

FEE AGREEMENT

Between

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

and

PROJECT GRO

Dated as of September 18, 2012

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FEE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE §12-44-55(A)

The parties have agreed to waive this requirement pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 12-44-55(B), to the extent that and so long as the Company faithfully complies with Section 3.3, hereof.

## FEE AGREEMENT

THIS FEE AGREEMENT (the “Fee Agreement”) is made and entered into as of September 18, 2012 by and between GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the “County”), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the “State”), acting by and through the Greenville County Council (the “County Council”) as the governing body of the County, and PROJECT GRO, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the “Company”).

### RECITALS

1. Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the “Act”) authorizes the County (*i*) to induce industries to locate in the State; (*ii*) to encourage industries now located in the State to expand their investments and thus make use of and employ manpower, products, and other resources of the State; (*iii*) to enter into a fee agreement with entities meeting the requirements of such Act, which identifies certain property of such entities as economic development property; and (*iv*) to authorize certain special source credits (the “Infrastructure Credits,” as defined herein) against taxes or payments in lieu of taxes to reimburse such entities for economic development infrastructure serving the economic development needs of the County and the State and improved and unimproved real estate and personal property including machinery and equipment used in the operation of a manufacturing or commercial enterprise.

2. Pursuant to Section 12-44-40(I)(1) of the Act, the County finds that: (a) the Project (as defined herein) is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; (b) the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality and to no charge against its general credit or taxing power; (c) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (d) the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

3. The County Council has evaluated the Project based on all relevant criteria that include, but are not limited to, the purposes the Project is to accomplish, the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment, and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County.

4. An Ordinance that the County Council adopted contemporaneously with the date of this Fee Agreement (the “Fee Ordinance”) authorizes the County and the Company to enter into a Fee Agreement that classifies the Project as Economic Development Property under the Act and provides for the payment of fees in lieu of taxes and the use by the Company of certain Infrastructure Credits, all as further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 The terms that this section defines shall for all purposes of this Fee Agreement have the meanings herein specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Act” shall mean Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and all future acts successor or supplemental thereto or amendatory thereof.

“Act Minimum Investment Requirement” shall mean an investment of at least \$2,500,000 by the Company and, only to the extent allowed by law, any Sponsors and Sponsor Affiliates of property eligible as economic development property under the Act, provided, however, that in the event of a reduction of the minimum investment level in Section 12-44-30(14) or any successor section by legislative action, then the Act Minimum Investment Requirement shall equal such reduced amount.

“Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement” shall mean an investment of at least \$20,000,000 by the Company and any Sponsors and Sponsor Affiliates of property eligible as economic development property under the Act.

“Commencement Date” shall mean the last day of the property tax year during which the Project or the first Phase thereof is placed in service, which date must not be later than the last day of the property tax year which is three years from the year in which the County and the Company enter into this Fee Agreement.

“Company” shall mean Project Gro and any surviving, resulting, or transferee entity in any merger, consolidation, or transfer of assets; or any other person or entity which may succeed to the rights and duties of the Company.

“County” shall mean Greenville County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, its successors and assigns, acting by and through the County Council as the governing body of the County.

“County Council” shall mean the Greenville County Council, the governing body of the County.

“Department” or “SCDOR” shall mean the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

“Diminution in Value” in respect of the Project or any Phase of the Project shall mean any reduction in the value using the original fair market value (without regard to depreciation) as determined in Step 1 of Section 4.1(a) of this Fee Agreement, of the items which constitute a part of the Project or such Phase and which are subject to FILOT payments which may be caused by (i) the Company’s removal and/or disposal of equipment pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Fee Agreement; (ii) a casualty to the Project, such Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.7 of this Fee Agreement; or (iii) a condemnation of the Project, such Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.8 of this Fee Agreement.

“Economic Development Property” shall mean those items of real and tangible personal property of the Project which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property under the Act, selected and identified by the Company in its annual filing of a SCDOR PT-300S or comparable form with the Department (as such filing may be amended from time to time) for each year within the Investment Period.

