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FORM APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROJECT APPLICATION

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DATE: October 5, 2021				
APPLICATION OF:	615 MERRICK OWNER LLC (Name of Owner and/or U	OR A TENANT-IN-COMMON GROUP) Jser of Proposed Project		
ADDRESS:	c/o Milvado Realty Group			
	6851 Jericho Tpke, Suite 155			
	Syosset, NY 11791			
CONTACT:	David Hereman			
PHONE NUMBER:				
EMAIL ADDRESS:	n			
FAX NUMBER:	n/a			
Type of Application:	☐ Tax-Exempt Bond	☐ Taxable Bond		
-JP-01-3PP-1-William	✓ Straight Lease	□ Refunding Bond		
	□ Special Straigh	C		

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Part I: Owner & User Data

1. Owner Data:

A.	Owner (Applicant for assistance): 615 MERRICK OWNER LLC (OR A TIC GROUP)
	Address: c/o Milvado Property Group
	6851 Jericho Tpke, Suite 155
	Syosset, NY 11791
	Federal Employer ID # Website:
	Owner Officer Certifying Application: <u>David Hercman</u>
	Title of Officer: Authorized Signatory
	Phone Number: E-mail.
В.	Business Type:
	Sole Proprietorship □ Partnership □ Privately Held ☑
	Public Corporation ☐ Listed on
	State of Incorporation/Formation: New York
C.	Nature of Business: (e.g., "manufacturer offorindustry"; "distributor of"; or "real estate holding company")
	Real estate holding and management company
D.	Owner Counsel:
	Firm Name: Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP
	Address: 333 Earle Ovington Blvd, Suite 1010 Uniondale, NY 11553
	Individual Attorney: <u>Daniel P. Deegan, Esq.</u>
	Phone Number: mai

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Name Percent Owned
See attached ownership chart
Has the Owner, or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Owner, or any stockholder, partner, member, officer, director or other entity with which any of these individuals is or has been associated with:
 i. ever filed for bankruptcy, been adjudicated bankrupt or placed in receivership or otherwise been or presently is the subject of any bankruptcy or similar proceeding? (if yes, please explain)
ii. been convicted of a felony, or misdemeanor, or criminal offense (other than a motor vehicle violation)? (if yes, please explain)
If any of the above persons (see "E", above) or a group of them, owns more than 50% interest in the Owner, list all other organizations which are related to the Owner by virtue of such persons having more than a 50% interest in such organizations.
Applicant's members are also principals in Cammeby's International Group, one of the larges real estate investors in New York and other locations, which owns its properties in various entities.
Is the Owner related to any other organization by reason of more than a 50% ownership? If so, indicate name of related organization and relationship: n/a
List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:

prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located,

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	in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:
	No.
K.	List major bank references of the Owner:
	Madelyn Toro-Hernandez, Senior Client Associate, Signature Bank 6321 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219 T: (
2. <u>User D</u> **(for co-cand the use	\overline{app} licants for assistance or where a landlord/tenant relationship will exist between the owner
A.	User (together with the Owner, the "Applicant"): <u>n/a</u>
	Address: n/a
	Federal Employer ID #: n/a Website: n/a
	NAICS Code: n/a
	User Officer Certifying Application: n/a
	Phone Number: n/a E-mail: n/a
В.	Business Type:
	Sole Proprietorship □ Partnership □ Privately Held □
	Public Corporation Listed on
	State of Incorporation/Formation: <u>n/a</u>
C.	Nature of Business: (e.g., "manufacturer offorindustry"; "distributor of"; or "real estate holding company")
	n/a
D.	Are the User and the Owner Related Entities? Yes □ No □
	i. If yes, the remainder of the questions in this Part I, Section 2 (with the exception of "F" below) need not be answered if answered for the Owner.

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whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village, or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county

	ii. If	no, please complete all questions bel	ow.
E.	User's Couns	el:	
	Firm Nam	ne: <u>n/a</u>	
	Address:	n/a	
	Individual	Attorney: <u>n/a</u>	<u></u>
	Phone Nu	mber: n/a	E-mail: <u>n/a</u>
F.	Principal Stoc	kholders or Partners, if any (5% or n	nore equity):
		Name	Percent Owned
	n/a		
G.	director or oth i. eve oth	er entity with which any of these inder filed for bankruptcy, been adjudic	Jser, or any stockholder, partner, officer, lividuals is or has been associated with: cated bankrupt or placed in receivership o subject of any bankruptcy or simila
		er been convicted of a felony or crimilation)? (if yes, please explain)	inal offense (other than a motor vehicle
	n/a		
	interest in the	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	a group of them, owns more than 50% ch are related to the User by virtue of such ganizations.
	n/a		
I	Is the User rela	ated to any other organization by reas	son of more than a 50% ownership? If so,

	indicate name of related organization and relationship:
	n/a
J.	List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:
	n/a
K.	Has the User (or any related corporation or person) been involved in or benefited by an prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:
	n/a
T	List major bank references of the User:
L.	
	n/a
	Part II - Operation at Current Location
	(if the Owner and the User are unrelated entities, answer separately for each)
Cui	rrent Location Address: <u>n/a</u>
Ow	ned or Leased: <u>n/a</u>
Des	scribe your present location (acreage, square footage, number buildings, number of floors,): n/a
• •	be of operation (manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, retail, etc.) and products and/or vices: n/a

