue whatever remedies may be available under this Agreement or under law.

#### E. Department's Determination of Need for Remediation

The Department shall determine upon its approval of each Final Report dealing with the investigation of the Site whether remediation, or additional remediation as the case may be, is needed for protection of public health and the environment.

1. If the Department makes a preliminary determination that remediation, or additional remediation, is not needed for protection of public health and the environment, the Department shall notify the public of such determination and seek public comment in accordance with ECL § 27-1417(3)(f). The Department shall provide timely notification to the Applicant of its final determination following the close of the public comment period.

2. If the Department determines that additional remediation is not needed and such determination is based upon use restrictions, Applicant shall cause to be recorded an Environmental Easement in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h).

3. If the Department determines that remediation, or additional remediation, is needed, Applicant may elect to submit for review and approval a proposed Remedial Work Plan (or modify an existing Work Plan for the Site) for a remedy selected upon due consideration of the factors set forth in ECL § 27-1415(3) and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(f). A proposed Remedial Work Plan addressing the Site's remediation will be noticed for public comment in accordance with ECL § 27-1417(3)(f) and the Citizen Participation Plan developed pursuant to this Agreement. If the Department determines following the close of the public comment period that modifications to the proposed Remedial Work Plan are needed, Applicant agrees to negotiate appropriate modifications to such Work Plan. If Applicant elects not to develop a Work Plan under this Subparagraph then this Agreement shall terminate in accordance with Paragraph XII. If the Applicant elects to develop a Work Plan, then it will be reviewed in accordance with Paragraph II.D above.

#### F. Institutional/Engineering Control Certification

In the event that the remedy for the Site, if any, or any Work Plan for the Site, requires institutional or engineering controls, Applicant shall submit a written certification in accordance with 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.8(h)(3) and 375-3.8(h)(2).

#### III. Enforcement

Except as provided in Paragraph V, this Agreement shall be enforceable as a contractual agreement under the laws of the State of New York. Applicant shall not suffer any penalty except as provided in Paragraph V, or be subject to any proceeding or action if it cannot comply with any

requirement of this Agreement as a result of a Force Majeure Event as described at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(4) provided Applicant complies with the requirements set forth therein.

#### IV. Entry upon Site

A. Applicant hereby agrees to provide access to the Site and to all relevant information regarding activities at the Site in accordance with the provisions of ECL § 27-1431. Applicant agrees to provide the Department upon request with proof of access if it is not the owner of the site.

B. The Department shall have the right to periodically inspect the Site to ensure that the use of the property complies with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Department will generally conduct such inspections during business hours, but retains the right to inspect at any time.

C. Failure to provide access as provided for under this Paragraph may result in termination of this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph XII.

#### V. Payment of State Costs

A. Within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an itemized invoice from the Department, Applicant shall pay to the Department a sum of money which shall represent reimbursement for State Costs as provided by 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5 (b)(3)(i).

B. Costs shall be documented as provided by 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(3)(ii). The Department shall not be required to provide any other documentation of costs, provided however, that the Department's records shall be available consistent with, and in accordance with, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

C. Each such payment shall be made payable to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and shall be sent to:

Director, Bureau of Program Management  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
New York State Department of Environmental  
Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-7012

D. The Department shall provide written notification to the Applicant of any change in the foregoing addresses.

E. If Applicant objects to any invoiced costs under this Agreement, the provisions of 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.5 (b)(3)(v) and (vi) shall apply. Objections shall be sent to the Department as provided under subparagraph V.C above.

F. In the event of non-payment of any invoice within the 45 days provided herein, the Department may seek enforcement of this provision pursuant to Paragraph III or the Department may commence an enforcement action for non-compliance with ECL § 27-1423 and ECL § 71-4003.

#### VI. Liability Limitation

Subsequent to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion pursuant to this Agreement, Applicant shall be entitled to the Liability Limitation set forth at ECL § 27-1421, subject to the terms and conditions stated therein and to the provisions of 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.9 and 375-3.9.

#### VII. Reservation of Rights

A. Except as provided in Subparagraph VII.B, Applicant reserves all rights and defenses under applicable law to contest, defend against, dispute, or disprove any action, proceeding, allegation, assertion, determination, or order of the Department, including any assertion of remedial liability by the Department against Applicant, and further reserves all rights including the rights to notice, to be heard, to appeal, and to any other due process respecting any action or proceeding by the Department, including the enforcement of this Agreement. The existence of this Agreement or Applicant's compliance with it shall not be construed as an admission of any liability, fault, wrongdoing, or violation of law by Applicant, and shall not give rise to any presumption of law or finding of fact which shall inure to the benefit of any third party.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicant hereby waives any right it may have to make a claim pursuant to Article 12 of the Navigation Law with respect to the Site and releases the State and the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund from any and all legal or equitable claims, suits, causes of action, or demands whatsoever with respect to the Site that Applicant may have as a result of Applicant's entering into or fulfilling the terms of this Agreement.

#### VIII. Indemnification

Applicant shall indemnify and hold the Department, the State of New York, and their representatives and employees harmless from any claim, suit, action, and cost of every name and description arising out of or resulting from the fulfillment or attempted fulfillment of this Agreement by Applicant prior to the Termination Date except for those claims, suits, actions, and costs arising from the State's gross negligence or willful or intentional misconduct by the Department, the State of New York, and/or their representatives and employees during the

course of any activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that the Applicant is a Participant, this provision shall also include the Trustee of the State's Natural Resources. The Department shall provide Applicant with written notice no less than thirty (30) days prior to commencing a lawsuit seeking indemnification pursuant to this Paragraph.