“Equipment” shall mean all of the machinery, equipment, furniture, office equipment, and fixtures, together with any and all additions, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor used or to be used in the County by the Company for the purposes described in Section 2.2(b) hereof, provided, however, that repairs, alterations, or modifications to personal property which is not economic development property or property subject to a fee in lieu of taxes prior to this Fee Agreement, are not eligible to become Economic Development Property, except for modifications which constitute an expansion of existing real property improvements.

“Event of Default” shall mean any event of default specified in Section 5.1 of this Fee Agreement.

“Exemption Period” shall mean the period beginning on the first day of the property tax year after the property tax year in which an applicable piece of Economic Development Property is placed in service and ending on the Termination Date. In case there are Phases of the Project, the Exemption Period applies to each year’s investment made during the Investment Period.

“Fee,” “Fee in Lieu of Taxes,” “FILOT,” or “Payments in Lieu of Taxes” shall mean the amount paid or to be paid in lieu of *ad valorem* property taxes as provided herein.

“Fee Agreement” shall mean this Fee Agreement.

“Fee Term” shall mean the period from the date of this Fee Agreement until the Termination Date.

“FILOT Minimum Investment Requirement” shall mean an investment of at least \$10,000,000 by the Company and any Sponsors and Sponsor Affiliates of property eligible as economic development property under the Act.

“Improvements” shall mean all improvements to the Real Property, including buildings, building additions, roads, sewer lines, and infrastructure, together with any and all additions, fixtures, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor used or to be used in the County for the purposes described in Section 2.2(b) hereof; provided, however, that repairs, alterations, or modifications to real property which is not economic development property or property subject to a fee in lieu of taxes prior to this Fee Agreement, are not eligible to become Economic Development Property, except for modifications which constitute an expansion of existing real property improvements.

“Industrial Development Park” shall mean an industrial or business park created pursuant to the MCIP Act.

“Infrastructure” shall mean infrastructure serving the Project, including the Improvements, to the extent that the MCIP Act permits, provided that Infrastructure shall first be

deemed to include real property and infrastructure improvements prior to including any personal property, notwithstanding any presumptions to the contrary in the Act or otherwise.

“Infrastructure Credit” shall mean the annual infrastructure credit provided to the Company pursuant to the MCIP Act and Section 4.1(c) hereof, with respect to the Infrastructure.

“Investment Period” shall mean the period beginning with the first day of any purchase or acquisition of Economic Development Property and ending five years after the Commencement Date, provided that the Company and the County may agree, in writing, to a later date pursuant to Section 12-44-30(13) of the Act.

“MCIP Act” shall mean Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, Sections 4-1-170, 4-1-172, and 4-1-175 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and Section 4-29-68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

“Phase” or “Phases” in respect of the Project shall mean that the Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property of the Project are placed in service during more than one year in the Investment Period, and the word “Phase” shall therefore refer to the applicable portion of the Project placed in service in a given year in the Investment Period.

“Project” shall mean all the Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property located on the Real Property in the County and that the Company determines to be necessary, suitable, or useful for the purposes that Section 2.2(b) describes, and first placed in service in calendar year 2012 or thereafter. The Project shall not include existing buildings and improvements on the Real Property, as of the date of the commencement of the Project by the Company, and any machinery and equipment which have previously been subject to South Carolina *ad valorem* taxation, except as expressly permitted by Section 12-44-110 of the Act.

“Real Property” shall mean real property that the Company uses or will use in the County for the purposes that Section 2.2(b) describes, and generally located on the land identified on Exhibit A hereto, together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way incident or appertaining thereto.

“Removed Components” shall mean the following types of components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which are subject to FILOT payments, all of which the Company shall be entitled to remove from the Project with the result that the same shall no longer be subject to the terms of the Fee Agreement: (a) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Company, in its sole discretion, determines to be inadequate, obsolete, worn-out, uneconomic, damaged, unsuitable, undesirable, or unnecessary pursuant to Section 4.6 hereof or otherwise; or (b) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Company in its sole discretion, elects to be treated as removed pursuant to Section 4.7(c) or Section 4.8(b)(iii) of this Fee Agreement.