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5.	Are other facilities or related companies of the Applicant located within the State? Yes □ No ☑
	A. If yes, list the Address:n/a
6.	If yes to above ("5"), will the completion of the project result in the removal of such facility or facilities from one area of the state to another OR in the abandonment of such facility or facilities located within the State? Yes □ No ☑
	A. If no, explain how current facilities will be utilized: n/a
	B. If yes, please indicate whether the project is reasonably necessary for the Applicant to maintain its competitive position in its industry or remain in the State and explain in full:
	n/a
7.	Has the Applicant actively considered sites in another state? Yes □ No ☑ A. If yes, please list states considered and explain:
8.	Is the requested financial assistance reasonably necessary to prevent the Applicant from moving out of New York State? Yes □ No ☑ A. Please explain: n/a
9.	Number of full-time equivalent employees at current location and average salary: <u>n/a</u>
	Part III – Project Data
1.	Project Type:
	A. What type of transaction are you seeking?: (Check one)
	Straight Lease ☑ Taxable Bonds □ Tax-Exempt Bonds □
	Equipment Lease Only
	B. Type of benefit(s) the Applicant is seeking: (Check all that apply)
	Sales Tax Exemption ☑ Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption ☑ PILOT Agreement: ☑

2.	Lo	ocation of project:			
	A.	. Street Address: 615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York			
	В.	Тах Мар:	District 43 Section 44 Block 78 Lot(s) 47		
	C.	Municipal	Jurisdiction:		
		i. ii. iii.	Town: <u>Hempstead</u> Village: n/a School District: <u>Uniondale - 2</u>		
	D.	Acreage: 2	2.1		
3.	Pro	oject Compo	onents (check all appropriate categories):		
A		Constructi	on of a new building		
В	•	Renovation i.	ns of an existing building		
C	•	Demolition i.	n of an existing building Square footage: <u>n/a</u>		
D.		Land to be i.	cleared or disturbed \square Yes \square No Square footage/acreage: $\underline{n/a}$		
E.		Construction i. ii.	on of addition to an existing building \square Yes \square No Square footage of addition: $\underline{n/a}$ Total square footage upon completion: $\underline{n/a}$		
F.		Acquisition i.	n of an existing building ☑ Yes □ No Square footage of existing building: 78,909 sf (plus 95,288 sf parking garage)		
G.			of machinery and/or Equipment		
			ent and fixtures for plumbing, electrical, communications, mechanical, HVAC and other systems, construction materials, FFE and elevator equipment		
1.	Cur	rent Use at	Proposed Location:		
	A.	Does the A	pplicant currently hold fee title to the proposed location? No		
		i.	If no, please list the present owner of the site: New York Community Bank		
•	В.	Present use	of the proposed location: Office		

	C.	Is the proposed location currently subject to an IDA transaction (whether through this Agency or another?) ☐ Yes ☐ No
		i. If yes, explain: The property was previously the subject of an IDA project and a PILOT Agreement, which expired in December, 2008.
	D.	Is there a purchase contract for the site? (if yes, explain): ☐ Yes ☐ No
		Purchase and Sale Agreement executed by as applicant as purchaser awaiting seller's signature
	E.	Is there an existing or proposed lease for the site? (if yes, explain): ☐ Yes ☑ No
		Applicant intends to secure one or more leases for the Project post-closing
5.	Pr	oposed Use:
	A.	Describe the specific operations of the Applicant or other users to be conducted at the project site:
		The building will be leased to one or more tenants for office use, which will require renovation, updating and modifications to accommodate new one or more new occupants and split the space up if necessary. It is currently owner-occupied as the headquarters of NY Community Bank as anchor tenant, which is leaving the space and is therefore selling the property.
	В.	Proposed product lines and market demands: n/a
	C.	If any space is to be leased to third parties, indicate the tenant(s), total square footage of the project to be leased to each tenant, and the proposed use by each tenant:
		Tenants will be secured for the building for office use post-closing after the renovations are complete. No tenants have been identified as of the time of this application. The renovations will consist of general systems repair, modernization and upgrades to the HVAC and elevators, renovations of the lobby, and renovations/alterations of the interior offices to accommodate one or more new occupants of the building.
	D.	Need/purpose for project (e.g., why is it necessary, effect on Applicant's business):
		Given the high costs of property taxes and construction on Long Island, obtaining IDA financial assistance, including a PILOT, partial mortgage tax exemption and sales tax exemption will be necessary to make the Project financially feasible and to optimize the chances for success in making the building into class A office space and attracting one or more high-quality tenants.
	E.	Will any portion of the project be used for the making of retail sales to customers who personally visit the project location? Yes □ No ☑