#### IX. Change of Use

Applicant shall notify the Department at least sixty (60) days in advance of any change of use, as defined in ECL § 27-1425, which is proposed for the Site, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.11(d). In the event the Department determines that the proposed change of use is prohibited, the Department shall notify Applicant of such determination within forty-five (45) days of receipt of such notice.

#### X. Environmental Easement

A. Within thirty (30) days after the Department's approval of a Remedial Work Plan which relies upon one or more institutional and/or engineering controls, or within sixty (60) days after the Department's determination pursuant to Subparagraph II.E.2 that additional remediation is not needed based upon use restrictions, Applicant shall submit to the Department for approval an Environmental Easement to run with the land in favor of the State which complies with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(h)(2). Applicant shall cause such instrument to be recorded with the recording officer for the county in which the Site is located within thirty (30) days after the Department's approval of such instrument. Applicant shall provide the Department with a copy of such instrument certified by the recording officer to be a true and faithful copy within thirty (30) days of such recording (or such longer period of time as may be required to obtain a certified copy provided Applicant advises the Department of the status of its efforts to obtain same within such thirty (30) day period), which shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement.

B. Applicant or the owner of the Site may petition the Department to modify or extinguish the Environmental Easement filed pursuant to this Agreement at such time as it can certify that the Site is protective of public health and the environment without reliance upon the restrictions set forth in such instrument. Such certification shall be made by a Professional Engineer or Qualified Environmental Professional as defined at 6 NYCRR § 375-1.2(ak) approved by the Department. The Department will not unreasonably withhold its consent.

#### XI. Progress Reports

Applicant shall submit a written progress report of its actions under this Agreement to the parties identified in Subparagraph III.A.1 of the Agreement by the 10th day of each month commencing with the month subsequent to the approval of the first Work Plan and ending with the Termination Date, unless a different frequency is set forth in a Work Plan. Such reports shall, at a minimum, include: all actions relative to the Site during the previous reporting period and those anticipated for the next reporting period; all approved activity modifications (changes of work scope and/or schedule); all results of sampling and tests and all other data received or generated by or on behalf of Applicant in connection with this Site, whether under this Agreement or otherwise, in the previous reporting period, including quality assurance/quality control information; information regarding percentage of completion; unresolved delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule and efforts made to mitigate such delays; and information regarding activities undertaken in support of the Citizen Participation Plan during the previous reporting period and those anticipated for the next reporting period.

#### XII. Termination of Agreement

Applicant or the Department may terminate this Agreement consistent with the provisions of 6 NYCRR §§ 375-3.5(b), (c), and (d) by providing written notification to the parties listed in Paragraph IV of the Agreement.

#### XIII. Dispute Resolution

A. In the event disputes arise under this Agreement, Applicant may, within fifteen (15) days after Applicant knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute, initiate dispute resolution in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(2).

B. All cost incurred by the Department associated with dispute resolution are State costs subject to reimbursement pursuant to this Agreement.

C. Notwithstanding any other rights otherwise authorized in law or equity, any disputes pursuant to this Agreement shall be limited to Departmental decisions on remedial activities. In no event shall such dispute authorize a challenge to the applicable statute or regulation.

#### XIV. Miscellaneous

A. If the information provided and any certifications made by Applicant are not materially accurate and complete, this Agreement, except with respect to Applicant's obligations pursuant to Paragraphs V, VII.B, and VIII, shall be null and void ab initio fifteen (15) days after the Department's

notification of such inaccuracy or incompleteness or fifteen (15) days after issuance of a final decision resolving a dispute pursuant to Paragraph XIII, whichever is later, unless Applicant submits information within that fifteen (15) day time period indicating that the information provided and the certifications made were materially accurate and complete. In the event this Agreement is rendered null and void, any Certificate of Completion and/or Liability Limitation that may have been issued or may have arisen under this Agreement shall also be null and void ab initio, and the Department shall reserve all rights that it may have under law.

B. By entering into this Agreement, Applicant agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1, 375-3 and 375-6; the provisions of such subparts that are referenced herein are referenced for clarity and convenience only and the failure of this Agreement to specifically reference any particular regulatory provision is not intended to imply that such provision is not applicable to activities performed under this Agreement.

C. The Department may exempt Applicant from the requirement to obtain any state or local permit or other authorization for any activity conducted pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with 6 NYCRR §§ 375-1.12(b), (c), and (d).

D. 1. Applicant shall use "best efforts" to obtain all Site access, permits, easements, approvals, institutional controls, and/or authorizations necessary to perform Applicant's obligations under this Agreement, including all Department-approved Work Plans and the schedules contained therein. If, despite Applicant's best efforts, any access, permits, easements, approvals, institutional controls, or authorizations cannot be obtained, Applicant shall promptly notify the Department and include a summary of the steps taken. The Department may, as it deems appropriate and within its authority, assist Applicant in obtaining same.

2. If an interest in property is needed to implement an institutional control required by a Work Plan and such interest cannot be obtained, the Department may require Applicant to modify the Work Plan pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(d)(3) to reflect changes necessitated by Applicant's inability to obtain such interest.