“Replacement Property” shall mean any property which is placed in service as a replacement for any item of Equipment, any Improvement, or any Real Property previously subject to this Fee Agreement regardless of whether such property serves the same functions as

the property it is replacing and regardless of whether more than one piece of property replaces any item of Equipment, any Improvement, or any Real Property, to the fullest extent that the Act permits.

“Sponsor” shall mean an entity that joins with or is an affiliate of, the Company and that participates in the investment in, or financing of, the Project and which meets the requirements under the Act to be entitled to the benefits of this Fee Agreement with respect to its participation in the Project.

“Termination Date” shall mean in case the entire Project is placed in service in one year, the end of the last day of the property tax year which is the 19th year following the first property tax year in which the entire Project is placed in service, or in case there are Phases of the Project, the Termination Date shall mean with respect to each Phase of the Project the end of the last day of the property tax year which is the 19th year following the first property tax year in which such Phase of the Project is placed in service, provided, that the intention of the parties is that the Company will make at least 20 annual FILOT payments under Article IV hereof with respect to each Phase of the Project and provided further, that if this Fee Agreement is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof, the Termination Date is the date of such termination.

Section 1.2 Any reference to any agreement or document in this Article I or otherwise in this Fee Agreement shall include any and all amendments, supplements, addenda, and modifications to such agreement or document.

Section 1.3 The term “investment” or “invest” as used herein shall include not only investments made by the Company, but also to the fullest extent permitted by law, those investments made by or for the benefit of the Company in connection with the Project through federal, state, or local grants, to the extent such investments are subject to *ad valorem* taxes or FILOT payments by the Company.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND AGREEMENTS**

Section 2.1 Representations, Warranties, and Agreements of the County. The County hereby represents, warrants, and agrees as follows:

(a) The County is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State and acts through the County Council as its governing body. The Act authorizes and empowers the County to enter into the transactions that this Fee Agreement contemplates and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The County has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement and any and all other agreements described herein or therein and has obtained all consents from third parties and taken all actions necessary or that the law requires to fulfill its obligations hereunder.

(b) Based upon representations by the Company, the Project constitutes a “project” within the meaning of the Act, and the County is a County that the Act authorizes to enter into fee in lieu of tax agreements with companies that satisfy the Act Minimum Investment Requirement within the County.

(c) The County has agreed that each item of real and tangible personal property comprising the Project which is eligible to be economic development property under the Act and that the Company selects shall be considered Economic Development Property and is thereby exempt from *ad valorem* taxation in South Carolina.

(d) The millage rate in Section 4.1 hereof is the millage rate in effect with respect to the location of the proposed Project on June 30, 2012, as provided under Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d) of the Act, which the Parties hereto believe to be 287.1 mils.

(e) The County will not be in default in any of its obligations (contractual or otherwise), including any violation of its statutory debt limit, as a result of entering into and performing under this Fee Agreement and/or as a result of creating an Industrial Development Park encompassing the Project.

(f) The County will take all reasonable action to include the Project in an Industrial Development Park, at least for the duration of the Infrastructure Credits.

Section 2.2 Representations, Warranties, and Agreements of the Company. The Company hereby represents, warrants, and agrees as follows:

(a) The Company is in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is duly authorized to transact business in the State of South Carolina, has power to enter into this Fee Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement.

(b) The Company intends to operate the Project as a “project” within the meaning of the Act as in effect on the date hereof. The Company intends to operate the Project as a manufacturing facility, and for such other purposes that the Act permits as the Company may deem appropriate.

(c) The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that its investment in Economic Development Property of the Project will exceed the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT**

Section 3.1 The Project. The Company intends to invest in Equipment, Improvements, and/or Real Property, which together comprise the Project and which are anticipated to create at least the Act Minimum Investment Requirement in eligible Economic Development Property investment subject to Payments in Lieu of Taxes in the County.

