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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (the “**Hearing**”) will be held by the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency on the 24th day of October, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at 40 N. Ocean Avenue, Village of Freeport, Town of Hempstead, New York, in connection with the following matters:

159 Hanse Development LLC, a New York limited liability company, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of 159 Hanse Development LLC and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the “**Company**”), and Natural Foods, Inc., a New York business corporation, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Natural Foods, Inc. and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the “**Sublessee**”), previously submitted an application for financial assistance (the “**Application**”) to the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the “**Agency**”) to enter into a transaction in which the Agency will assist in the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 2.3 acre parcel of land located at 159 Hanse Avenue, Village of Freeport, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (the “**Land**”), the renovation of the approximately 67,307 square foot building located on the Land (the “**Improvements**”), and the acquisition of certain fixtures, equipment and personal property necessary for the completion thereof (the “**Equipment**”; and together with the Land and the Improvements, the “**Facility**”), which Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further sub-subleased by the Company to the Sublessee to be used by the Sublessee as a production and distribution facility in its food and beverage business and for related office space (the “**Project**”). The Facility is owned, operated and/or managed by the Company.

The Company and the Sublessee have requested and the Agency contemplates that it would provide additional financial assistance to the Company and the Sublessee in the form of an increased exemption from sales and use taxes.

A representative of the Agency will, at the above-stated time and place, hear and accept oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the additional financial assistance requested by the Company and the Sublessee. Comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically prior to or during the Hearing by e-mailing them to idamail@hempsteadny.gov. Minutes of the Hearing will be transcribed and posted on the Agency’s website.

Members of the public have the opportunity to review the application for financial assistance filed by the Company and the Sublessee with the Agency and an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed Project, which can be found on the Agency’s website at www.tohida.org.

The Agency anticipates that the members of the Agency will consider a resolution to approve the additional financial assistance requested by the Company and the Sublessee at the Agency’s Board Meeting (the “**Board Meeting**”) to be held on November 19th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. local time, at Town of Hempstead Town Hall, Town Hall Courtroom, 350 Front Street, Hempstead, New York 11550.

Dated: October 5th, 2024

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD INDUSTRIAL

DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Frederick E. Parola

Title: Chief Executive Officer