

EXHIBIT A

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law will be held by the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 27th day of June, 2007, at 9:15 a.m., local time, at 350 Front Street, 2nd Floor, Hempstead, New York in connection with the following matters:

The Agency has previously assisted in the acquisition of a leasehold interest in an approximately 4.92 acre parcel of land located at 1 North Avenue, Garden City, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (the "Land") and the construction and equipping of a 4-story hotel consisting of approximately 83,590 square feet of space (Hampton Inn) including, but not limited to, 143 guest rooms, together with a vestibule, an adjacent 2,970 square foot in-ground pool enclosure, exterior storage space, a 700 square foot meeting room, a 450 square foot conference room and 146 parking spaces (the "Improvements" and "Equipment"), which Improvements and Equipment are currently leased by the Agency to Palmetto Hospitality Of Garden City I, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, having its principal office at 961 East Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302 (the "Palmetto") and used by Palmetto to provide a full range of services to the business and leisure traveler visiting the Town of Hempstead (the Land together with the Improvements and Equipment, the "Facility"). The Facility is currently owned, operated and/or managed by Palmetto.

There was submitted to the Agency a proposal to consent to the assignment and assumption of the leasehold and sub-subleasehold interest in the Facility from Palmetto to RLJ II – HA Garden City, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to transact business in the State of New York ("RLJ II"), and to release Palmetto from any further liability with respect to the Facility subject to certain limitations.

The Agency will consent to the assignment and assumption of the Facility by RLJ II and will lease and sub-sublease the Facility to RLJ II. At the end of the lease term, RLJ II will purchase the Facility from the Agency. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to RLJ II, consistent with the policies of the Agency, in the form of abatement of exemptions from the mortgage recording tax if a mortgage is required now or in the future in connection with the financing or refinancing of the Facility.

A representative of the Agency will at the above-stated time and place hear and accept written comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the proposed financial assistance to RLJ II.

Dated: May 26, 2007

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Frederick E. Parola  
Title: Executive Director and  
Chief Executive Officer