The parties hereto agree that, to the extent that applicable law allows or is revised or construed to allow the benefits of the Act, in the form of FILOT Payments to be made under Article IV hereof, to be applicable to leased assets including, but not limited to a building and/or personal property to be installed in the buildings and leased to but not purchased by the Company from one or more Sponsors under any form of lease, then such property shall, at the election of the Company, be subject to FILOT Payments to the same extent as the Company’s



assets covered by this Fee Agreement, subject, at all times, to the requirement of such applicable law. The parties hereto further agree that this Fee Agreement may be interpreted or modified as may be necessary or appropriate in order to give proper application of this Fee Agreement to such tangible property without such construction or modification constituting an amendment to this Fee Agreement, and thus not requiring any additional action by the County Council. The County Administrator, after consulting with the County Attorney, shall be and hereby is authorized to make such modifications, if any, as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith. In such event, and only in such event, such leased property shall constitute a part of the Project for all purposes of this Fee Agreement, including, without limitation, as to removal, replacement, and termination, and such Sponsor shall be deemed to be a party to this Fee Agreement, only to the extent allowed by law.

Pursuant to the Act and subject to Section 4.2 hereof, the Company and the County hereby agree that the Company shall identify annually those assets which are eligible for FILOT payments under the Act and which the Company selects for such treatment by listing such assets in its annual PT-300S form (or comparable form) to be filed with the Department (as such may be amended from time to time) and that by listing such assets, such assets shall automatically become Economic Development Property and therefore be exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation during the Exemption Period. Anything contained in this Fee Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated to complete the acquisition of the Project. However, if the Company does not meet the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement, or the FILOT Minimum Investment Requirement, the provisions of Section 4.2 hereof shall apply.

Section 3.2 Diligent Completion. The Company agrees to use its reasonable efforts to cause the completion of the Project as soon as practicable, but in any event on or prior to the end of the Investment Period.

Section 3.3 Filings and Reports.

(a) Each year during the term of the Fee Agreement, the Company shall deliver to the County, the County Auditor, the County Assessor, and the County Treasurer, a copy of its most recent annual filings with the Department with respect to the Project, not later than 30 days following delivery thereof to the Department.

(b) The Company shall cause the filing of a copy of this Fee Agreement, as well as a copy of the completed Form PT-443 of the Department, to be filed with the County Auditor and the County Assessor of the County and any partner county, when the Project is placed in a joint county industrial and business park, and the Department within 30 days after the date of execution and delivery hereof by all parties hereto.

## ARTICLE IV

### PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

#### Section 4.1    Negotiated Payments.

(a) Pursuant to Section 12-44-50 of the Act, the Company is required to make payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes to the County with respect to the Economic Development Property. Inasmuch as the Company anticipates an initial investment of sums sufficient for the Project to qualify for a fee in lieu of tax arrangement under Section 12-44-50(A)(1) of the Act, the County and the Company have negotiated the amount of the FILOT Payments in accordance therewith. The Company shall make FILOT Payments on all Economic Development Property which comprises the Project and is placed in service, as follows: the Company shall make FILOT Payments during the Exemption Period with respect to the Economic Development Property or, if there are Phases of the Economic Development Property, with respect to each Phase of the Economic Development Property, said payments to be made annually and to be due and payable and subject to penalty assessments on the same dates and in the same manner as prescribed by the County for *ad valorem* taxes. The determination of the amount of such annual FILOT Payments shall be in accordance with the following procedure (subject, in any event, to the procedures that the Act requires):

Step 1: Determine the fair market value of the Economic Development Property (or Phase of the Economic Development Property) placed in service during the Exemption Period using original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any Real Property and Improvements without regard to depreciation (provided, the fair market value of real property, as the Act defines such term, that the Company obtains by construction or purchase in an arms length transaction is equal to the original income tax basis, and otherwise, the determination of the fair market value is by appraisal) and original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any personal property less depreciation for each year allowable for property tax purposes, except that no extraordinary obsolescence shall be allowable. The fair market value of the Real Property for the first year of the Fee Term remains the fair market value of the Real Property for the life of the Fee Term. The determination of these values shall take into account all applicable property tax exemptions that State law would allow to the Company if the property were taxable, except those exemptions that Section 12-44-50(A)(2) of the Act specifically disallows.

Step 2: Apply an assessment ratio of six percent (6%) to the fair market value in Step 1 to establish the taxable value of the Economic Development Property (or each Phase of the Economic Development Property) in the year it is placed in service and in each of the 19 years thereafter or such longer period of years in which the Act permits the Company to make annual fee payments, if the County agrees in writing to such longer period of years.