E. The paragraph headings set forth in this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in the construction and interpretation of any provisions of this Agreement.

F. 1. The terms of this Agreement shall constitute the complete and entire agreement between the Department and Applicant concerning the implementation of the activities required by this

Agreement. No term, condition, understanding, or agreement purporting to modify or vary any term of this Agreement shall be binding unless made in writing and subscribed by the party to be bound. No informal advice, guidance, suggestion, or comment by the Department shall be construed as relieving Applicant of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required by this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any Work Plan submitted pursuant to this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control over the terms of the Work Plan(s). Applicant consents to and agrees not to contest the authority and jurisdiction of the Department to enter into or enforce this Agreement.

2. i. Except as set forth herein, if Applicant desires that any provision of this Agreement be changed, Applicant shall make timely written application to the Commissioner with copies to the parties in Subparagraph IV.A.1 of the Agreement.

ii. If Applicant seeks to modify an approved Work Plan, a written request shall be made to the Department's project manager, with copies to the parties listed in Subparagraph IV.A.1 of the Agreement.

iii. Requests for a change to a time frame set forth in this Agreement shall be made in writing to the Department's project attorney and project manager; such requests shall not be unreasonably denied and a written response to such requests shall be sent to Applicant promptly.

G. 1. If there are multiple parties signing this Agreement, the term "Applicant" shall be read in the plural, the obligations of each such party under this Agreement are joint and several, and the insolvency of or failure by any Applicant to implement any obligations under this Agreement shall not affect the obligations of the remaining Applicant(s) under this Agreement.

2. If Applicant is a partnership, the obligations of all general partners (including limited partners who act as general partners) under this Agreement are joint and several and the insolvency or failure of any general partner to implement any obligations under this Agreement shall not affect the obligations of the remaining partner(s) under this Agreement.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing Subparagraphs XIV.G.1 and 2, if multiple parties sign this Agreement as Applicants but not all of the signing parties elect to implement a Work Plan, all Applicants are jointly and severally liable for each and every obligation under this Agreement through the completion of activities in such Work Plan that all such parties consented to; thereafter, only those

Applicants electing to perform additional work shall be jointly and severally liable under this Agreement for the obligations and activities under such additional Work Plan(s). The parties electing not to implement the additional Work Plan(s) shall have no obligations under this Agreement relative to the activities set forth in such Work Plan(s). Further, only those Applicants electing to implement such additional Work Plan(s) shall be eligible to receive the Liability Limitation referenced in Paragraph VI.

4. Any change to parties pursuant to this Agreement, including successors and assigns through acquisition of title, is subject to approval by the Department, after submittal of an application acceptable to the Department.

H. Applicant shall be entitled to receive contribution protection and/or to seek contribution to the extent authorized by ECL § 27-1421(6) and 6 NYCRR § 375-1.5(b)(5).

I. Applicant shall not be considered an operator of the Site solely by virtue of having executed and/or implemented this Agreement.

J. Applicant and Applicant's agents, grantees, lessees, sublessees, successors, and assigns shall be bound by this Agreement. Any change in ownership of Applicant including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter Applicant's responsibilities under this Agreement.

K. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Agreement which are defined in ECL Article 27 or in regulations promulgated thereunder shall have the meaning assigned to them under said statute or regulations.

L. Applicant's obligations under this Agreement represent payment for or reimbursement of State costs, and shall not be deemed to constitute any type of fine or penalty.

M. In accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.6(a)(4), the Department shall be notified at least 7 days in advance of, and be allowed to attend, any field activities to be conducted under a Department approved work plan, as well as any pre-bid meetings, job progress meetings, substantial completion meeting and inspection, and final inspection and meeting; provided, however that the Department may be excluded from portions of meetings where privileged matters are discussed.

N. In accordance with 6 NYCRR § 375-1.11(a), all work plans; reports, including all attachments and appendices, and certifications, submitted by a remedial party shall be submitted in print, as well as in an electronic format acceptable to the Department.

O. This Agreement may be executed for the convenience of the parties hereto, individually or in combination, in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to have the status of an executed original and all of which shall together constitute one and the same.

**AMENDED AND RESTATED OPERATING AGREEMENT OF**

**540 HUDSON STREET, LLC**

This **AMENDED AND RESTATED OPERATING AGREEMENT** (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, by and among **540 HUDSON STREET, LLC** (the “**Company**”) and the Persons whose signatures are set forth on **Exhibit “A”** hereto (each such Person is referred to herein individually, as a “**Member**”, and collectively, as the “**Members**”).

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Company has been formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to amend and restate their agreement regarding the operation of the Company.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

1.1 **Definitions.** Each of the following capitalized terms shall have the meaning specified in this Article 1. Other terms are defined in the text of this Agreement and those terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them throughout this Agreement.

(1) “**Affiliate**” means, with respect to any Member, any Person: (i) in which the Member directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries owns or controls more than ten percent (10%) of the voting or economic interests; or (ii) which directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Member.

(2) “**Agreement**” means this Operating Agreement, and the Exhibits and Schedules annexed hereto, all as amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(3) “**Articles of Organization**” means the Articles of Organization of the Company, as filed or to be filed with the New York Secretary of State, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(4) “**Capital Account**” means the account to be maintained by the Company for each Member as described in Paragraph 6.3.

