

## **USE OF PROCEEDS CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned **Finance Officer** of **Name of Client** (the “Borrower”), is among the Borrower’s officers charged with responsibility for the Borrower’s entering into a Financing Agreement dated as of **Closing Date** (the “Agreement”), with Truist Bank (“Lender”). This Certificate is delivered as part of the official record of the proceedings for the delivery of the Agreement, as contemplated by Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-2(b)(2). I am executing and delivering this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower to set forth in good faith the Borrower’s reasonable expectations concerning the use and investment of financing proceeds and other related matters, in order to assure that interest on the Obligations (as defined below) will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. I understand that I have an obligation to make the representations in this Certificate both correct and complete.

All capitalized terms used in this Certificate and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to such terms under the Treasury Regulations applicable to tax-exempt bonds.

### **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

1. The Borrower is executing and delivering the Agreement today to provide funds to finance the **[acquisition, installation]** of the equipment set forth in the Agreement (the “Equipment”), and to pay certain financing costs. Lender will advance funds for the Equipment to the Borrower pursuant to the Agreement. Lender is entering into the Agreement for its own account with no current intention of reselling its rights under the Agreement or any interest therein, except that Lender may make an assignment of payment rights to an affiliate, in whole, at par and without recourse.

### **PROCEEDS; PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS**

2. (a) In accordance with the Agreement, Lender will advance on behalf of the Borrower the amount of **\$Amount** (the “Proceeds”) **[by making a deposit into a Project Fund created pursuant to the Agreement]**.

(b) Under the Agreement, the Borrower is obligated to pay Installment Payments (as defined in the Agreement) on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the Agreement (the Borrower’s obligations to pay Installment Payments are referred to in this Certificate as the “Obligations”), subject to prepayment as provided in the Agreement.

(c) The Installment Payments reflect the repayment of the Proceeds and include a designated interest component corresponding to an annual interest rate as set forth in the Agreement. The Borrower does not expect to prepay any of the Obligations prior to the scheduled payment dates.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS; REIMBURSEMENT**

3. (a) All of the Proceeds and all investment earnings thereon will be used to pay Project Costs, including costs incurred in connection with the execution and delivery of the Agreement and interest on the Obligations during the construction period.

(b) All of such costs will be incurred and expenditures made subsequent to today, except for reimbursement to the Borrower for (i) amounts (A) paid by the Borrower not more than 60 days prior to the Borrower's declaration of its official intent to reimburse itself for such expenditure, and (B) paid by the Borrower within 18 months of the later of (1) the date the original expenditure was paid, or (2) the date the project to which such expenditure relates was placed into service (but in no event more than three years after the original expenditure was paid); (ii) amounts representing preliminary expenditures such as engineering, design and similar preliminary expenses, as well as any legal, accounting, or other professional fees incurred in connection with the Borrower's entering into the Agreement and related transactions, in an aggregate amount not exceeding 20% of the principal amount of the Obligations, or (iii) an amount not exceeding the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% percent of the Proceeds.

(c) All of the costs to be paid or reimbursed from Proceeds will be Capital Expenditures, and none will be Working Capital Expenditures. No portion of the Gross Proceeds will be used, directly or indirectly, to make or finance loans to two or more ultimate borrowers.

### **QUALIFICATION FOR TEMPORARY PERIOD**

4. **Acquisition, Installment** of the Equipment will begin, or did begin, on or about \_\_\_\_\_. **Acquisition, Installment** of the Equipment will proceed with due diligence, and the Equipment will be placed in service beginning on or about \_\_\_\_\_. Within six months of today (if it has not already done so), the Borrower will enter into substantial binding obligations to third parties to spend Proceeds on Project Costs that are Capital Expenditures in an amount exceeding 5% of the amount financed. The Borrower estimates that all the Proceeds and all the investment earnings thereon will be fully expended within \_\_\_\_\_ months from today.

### **INVESTMENT PROCEEDS**

5. (a) Any earnings or net profit derived from the investment of the Proceeds will be used to pay additional Project Costs or interest on the Obligations not later than the date that is the later of (i) three years from today or (ii) twelve months from the date of the receipt of such earnings.

(b) After the date that is three years from today, the Borrower will not invest any of the Gross Proceeds at a Yield in excess of the Yield on the Obligations.

(c) No investment will be acquired or disposed of at a cost or price that exceeds its Fair Market Value as of the acquisition date, or which is less than its Fair Market Value as of the disposition date. No portion will be invested in any investment as to which the economic return is substantially guaranteed for more than three years.

(d) No portion of the Gross Proceeds will be used, directly or indirectly, to replace funds that the Borrower used (directly or indirectly) to acquire securities or obligations producing (or expected to produce) a Yield higher than the Yield on the Obligations.