Step 3: Use a fixed millage rate equal to the millage rate in effect on June 30, 2012, which the Parties hereto believe to be 287.1 mills, as Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d) of the Act provides, during the Exemption Period against the taxable value to determine the amount of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes due during the Exemption Period on the payment dates that the County prescribes for such payments or such longer period of years in which the Act permits the Company to make annual fee payments.

(b) The FILOT Payments shall be in lieu of all *ad valorem* tax payments and any other charges that would have appeared on the property tax bills otherwise generated by the County for the Economic Development Property in the absence of this Fee Agreement.

In the event that a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction or an agreement of the parties determines that the calculation of the minimum FILOT Payment applicable to this transaction is to be other than by the procedure herein, the payment shall be reset at the minimum permitted level so determined, but never lower than the level prescribed herein.

In the event that a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction from which no further appeal is allowable declares the Act and/or the herein-described Payments in Lieu of Taxes invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason, the parties express their intentions to reform such payments so as to effectuate most closely the intent hereof and so as to afford the Company with the benefits to be derived herefrom, the intention of the County being to offer the Company a strong inducement to locate the Project in the County. If the Economic Development Property is deemed to be subject to *ad valorem* taxation, this Fee Agreement shall terminate, and the Company shall pay the County regular *ad valorem* taxes from the date of termination, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions which are afforded to the Company. Any amount determined to be due and owing to the County from the Company, with respect to a year or years for which the Company previously remitted Payments in Lieu of Taxes to the County hereunder, shall (i) take into account all applicable tax exemptions to which the Company would be entitled if the Economic Development Property was not and had not been Economic Development Property under the Act; and (ii) be reduced by the total amount of Payments in Lieu of Taxes the Company had made with respect to the Project pursuant to the terms hereof. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary and except as required by law, neither the Company nor any successor in title or interest shall be required to pay FILOT payments and *ad valorem* taxes for the same property over the same period in question.

(c) The County agrees that all qualifying capital expenses of the Company during the Investment Period (pursuant to the MCIP Act) shall qualify for a ten-consecutive year, 20% Infrastructure Credit. The Company shall receive an annual credit in an amount equal to 20% of the FILOT revenues for the Project to offset the aggregate Infrastructure costs incurred. The Infrastructure Credit shall be applied as a setoff against the FILOT owed for the then current year. The Infrastructure Credit will never exceed the actual Infrastructure costs, in the aggregate.

Section 4.2 Failure to Achieve Act Minimum Investment Requirement; FILOT Minimum Investment Requirement; Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement.

(a) In the event that the cost of the Economic Development Property (without regard to depreciation) that the Company acquires does not reach the Act Minimum Investment Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, this Fee Agreement shall terminate as to such entity failing to meet the minimum investment level. In such event, the Company shall pay the County an amount (the “Additional Payment”) pursuant to the Act which is equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the total amount of *ad valorem* taxes as would result from taxes levied on the Project by the County, municipality or municipalities, school district or school districts, and other political units as if the items of property comprising the Economic Development Property were not Economic Development Property, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions and abatements to which the Company would be entitled in such a case, through and including the end of the Investment Period, but without the Infrastructure Credits, over (ii) the total amount of FILOT payments, including with the application of Infrastructure Credits, that the Company has made with respect to the Economic Development Property through and including the end of the Investment Period. Any amounts determined to be owing pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be subject to the interest that the Act may require.

(b) In the event that the cost of the Economic Development Property (without regard to depreciation) that the Company acquires does not reach the FILOT Minimum Investment Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, this Fee Agreement shall terminate. In such event, the Company shall pay the County an Additional Amount calculated in the same manner prescribed in subsection (a) above.

(c) In the event that the cost of the Economic Development Property (without regard to depreciation) that the Company acquires does not reach the Clawback Minimum Investment Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, the Infrastructure Credits shall be adjusted as follows:

(i) If the Company fails to acquire at least \$15,000,000 in Economic Development Property by the end of the Investment Period, the Infrastructure Credits shall terminate, both prospectively and retroactively, and the Company shall be required to repay to the County the total amount of Infrastructure Credits received, together with interest at the statutory rate applicable to the late payment of property taxes.