(5) “**Capital Contribution**” means the total amount of cash and the fair market value of any other asset contributed (or deemed contributed under Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(d)) to the Company by a Member, net of liabilities assumed or to which the assets are subject, as determined by the Members.

(6) “**Class A Member**” means, at any time, each Person who owns a Class A Membership Interest and any permitted successor or successors to any of them and any reference to the Class A Members shall be to the then Class A Members.

(7) “**Class A Membership Interests**” shall mean the aggregate interests in the Company held by the Class A Members.

(8) “**Class B Member**” means, at any time, each Person who owns a Class B Membership Interest and any permitted successor or successors to any of them and any reference to the Class B Members shall be to the then Class B Members.

(9) “**Class B Membership Interests**” shall mean the aggregate interests in the Company held by the Class B Members.

(10) “**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any corresponding provision or provisions of any succeeding law.

(11) “**Company**” means the limited liability company formed in accordance with this Agreement.

(12) “**New York Act**” shall mean the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

(13) “**Distribution**” means any cash and other property paid to a Member by the Company from the operations of the Company.

(14) “**Fiscal Year**” means the fiscal year of the Company, which shall be the year ending December 31.

(15) “**Member**” means each person signing this Agreement and any Person who subsequently is admitted as a member of the Company and any reference herein to the Members of the Company shall be to the then Members of the Company.

(16) “**Membership Interests**” means all of the rights of a Member in the Company, including such Member’s: (a) right to share in the Net Profits and Net Losses of the Company; (b) right to inspect the Company’s books and records; (c) right to participate in the management of and vote on matters coming before the Members, as provided in this Agreement; and (d) unless this Agreement or the Articles of Organization provide to the contrary, the right to act as an agent of the Company.

(17) “**Net Losses**” means the losses of the Company, if any, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles employed under the cash method of accounting.

(18) “**Net Profits**” means the income of the Company, if any (exclusive of guaranteed payments under Code Section 707(c)) determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles employed under the cash method of accounting.



(19) “**Person**” means any individual, corporation, governmental authority, limited liability company, partnership, trust, unincorporated association or other entity.

(20) “**Treasury Regulations**” means the treasury regulations, including any temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code from time to time, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(21) “**Year**” means the Company’s fiscal year for income tax purposes as determined pursuant to Section 706 of the Code.

## ARTICLE 2 - ORGANIZATION

2.1 **Formation.** The Company was formed upon the filing with the New York Secretary of State of the Articles of Organization pursuant to the New York Act.

2.2 **Name.** The name of the Company is 540 HUDSON STREET, LLC.

2.3 **Office and Agent.** The principal office of the Company shall be at such place or places of business within or without the State of New York as the Class A Member(s) may determine. The Company shall continuously maintain a registered agent in the State of New York as required by the New York Act. The registered agent shall be as stated in the Articles of Organization or as otherwise determined by the Class A Member(s).

2.4 **Term.** The term of the Company shall continue until terminated pursuant to Article 10 of this Agreement.

2.5 **Purposes.** The Company may engage in any lawful business purpose or purposes.

## ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERS

3.1 **Names and Addresses.** The names and addresses of the Members are as set forth in **Exhibit “A”** to this Agreement.

3.2 **Voting Rights of Members.** Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the New York Act or other applicable law, only the Class A Member(s) shall have the right to vote on matters before the Members.

3.3 [Intentionally omitted.]

3.4 **Books and Records.** The Company shall keep books and records of accounts and minutes of all meetings of the Members. Such books and records shall be maintained on a cash basis in accordance with this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Code or the Treasury Regulations.

3.5 **Information.** Each Member may inspect during ordinary business hours and at the principal place of business of the Company, the following documents: the Articles of Organization, this Agreement, the minutes of any meeting of the Members and any tax returns of the Company for the immediately preceding three Fiscal Years.

3.6 **Limitation of Liability.** Each Member's liability shall be limited as set forth in this Agreement, the New York Act and other applicable law. A Member shall not be personally liable for any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the Company, except that such Member shall remain personally liable for the payment of the Capital Contribution of such Member and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, the New York Act and any other applicable law.

3.7 **Sale of All Assets.** The Members shall have the right, by the vote or written consent of at least two-thirds of the Class A Membership Interests to approve the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.

3.8 **Priority and Return of Capital.** No Member shall have priority over any other Member, whether for the return of a Capital Contribution or for Net Profits, Net Losses or a Distribution; provided, however, that this Paragraph 3.8 shall not apply to loans or other indebtedness (as distinguished from a Capital Contribution) made by a Member to the Company.

3.9 **Liability of a Member to the Company.** A Member who or which rightfully receives the return of any portion of a Capital Contribution is liable to the Company only to the extent now or hereafter provided by the New York Act. A Member who or which receives a Distribution made by the Company in violation of this Agreement or made when the Company's liabilities exceed its assets (after giving effect to such Distribution) shall be liable to the Company for the amount of such Distribution.

3.10 **Financial Adjustments.** No Members admitted after the date of this Agreement shall be entitled to any retroactive allocation of losses, income or expense deductions incurred by the Company. The Members may, at the time a Member is admitted, close the books and records of the Company (as though the Fiscal Year had ended) or make pro rata allocations of loss, income and expense deductions to such Member for that portion of the Fiscal Year in which such Member was admitted in accordance with of the Code.