			project location? n/a				
6.	<u>Pr</u>	oject Work	ζ:				
	A.	A. Has construction work on this project begun? If yes, complete the following:					
		i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi.	Site Clearance: Foundation: Footings: Steel: Masonry: Other:	Yes □ No Ø COMPLETE			
	В.	What is the	he current zoning?: <u>Bu</u>	siness			
	C.	Will the p	project meet zoning rec	uirements at the proposed location?			
			Yes 🗹	No □			
	D.	D. If a change of zoning is required, please provide the details/status of the change of zone request: n/a					
	E.	Have site	plans been submitted t	o the appropriate planning department? Yes □ No ☑			
7.	Pro	roject Completion Schedule:					
	A.	A. What is the proposed commencement date for the acquisition and the construction/renovation/equipping of the project?					
		i.	Acquisition: approxim	nately January 5, 2022			
		ii.	Construction/Renova	tion/Equipping: Following closing			
	В.	Provide an accurate estimate of the time schedule to complete the project and when the first use of the project is expected to occur: 2 years from acquisition					
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If yes, what percentage of the project location will be utilized in connection with the sale of retail goods and/or services to customers who personally visit the

1. <u>Project Costs</u>:

A. Give an accurate estimate of cost necessary for the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement and/or equipping of the project location:

	Description		<u>Amount</u>		
	Land and/or building acquisition Building(s) demolition/construction			1	2,300,000
					n/a
	Building renovation	\$			4,000,000
	Site Work	\$			n/a
	Machinery and Equipment				
	Legal Fees				
	Architectural/Engineering Fees	\$			250,000
	Financial Charges				
	Other (Specify)				
	Total				6,625,000
A. B. C. D. E.	Tax-exempt bond financing: Taxable bond financing: Conventional Mortgage: SBA (504) or other governmental financing: Public Sources (include sum of all State and federal grants and tax credits Other loans: Owner/User equity contribution:	s):	Amount \$ n/a \$ n/a \$ 1/a \$ 8,000,000 \$ 1/a \$ 1/a \$ 1/a \$ 1/a \$ 1/a \$ 1/a \$ 8,625,000	Term n/a n/a tbd n/a n/a n/a	years years years years years years
	Total Project C i. What percentage of the project 0%		\$ 16,625,000 s will be financed from	n public s	ector sources?
3. <u>Proj</u>	ject Financing:				
	Have any of the above costs been paid or orders) as of the date of this application? i. If yes, provide detail on a separate or the separate of the date of the separate or t	Yes	□ No ☑	ets of sale	or purchase

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В	Are costs of working capital, moving expenses, work in progress, or stock in trade included in the proposed uses of bond proceeds? Give details:			
	No			
C.	Will any of the funds borrowed through the Agency be used to repay or refinance an existing mortgage or outstanding loan? Give details:			
	No			
D.	Has the Applicant made any arrangements for the marketing or the purchase of the bond or bonds? If so, indicate with whom:			
	No			
	Part V – Project Benefits			
Mo	ortgage Recording Tax Benefit:			
A.	Mortgage Amount for exemption (include sum total of construction/permanent/bridge financing):			
	\$ <u>8,000,000</u>			
В.	Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption (product of Mortgage Amount and .75%):			
	\$60,000			
<u>Sal</u>	es and Use Tax Benefit:			
A.	Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and local Sales and Use Tax (such amount to benefit from the Agency's exemption):			
	\$ <u>2,500,000</u>			
В.	Estimated State and local Sales and Use Tax exemption (product of 8.625% and figure above):			
	\$215,625			
	If your project has a landlord/tenant (owner/user) arrangement, please provide a breakdown of the number in "B" above:			

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i.	Owner: \$ <u>n/a</u>			
ii.	User: \$ n/a	_		

3. Real Property Tax Benefit:

- A. Identify and describe if the project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit other than the Agency's PILOT benefit: None
- B. Agency PILOT Benefit:
 - i. Term of PILOT requested: 13 years
 - ii. Upon acceptance of this application, the Agency staff will create a PILOT schedule and indicate the estimated amount of PILOT Benefit based on anticipated tax rates and assessed valuation and attached such information to Exhibit A hereto. At such time, the Applicant will certify that it accepts the proposed PILOT schedule and requests such benefit to be granted by the Agency.