(ii) If the Company acquires at least \$15,000,000 in Economic Development Property by the end of the Investment Period but less than \$20,000,000, the Infrastructure Credits for years 6 through 10 will be adjusted by a prorated amount of the investment achieved as a percentage of \$20,000,000. For example, and by way of example only, if the Company achieved an investment of \$15,000,000 in Economic Development Property by the end of the Investment Period, the Infrastructure Credits for years 6 through 10 would be 75% ( $\$15,000,000/\$20,000,000$ ) of the original credit percentage of 20%, and the Infrastructure Credits for years 6 through 10 would therefore be 15% per year.

(iii) The investment level for purposes of this Section 4.2 shall be the maximum investment achieved by the Company at any given point in time (and not the cumulative investment over all periods of time) during the Investment Period and shall only include property that is taxable under general principles applicable for *ad valorem* tax purposes under South Carolina law (i.e., pollution control equipment would not be included for such calculations).

(d) The remedies stated herein shall be the County's sole remedies for the Company's failure to meet any required investment or job creation level.

Section 4.3 Payments in Lieu of Taxes on Replacement Property. If the Company elects to replace any Removed Components and to substitute such Removed Components with Replacement Property as a part of the Economic Development Property, or the Company otherwise utilizes Replacement Property, then, pursuant and subject to Section 12-44-60 of the Act, the Company shall make statutory payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with regard to such Replacement Property in accordance with the following:

(i) Replacement Property does not have to serve the same function as the Economic Development Property it is replacing. Replacement Property is deemed to replace the oldest Economic Development Property subject to the Fee, whether real or personal, which is disposed of in the same property tax year in which the Replacement Property is placed in service. Replacement Property qualifies as Economic Development Property only to the extent of the original income tax basis of Economic Development Property which is being disposed of in the same property tax year. More than one piece of property can replace a single piece of Economic Development Property. To the extent that the income tax basis of the Replacement Property exceeds the original income tax basis of the Economic Development Property which it is replacing, the excess amount is subject to annual payments calculated as if the exemption for Economic Development Property were not allowable. Replacement Property is entitled to treatment under the Fee Agreement for the period of time remaining during the Exemption Period for the Economic Development Property which it is replacing; and

(ii) The new Replacement Property which qualifies for the Fee shall be recorded using its income tax basis, and the calculation of the Fee shall utilize the millage rate and assessment ratio in effect with regard to the original property subject to the Fee.

Section 4.4 Reductions in Payments of Taxes Upon Removal, Condemnation, or Casualty. In the event of a Diminution in Value of the Economic Development Property or any Phase of the Economic Development Property, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes with regard to the Economic Development Property or that Phase of the Economic Development Property shall be reduced in the same proportion as the amount of such Diminution in Value bears to the original fair market value of the Economic Development Property or that Phase of the Economic

Development Property as determined pursuant to Step 1 of Section 4.1(a) hereof; *provided, however*, that if at any time subsequent to the end of the Investment Period, the total value of the Project based on the original income tax basis of the Equipment, Real Property, and Improvements contained therein, without deduction for depreciation, is less than the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, beginning with the first payment thereafter due hereunder and continuing until the end of the Fee Term, the Company shall no longer be entitled to the incentive provided in Section 4.1, and the Company shall therefore commence to pay regular *ad valorem* taxes on the Economic Development Property part of the Project. However, the Company will not be required to make any retroactive payment such as the Additional Payment under Section 4.2.

Section 4.5 Place of Payments in Lieu of Taxes. The Company shall make the above-described Payments in Lieu of Taxes directly to the County in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4.6 Removal of Economic Development Property. Subject, always, to the other terms and provisions hereof, the Company shall be entitled to remove and dispose of components or Phases of the Project from the Project in its sole discretion with the result that said components or Phases shall no longer be considered a part of the Project and, to the extent such constitute Economic Development Property, shall no longer be subject to the terms of this Fee Agreement to the fullest extent allowed by the Act, as amended. Economic Development Property is disposed of only when it is scrapped or sold or it is removed from the Project. If it is removed from the Project, it is subject to *ad valorem* property taxes to the extent the Property remains in the State and is otherwise subject to *ad valorem* property taxes.