3.11 **Loans.** If any Member advances any funds to the Company other than as provided in this Article 3, the amount of the advance shall not be an Additional Capital Contribution of the Member, but shall be a debt due from the Company to the Member to be repaid at the times and with the interest expressly agreed upon or, in the absence of an agreement, at such time as the Members shall deem fair.

3.12 **Duties of Parties.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to restrict in any way the rights of any Member, or of any Affiliate of any Member, to conduct any other business or activity whatsoever, and no Member shall be accountable to the Company or to any other Member with respect to that business or activity even if the business or activity competes with the business conducted by the Company. Each Member waives any rights the Member might otherwise have to share or participate in such other interests or activities of any other Member or the Member's Affiliates.

3.13 **Transactions with Affiliates.** Each Member understands and acknowledges that the conduct of the Company's business may involve business dealings and undertakings with Members and their Affiliates. In any of those cases, those dealings and undertakings shall be at arm's length and on

commercially reasonable terms. No transaction with the Company shall be voidable solely because a Member has a direct or indirect interest in the transaction.

#### ARTICLE 4 - MANAGEMENT

4.1 **Management.** The property, business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Class A Members, who shall have full authority, power and discretion to make all decisions with respect to the Company's business, perform any and all other acts customary or incident to such management, and perform such other services and activities set forth in this Agreement in accordance herewith and with the New York Act.

4.2 **Officers and Agents.** A majority in interest of the Class A Members may from time to time designate such officers and agents as they may deem necessary to carry out the day-to-day operations of the Company. Such officers and agents shall have such duties, powers, responsibilities and authority as may from time to time be prescribed by a majority in interest of the Class A Members, and may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by such Members. The officers of the Company may consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, or other officers or agents as may be elected or appointed by a majority in interest of the Class A Members. A majority in interest of the Class A Members may provide rules for the appointment, removal, supervision and compensation of such officers, the scope of their authority, and any other matters relevant to the positions. The officers shall act in the name of the Company and shall supervise its operation, within the scope of their authority, under the direction of the Class A Members. It is hereby duly consented that Neil Bender is hereby appointed President of the Company and that Irving Bender is hereby appointed Vice-President of the Company.

4.3 **Indemnification.** The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless any such officer or agent from and against all claims and demands to the maximum extent permitted under the New York Act.

4.4 **Salaries.** The salaries and other compensation of the officers or agents, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by the vote or written consent of at least a majority of the Class A Membership Interests. No officer or agent shall be prevented from receiving such a salary or other compensation because such officer or agent is also a Member.

#### ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

5.1 **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the Members shall be held on each first Tuesday in February or at such other time as shall be determined by the vote or written consent of the Class A Membership Interests for the purpose of the transaction of any business as may come before such meeting.

5.2 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Members, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by any Member holding not less than 25% of the Class A Membership Interests.

5.3 **Place of Meetings.** Meetings of the Members may be held at any place, within or outside the State of New York, for any meeting of the Members designated in any notice of such meeting. If no

such designation is made, the place of any such meeting shall be the chief executive office of the Company, currently located at 544 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014.

5.4 **Notice of Meetings.** Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting indicating that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting, stating the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be delivered no fewer than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting.

5.5 **Record Date.** For the purpose of determining the Members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of Members or any adjournment of such meeting, or Members entitled to receive payment of any Distribution, or to make a determination of Members for any other purpose, the date on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the date on which the resolution declaring Distribution is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for making such a determination. When a determination of Members entitled to vote at any meeting of Members has been made pursuant to this Section, the determination shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting.

5.6 **Quorum.** Members holding not less than a majority of all Class A Membership Interests shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of Members. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting of Members, a majority of the Class A Membership Interests so represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time for a period not to exceed sixty days without further notice. However, if the adjournment is for more than sixty days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each Member of record entitled to vote at such meeting. At an adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed. The Members present at a meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal during the meeting of Class A Membership Interests whose absence results in less than a quorum being present.

5.7 **Manner of Acting.** If a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote or written consent of Members holding not less than a majority of Class A Membership Interests shall be the act of the Members, unless the vote of a greater or lesser proportion or number is otherwise required by the New York Act, the Articles of Organization or this Agreement.

5.8 **Action by Members Without a Meeting.**

(1) Whenever the Members of the Company are required or permitted to take any action by vote, such action may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by the Members who hold the voting interests having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all of the Members entitled to vote therein were present and voted and shall be delivered to the office of the Company, its principal place of business or an employee or agent of the Company. Delivery made to the office of the Company shall be by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

(2) Every written consent shall bear the date of signature of each Member who signs the consent, and no written consent shall be effective to take the action referred to therein unless, within

sixty days of the earliest dated consent delivered in the manner required by this Section to the Company, written consents signed by a sufficient number of Members to take the action are delivered to the office the Company, its principal place of business or an employee or agent of the Company having custody of the records of the Company. Delivery made to such office, principal place of business or employee or agent shall be by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

(3) Prompt notice of the taking of the action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to each Member who has not consented in writing but who would have been entitled to vote thereon had such action been taken at a meeting.

5.9 **Waiver of Notice.** Notice of a meeting need not be given to any Member who submits a signed waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, whether before or after the meeting. The attendance of any Member at a meeting, in person or by proxy, without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of such meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice by such Member.