Part VI - Employment Data

1. List the Applicant's and each users present employment, and estimates of (i) employment at the proposed project location at the end of year one and year two following project completion and (ii) the number of residents of the Labor Market Area* ("LMA") that would fill the full-time and part-time jobs at the end of the second year following completion:

	Present	First Year	Second Year	Residents of LMA
Full-Time	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	60	<u>40</u>
Part-Time**	n/a	n/a	10	7

^{*} The Labor Market Area includes the County/City/Town/Village in which the project is located as well Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

2. Salary and Fringe Benefits:

^{**} This application will not be deemed complete and final until <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto has been completed and executed.**

^{**} Agency staff converts Part-Time jobs into FTEs for state reporting purposes by dividing the number of Part-Time jobs by two (2).

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	Average Salary or Range of Salary	Average Fringe Benefits or Range of Fringe Benefits
Salary Wage Earners	\$50,000-\$80,000	0
Commission Wage Earners	n/a	0
Hourly Wage Earners	\$30,000-\$40,000	0
1099 and Contract Workers	n/a	0

Note: The Agency reserves the right to visit the facility to confirm that job creation numbers are being met.

Part VII - Representations, Certifications and Indemnification

- 1. Is the Applicant in any litigation which would have a material adverse effect on the Applicant's financial condition? (if yes, furnish details on a separate sheet)
- 2. Has the Applicant or any of the management of the Applicant, the anticipated users or any of their affiliates, or any other concern with which such management has been connected, been cited for a violation of federal, state or local laws or regulations with respect to labor practices, hazardous wastes, environmental pollution or other operating practices? (If yes, furnish details on a separate sheet)
- 3. Is there a likelihood that the Applicant would not proceed with this project without the Agency's assistance? (If yes, please explain why; if no, please explain why the Agency should grant the benefits requested)

Yes ☑ No □

Financial assistance from the Agency is necessary to make it financially feasible to perform the renovations necessary to attract high-quality tenants and to provide the financial incentives sought by such tenants.

4. If the Applicant is unable to obtain financial assistance from the Agency for the project, what would be the impact on the Applicant and on the municipality?

If the Applicant is unable to obtain financial assistance from the Agency, the Applicant would likely terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement and would not purchase the property, with the likely result of the property being vacant.

5. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if financial assistance is provided for the proposed project:

§ 862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.

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6. The Applicant understands and agrees that in accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the General Municipal Law, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor, Community Services Division and with the administrative entity of the service delivery area created pursuant to the Job Training Partnership Act (PL 97-300) in which the project is located (collectively, the "Referral Agencies"). The Applicant also agrees, that it will, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining contracts or agreements to which they are parties, first consider for such new employment opportunities persons eligible to participate in federal job training partnership programs who shall be referred by the Referral Agencies

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7. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving financial assistance for the proposed project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

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8. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any financial assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement the Project.

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9. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.

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10. In accordance with Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law the Applicant understands and agrees that projects which result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the State to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant within the State is ineligible for financial assistance from the Agency, unless otherwise approved by the Agency as reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project in its respective industry or to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State.

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11. The Applicant represents and warrants that to the Applicant's knowledge neither it nor any of its affiliates, nor any of their respective partners, members, shareholders or other equity owners, and none of their respective employees, officers, directors, representatives or agents is, nor will they become a person or entity with who United States persons or entities are restricted from doing business under regulations of the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury (including those named on OFAC's Specially Designated and Blocked Persons List or under any statute, executive order including the September 24, 2001, Executive Order Block Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism, or other governmental action and is not and will not assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement to, contract with or otherwise engage in any dealings or transactions or be otherwise associated with such persons or entities.

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12. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges it has received the Agency's fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A and agrees to pay such fees, together with any expenses incurred by the Agency, including those of Transaction Counsel, with respect to the Facility. The Applicant agrees to pay such expenses and further agrees to indemnify the Agency, its members, directors, employees and agents and hold the Agency and such persons harmless against claims for losses, damage or injury or any expenses or damages incurred as a result of action taken by or on behalfnot-the Agency in good faith with respect to the project.

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13. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges it has received the Agency's [Construction Wage] Palicy attached hereto as Schedule B and agrees to comply with the same.

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14. The Applicant hereby agrees to comply with Section 875 of the General Municipal Law. The Company further agrees that the financial assistance granted to the project by the Agency is subject to recapture pursuant to Section 875 of the Act and the Agency's [Recapture and Termination] Policy, attached hereto as <u>Schedule C</u>.

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