Section 4.7 Damage or Destruction of Economic Development Property.

(a) Election to Terminate. In the event the Economic Development Property is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, the Company shall be entitled to terminate this Fee Agreement. The Company shall only be required to make FILOT payments as to all or any part of the tax year in which the damage or casualty occurs to the extent property subject to *ad valorem* taxes would otherwise have been subject to such taxes under the same circumstances for the period in question, to the extent allowed by law.

(b) Election to Rebuild. In the event the Economic Development Property is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, and if the Company does not elect to terminate this Fee Agreement, the Company may commence to restore the Economic Development Property with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Economic Development Property, changes, alterations, and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as may be desired by the Company. All such restorations and replacements shall be considered, to the fullest extent permitted by law and this Fee Agreement, substitutions of the destroyed portions of the Economic Development Property and shall be considered part of the Economic Development Property for all purposes hereof, including, but not limited to, any amounts due by the Company to the County under Section 4.1 hereof.

(c) Election to Remove. In the event the Company elects not to terminate this Fee Agreement pursuant to subsection (a) and elects not to rebuild pursuant to subsection (b), the

damaged portions of the Economic Development Property shall be treated as Removed Components.

Section 4.8    Condemnation.

(a)    Complete Taking. If at any time during the Fee Term title to or temporary use of the Economic Development Property should become vested in a public or quasi-public authority by virtue of the exercise of a taking by condemnation, inverse condemnation, or the right of eminent domain; by voluntary transfer under threat of such taking; or by a taking of title to a portion of the Economic Development Property which renders continued use or occupancy of the Economic Development Property commercially unfeasible in the judgment of the Company, the Company shall have the option to terminate this Fee Agreement by sending written notice to the County within a reasonable period of time following such vesting.

(b)    Partial Taking. In the event of a partial taking of the Economic Development Property or a transfer in lieu thereof, the Company may elect: (i) to terminate this Fee Agreement; (ii) subject to the Act and the terms and provisions of this Fee Agreement, to repair and restore the Economic Development Property, with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Economic Development Property, changes, alterations, and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as the Company may desire, and all such changes, alterations, and modifications shall be considered as substitutions of the taken parts of the Economic Development Property; or (iii) to treat the portions of the Economic Development Property so taken as Removed Components.

(c)    The Company shall only be required to make FILOT payments as to all or any part of the tax year in which the taking occurs to the extent property subject to *ad valorem* taxes would otherwise have been subject to such taxes under the same circumstances for the period in question, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 4.9    Confidentiality/Limitation on Access to Project. The County acknowledges and understands that the Company utilizes confidential and proprietary processes and materials, services, equipment, trade secrets, and techniques (herein “Confidential Information”) and that any disclosure of Confidential Information concerning the Company’s operations may result in substantial harm to the Company and could thereby have a significant detrimental impact on the Company’s employees and also upon the County. The Company acknowledges that the County is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, and, as a result, must disclose certain documents and information on request absent an exemption. For these reasons, the Company shall clearly label all Confidential Information it delivers to the County “Confidential Information.” Therefore, the County agrees that, except as required by law, neither the County nor any employee, agent, or contractor of the County shall (i) request or be entitled to receive any such Confidential Information, or (ii) knowingly and intentionally disclose or otherwise divulge any such Confidential Information to any other person, firm, governmental body or agency, or any other entity unless specifically required to do so by law; provided, however, that the County shall have no less rights concerning information relating to the Project and the Company than concerning any other property or property taxpayer in the County, and, provided further, that the confidentiality of such confidential or proprietary information is clearly disclosed to the County in writing as previously described. Prior to

disclosing any clearly identified and marked Confidential Information, subject to the requirements of law, the Company may require the execution of reasonable, individual, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements by any officers, employees, or agents of the County or any supporting or cooperating governmental agencies who would gather, receive, or review such information. In the event that the County is required to disclose any clearly identified and marked Confidential Information obtained from the Company to any third party, the County agrees to provide the Company with as much advance notice as possible of such requirement before making such disclosure, and to cooperate reasonably with any attempts by the Company to obtain judicial or other relief from such disclosure requirement.