## ARTICLE 6 - CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 **Capital Contributions.** Each Member has or will contribute to the Company the property and/or cash set forth opposite each such Member's respective name on **EXHIBIT "A"** hereto.

6.2 **Additional Contributions.** Except as set forth in Section 6.1 of this Agreement, no Member shall be required to make any Capital Contribution.

6.3 **Capital Accounts.** A Capital Account shall be maintained for each Member. Each Member's Capital Account shall be increased by the value of each Capital Contribution made by the Member, the amount of any Company liabilities assumed by the Member (or which are secured by Company property distributed to such Member), allocations to such Member of the Net Profits and any other allocations to such Member of income pursuant to the Code. Each Member's Capital Account will be decreased by the value of each Distribution made to the Member by the Company, the amount of any liabilities assumed by the Company (or which are secured by property contributed to the Company by such Member), allocations to such Member of Net Losses and other allocations to such Member pursuant to the Code.

6.4 **Transfers.** Upon a permitted sale or other transfer of a Membership Interest in the Company, the Capital Account of the Member transferring such Member's Membership Interest shall become the Capital Account of the Person to which or whom such Membership Interest is sold or transferred in accordance with Section 1.704-1 (b)(2)(iv) of the Treasury Regulations.

6.5 **Modifications.** The manner in which Capital Accounts are to be maintained pursuant to this Section is intended to comply with the requirements of Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. If in the opinion of the Members the manner in which Capital Accounts are to be maintained pursuant to this Agreement should be modified to comply with Code Section 704(b) or the Treasury Regulations, then the method in which Capital Accounts are maintained shall be so modified; provided, however, that any change in the manner of maintaining Capital Accounts shall not materially alter the economic agreement between or among the Members.

6.6 **Deficit Capital Account.** Except as otherwise required in the New York Act or this Agreement, no Member shall have any liability to restore all or any portion of a deficit balance in a Capital Account.

6.7 **Withdrawal or Reduction of Capital Contributions.** A Member shall only be entitled to withdraw any or all of his, her or its Capital Contribution upon unanimous approval of the interest of the Class A Members. Notwithstanding such approval, a Member shall not receive from the Company any portion of a Capital Contribution until all indebtedness, liabilities of the Company, except any indebtedness, liabilities and obligations to Members on account of their Capital Contributions, have been paid or there remains property of the Company, in the sole discretion of a majority in interest of the Class A Members, sufficient to pay them. The Company may satisfy such withdrawal with cash or property or partly with each, as a majority of interest of Class A Members shall decide.

## ARTICLE 7 - ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

7.1 **Allocations of Profits and Losses.** The Net Profits and the Net Losses for each Fiscal Year shall be allocated among the Members in accordance with their respective Membership Interests.

7.2 **Distributions.** The Members may from time to time, in the discretion of a majority of Class A Membership Interests, make Distributions to the Members. All Distributions shall be made to the Members pro rata in proportion to their respective Membership Interests as of the record date set for such Distribution.

7.3 **Qualified Income Offset.** No Member shall be allocated Net Losses or deductions if the allocation causes the Member to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit. If a Member receives (i) an allocation of Net Loss or deduction (or any item thereof) or (ii) any distribution, which causes the Member to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit at the end of any taxable year, then all items of income and gain of the Company (consisting of a pro rata portion of each item of Company income, including gross income and gain) for that taxable year, shall be specially allocated to that Member, before any other allocation is made of Company items for that taxable year, in the amount and in such proportions as may be required to eliminate the Adjusted Capital Account deficit as quickly as possible. This Section 7.3 is intended to comply with, and shall be interpreted consistently with, the “qualified income offset” provisions of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Code Section 704(b).

7.4 **Offset.** The Company may offset all amounts owing to the Company by a Member against any Distribution to be made to such Member.

7.5 **Limitation Upon Distributions.** No Distribution shall be declared and paid unless, after such Distribution is made, the assets of the Company are in excess of all liabilities of the Company.

7.6 **Interest on and Return of Capital Contributions.** No Member shall be entitled to interest on such Member’s Capital Account or to a return of such Member’s Capital Contribution, except as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

7.7 **Accounting Period.** The accounting period of the Company shall be the Fiscal Year.

7.8 **Withholding Taxes with Respect to Members.** The Company shall comply with any withholding requirements under federal, state and local law applicable to the Members and shall remit any amounts withheld to, and file required forms with, the applicable jurisdictions. All amounts withheld from Company revenues or distributions by or for the Company pursuant to the Code or any provision of any state or local law, and any taxes, fees or assessments levied upon the Company, shall be treated for purposes of this Article VII as having been distributed to those Members who received tax credits with respect to the withheld amounts, or whose identity or status caused the withholding obligations, taxes, fees or assessments to be incurred. If the amount withheld was not withheld from the affected Member's actual share of cash available for distribution, the Members on behalf of the Company may, at their option, (a) require such Member to reimburse the Company for such withholding, or (b) reduce any subsequent distributions to which such Member is entitled by the amount of such withholding. Each Member agrees to furnish the Company with such representations and forms as the Company shall reasonably request to assist them in determining the extent of, and in fulfilling, the Company's withholding obligations, if any. Such Member shall pay or reimburse to the Company all identifiable costs or expenses of the Company caused by or resulting from withholding taxes with respect to such Member.