## **NO OVER-ISSUANCE OR EXCESSIVE MATURITY**

6. (a) The sum of the Proceeds and the reasonably expected investment earnings thereon does not exceed the amount reasonably expected to be required to pay Project Costs, including interest on the Obligations during construction and financing costs.

(b) The term of the Obligations is not longer than reasonably necessary for the governmental purposes thereof, and is not longer than the expected remaining useful life of the Equipment.

(c) In connection with the issuance of the Obligations, the Borrower has not utilized any device (not described in this Certificate) which attempts to circumvent the restrictions of the Code to exploit the difference between tax-exempt and taxable interest rates to obtain a material financial advantage. The Borrower has not attempted to increase improperly the burden on the market for tax-exempt securities (for example, by selling its obligations in larger amounts or with longer maturities, or selling them sooner, than would otherwise be necessary).

## **COMPLIANCE WITH REBATE REQUIREMENT**

7. In the Agreement, the Borrower has agreed to comply with provisions of the Code which in some circumstances require the Borrower to pay some of its investment earnings to the United States, as provided in Code Section 148.

## **PRIVATE ACTIVITY TESTS**

8. No payment on the Obligations is secured by property to be used in any private business (meaning any trade or business carried on by any person, including the federal government, that is not a state or local government, but excluding uses by any person as a member of the general public). None of the Proceeds are to be used for any such private business use. The Borrower has no leases, management contracts or other agreements with private entities or the federal government for either (a) management or operation of the Equipment, or (b) the use of designated portions of the Equipment.

## **QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS Remove this section for NBQ transactions and renumber!**

9. (a) For the reasons set forth in Section 8 above, none of the Obligations are “private activity bonds” within the meaning of Code Section 141. The aggregate amount of tax-exempt obligations, including the Obligations, issued and reasonably expected as of today to be issued in the current calendar year by (i) the Borrower, (ii) all entities on behalf of which the Borrower issues tax-exempt obligations, (iii) all governmental units that are “subordinate” to the Borrower, within the meaning of Code Section 265(b)(3), and (iv) all entities that issue tax-exempt obligations on behalf of the same such entities, does not exceed \$10,000,000. The Borrower has no reason to believe that the Borrower and such other entities will issue tax-exempt obligations in the current calendar year in an aggregate amount that will exceed such \$10,000,000 limit.

(b) In making the statements in subparagraph (a) above, I have taken into account (i)

all the Borrower's departments and agencies and (ii) all political subdivisions or other entities (x) which have the power to borrow money or enter into contracts and (y) of which the Borrower is a member or over which it has legal or practical control. For all of such entities, I have taken into account all bonds, bond anticipation notes, installment or lease-purchase contracts and all other obligations to pay money (excluding only current accounts payable and private activity bonds) issued or to be issued or contracted by such entities in the current calendar year. I have not included any private activity bonds or any refunding obligations excluded from the annual \$10,000,000 calculation by Code Section 265(b)(3).

(c) The Borrower designates each of the Installment Payments under the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of the Code.

### **INVESTED SINKING FUNDS**

10. There are no funds (a) to be held under the Agreement or (b) which are pledged as security for the Obligations (including by way of negative pledges), or which will be used to pay the Obligations, or which could be reasonably be expected to be available to pay the Obligations if the Borrower were to encounter financial difficulty, [other than the Project Fund referenced above]. The Borrower will pay the Obligations from its general funds, with there being no obligation (or expectation) on the part of the Borrower or any other entity to segregate or identify any particular funds or accounts for the payment of or security for the Obligations.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

11. (a) No substantial part of the Equipment will be sold, no arrangement has been or will be entered into with respect to the Equipment that would be treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes, and the Borrower expects to use the Equipment for their currently-intended purpose at least until the stated date for final payment of the Obligations, in all cases other than such insubstantial portions as may be disposed of in the ordinary course of business due to normal wear or obsolescence.

(b) There are no other tax-exempt bonds, notes or obligations of the Borrower which (1) were or will be sold within 15 days of the date the Agreement was entered into, (2) were or will be sold pursuant to a plan of financing common with the plan of financing for the Agreement, and (3) are reasonably expected to be paid from substantially the same source of funds as the Agreement.

(c) None of the Proceeds will be used to make any payment on any other Borrower obligation that was contracted in the exercise of the Borrower's borrowing power.

(d) No portion of the Obligations is Federally Guaranteed.

(e) The Borrower will cooperate with Lender in preparing, executing, and filing in a timely manner IRS Form 8038 and such other reports and documents as may be required in order for the interest on the Obligations to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

**REASONABLENESS; BINDING EFFECT**

12. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the expectations set forth above are reasonable and the statements set forth above are correct. The Borrower's covenants made as described in this Certificate are intended as binding covenants of the Borrower.

WITNESS my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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[Finance Officer]  
[Name of Client]