## ARTICLE 8 - TAXES

8.1 **Tax Returns.** The Members shall cause to be prepared and filed all necessary federal and state income tax returns for the Company. Each Member shall furnish to the Company all pertinent information in its possession relating to Company operations that is necessary to enable the Company's income tax returns to be prepared and filed.

8.2 **Tax Elections.** The Company shall make the following elections on the appropriate tax returns:

- (1) To adopt the calendar year as the Fiscal Year;
- (2) To adopt the cash method of accounting;
- (3) If a Distribution as described in Code Section 734 occurs or if a transfer of a Membership Interest described in Code Section 743 occurs, upon the written request of any Member, to elect to adjust the basis of the property of the Company pursuant to Code Section 754;
- (4) To elect to amortize the organizational expenses of the Company and the start-up expenditures of the Company under Code Section 195 ratably over a period of sixty months as permitted by Code Section 709(b); and
- (5) Any other election that the Company may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the Members.

Neither the Company nor any Member may make an election for the Company to be excluded from the application of Subchapter K of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or any similar

provisions of applicable state law, and no provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted to authorize any such election.

8.3 **Tax Matters Partner.** The Members hereby designate the BRE Properties, LLC to be the “tax matters partner” of the Company pursuant to Code Section 6231(a)(7). The “tax matters partner” shall take any action as may be necessary to cause each other Member to become a “notice partner” within the meaning of Code Section 6223.

## ARTICLE 9 - TRANSFERABILITY

9.1 **General.** No Member shall gift, sell, assign, pledge, hypothecate, exchange or otherwise transfer (“**Transfer**”) to another Person any portion of a Membership Interest, without the consent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Class A Membership Interests; provided that any Member may Transfer such Member’s Membership Interest, or any portion thereof to a Permitted Transferee without the consent of the Class A Members.

9.2 **Transferee Not a Member.** No Person acquiring a Membership Interest pursuant to this Article 9 shall become a Member unless such Person: (i) is approved by the unanimous vote or written consent of the Class A Membership Interests; (ii) delivers to the Company his required capital contribution; (iii) agrees in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement by becoming a party hereto; and (iv) delivers such additional documentation as the Class A Members shall reasonably require to so admit such new Member to the Company. Transferees have economic interest only. No right to inspect records.

9.3 **Effective Date.** Any Transfer of a Membership Interest or admission of a Member pursuant to this Article shall be deemed effective as of the last day of the calendar month in which such Transfer or admission occurs.

## ARTICLE 10 - DISSOLUTION

10.1 **Dissolution.** The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up upon the first to occur of the following:

(1) The latest date on which the Company is to dissolve, if any, as set forth in the Articles of Organization; or

(2) The unanimous vote or written consent of the Class A Members.

The bankruptcy, death, dissolution, expulsion, incapacity or withdrawal of any Member or the occurrence of any other event that terminates the continued membership of any Member shall not cause a dissolution of the Company unless within 180 days after such event the Company is dissolved by the vote or written consent of a majority in interest of all of the remaining Class A Members.

10.2 **Winding Up.** Upon the dissolution of the Company the Members may, in the name of and for and on behalf of the Company, prosecute and defend suits, whether civil, criminal or administrative, sell and close the Company’s business, dispose of and convey the Company’s



property, discharge the Company's liabilities and distribute to the Members any remaining assets of the Company, all without affecting the liability of Members. Upon winding up of the Company, the assets shall be distributed as follows:

(1) To creditors, including any Member who is a creditor, to the extent permitted by law, in satisfaction of liabilities of the Company, whether by payment or by establishment of adequate reserves, other than liabilities for distributions to Members under the New York Act;

(2) To Members and former Members in satisfaction of liabilities for Distributions under the New York Act; and

(3) To Members first for the return of their Capital Contributions, to the extent not previously returned, and second respecting their Membership Interests, in the proportions in which the Members share in Distributions in accordance with this Agreement.

10.3 **Articles of Dissolution.** Within 90 days following the dissolution and the commencement of winding up of the Company, or at any other time there are no Members, Articles of Dissolution shall be filed with the New York Secretary of State pursuant to the New York Act.

10.4 **Deficit Capital Account.** Upon a liquidation of the Company within the meaning of Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g) of the Treasury Regulations, if any Member has a Deficit Capital Account (after giving effect to all contributions, distributions, allocations and other adjustments for all Fiscal Years, including the Fiscal Year in which such liquidation occurs), the Member shall have no obligation to make any Capital Contribution, and the negative balance of any Capital Account shall not be considered a debt owed by the Member to the Company or to any other Person for any purpose.

10.5 **Nonrecourse to Other Members.** Except as provided by applicable law or as expressly provided in this Agreement, upon dissolution, each Member shall receive a return of such Member's Capital Contribution solely from the assets of the Company. If the assets of the Company remaining after the payment or discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Company are insufficient to return any Capital Contribution of any Member, such Member shall have no recourse against any other Member.

10.6 **Termination.** Upon completion of the dissolution, winding up, liquidation, and distribution of the assets of the Company, the Company shall be deemed terminated.

## ARTICLE 11 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.1 **Notices.** Any notice, demand or other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall have been sufficiently given for all purposes if (a) delivered personally to the party or to an executive officer of the party to whom such notice, demand or other communication is directed or (b) sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Member or the Company at his, her or its address set forth in this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any such notice shall be deemed to be given three business

days after the date on which it was deposited in a regularly maintained receptacle for the deposit of United States mail, addressed and sent as set forth in this Section.

11.2 **Amendment.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement among the Members with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes each course of conduct previously pursued or acquiesced in, and each oral agreement and representation previously made, by the Members with respect thereto, whether or not relied or acted upon. No course of performance or other conduct subsequently pursued or acquiesced in, and no oral agreement or representation subsequently made, by the Members, whether or not relied or acted upon, and no usage of trade, whether or not relied or acted upon, shall amend this Agreement or impair or otherwise affect any Member's obligations pursuant to this Agreement or any rights and remedies of a Member pursuant to this Agreement. No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless made in a writing duly executed by a majority in interest of the Class A Members.

11.3 **Construction.** Whenever the singular number is used in this Agreement and when required by the context, the same shall include the plural and vice versa, and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.

11.4 **Headings.** The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret or construe any provision of this Agreement.

11.5 **Waiver.** No failure of a Member to exercise, and no delay by a Member in exercising, any right or remedy under this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of such right or remedy. No waiver by a Member of any such right or remedy under this Agreement shall be effective unless made in a writing duly executed by a majority in interest of the Class A Members and specifically referring to each such right or remedy being waived.

11.6 **Severability.** Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law. However, if any provision of this Agreement shall be prohibited by or invalid under such law, it shall be deemed modified to conform to the minimum requirements of such law or, if for any reason it is not deemed so modified, it shall be prohibited or invalid only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity without the remainder thereof or any other such provision being prohibited or invalid.

11.7 **Binding.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all Members, and each of the successors and assigns of the Members, except such right or obligation of a Member under this Agreement that may not be assigned by such Member to another Person without first obtaining the written consent of a majority in interest of all other Members.

11.8 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

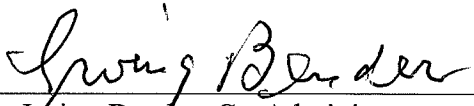
11.9 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

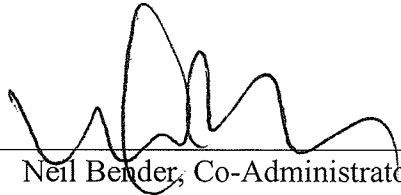
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have signed or caused this Agreement to be duly signed as of the date first above written.

**MEMBER:**

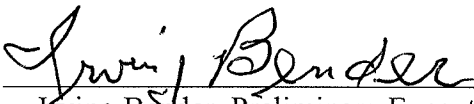
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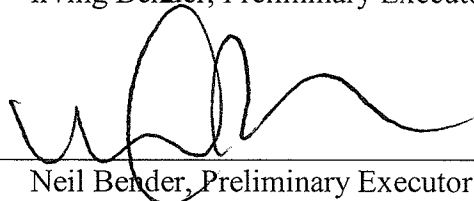
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By:   
Irving Bender, Co-Administrator c.t.a.

By:   
Neil Bender, Co-Administrator c.t.a.

By: Estate of Molly<sup>ie</sup> Bender, Member

By:   
Irving Bender, Preliminary Executor

By:   
Neil Bender, Preliminary Executor

# **EXHIBIT A**

**CLASS A MEMBERS**

| <b>NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLASS A MEMBERS</b>                  | <b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION</b> | <b>MEMBERSHIP INTEREST</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BRE Properties, LLC<br>544 Hudson Street<br>New York, NY 10014 |                             | 1.0%                       |

**CLASS B MEMBERS**

| <b>NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLASS B MEMBERS</b>                  | <b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION</b> | <b>MEMBERSHIP INTEREST</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BRE Properties, LLC<br>544 Hudson Street<br>New York, NY 10014 |                             | 99.0%                      |

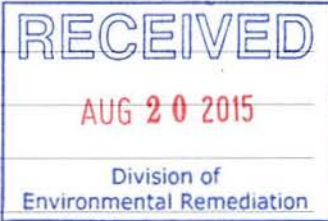
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**To:**

Robert Schick  
NYSDEC, Director  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

**Date:**

August 19, 2015



**Project No:**

170287101 and 170362801

**Re:**

Signed Brownfield Cleanup  
Program Agreements (BCA)

**Phone No:**

**Via:**

- Fed Ex:  Priority  Standard  2-Day  
 UPS:  Priority  Standard  2-Day  
 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mail  Hand Delivery  Eastern Delivery (Inter-Office)

**Items:**

- Prints  Letter  Other  
 Sepia  Drawings  Reports  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Copies:**

**Dwg. No.:**

**Description:**

| Copies | Dwg. No.        | Description                                 |
|--------|-----------------|---|
| 3      | Original Copies | Signed BCA – 538-544 Hudson Street          |
| 1      | Hard Copy       | Operating Agreement - 538-544 Hudson Street |
| 3      | Original Copies | Signed BCA - 156-162 Perry Street           |
| 1      | Hard Copy       | Operating Agreement - 156-162 Perry Street  |

- For Your Information  For Your Use  As Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Review and Comment  For Approval  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks:**

Please find signed BCA documents and related operating agreements enclosed.

**Copies To:**

M. Burke

**From:**

Jennifer Armstrong