Section 4.10 Assignment. If Section 12-44-120 of the Act or any successor provision requires consent to an assignment, the Company may assign this Fee Agreement in whole or in part with the prior written consent of the County or a subsequent written ratification by the County, which consent or ratification the County will not unreasonably withhold. The Company agrees to notify the County and the Department of the identity of such transferee within 60 days of the transfer. In case of a transfer, the transferee assumes the transferor's basis in the Project for purposes of calculating the Fee. No approval is required for transfers to sponsor affiliates or other financing related transfers, as defined in the Act.

Section 4.11 No Double Payment; Future Changes in Legislation.

(a) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, and except as expressly required by law, neither the Company nor any Sponsor shall ever be required to make a Payment in Lieu of Taxes in addition to a regular property tax payment in the same year over the same piece of property, nor shall the Company or any Sponsor be required to make a Payment in Lieu of Taxes on property in cases where, absent this Fee Agreement, property taxes would otherwise not be due on such property.

In case there is any legislation enacted which provides for more favorable treatment for property to qualify as, or for the calculation of the fee related to, Economic Development Property under Sections 4.4, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, or the calculation of the Investment Period, the County agrees to give expedient and full consideration to such legislation, with a view to allow for such more favorable treatment or calculation, in the sole discretion of the County Council then in office.

Section 4.12 Administration Expenses. The Company agrees to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses that the County incurs with respect to the execution and administration of this Fee Agreement, including without limitation reasonable and actual attorneys' fees (the "Administration Expenses"); provided, however, that no such expense shall be an Administration Expense until the County has furnished to the Company a statement in writing indicating the amount of such expense and the reason for its incurrence. As used in this section, "Administration Expenses" shall include the reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the County with respect to: (i) this Fee Agreement; (ii) all other documents related to this Fee Agreement and any related documents; and (iii) the fulfillment of its obligations under this Fee Agreement and any related documents and the implementation and administration of the terms and provisions of the documents after the date of execution thereof, but only as a result of a request by the Company for a modification,



assignment, or a termination of such documents by the Company, or as a result of a bankruptcy of the Company or a default by the Company under the terms of such documents. The Company shall not be required to pay Administrative Expenses in excess of \$5,000.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DEFAULT**

**Section 5.1 Events of Default.** The following shall be “Events of Default” under this Fee Agreement, and the term “Events of Default” shall mean, whenever used with reference to this Fee Agreement, any one or more of the following occurrences:

(a) Failure by the Company to make the Payments in Lieu of Taxes described in Section 4.1 hereof, which failure shall not have been cured within 30 days following receipt of written notice thereof from the County; *provided, however*, that the Company shall be entitled to all redemption rights granted by applicable statutes; or

(b) A representation or warranty made by the Company which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or

(c) Failure by the Company to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder (other than those under (a) above), which failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice from the County to the Company specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the Company shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the Company is diligently pursuing corrective action; or

(d) A representation or warranty made by the County which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or

(e) Failure by the County to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder, which failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice from the Company to the County specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the County shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the County is diligently pursuing corrective action.

### **Section 5.2 Remedies on Default.**

(a) Whenever any Event of Default by the Company shall have occurred and shall be continuing, the County may take any one or more of the following remedial actions:

(i) terminate the Fee Agreement; or

(ii) take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts due hereunder. In no event shall the

Company be liable to the County or otherwise for monetary damages resulting from the Company's failure to meet the Act Minimum Investment Requirement, other than as expressly set forth herein.

(b) Whenever any Event of Default by the County shall have occurred or shall be continuing, the Company may take one or more of the following actions:

- (i) bring an action for specific enforcement;
- (ii) terminate the Fee Agreement;
- (iii) withhold so much of the payment as is in dispute with the County until such dispute is fully and finally resolved; or
- (iv) in case of a materially incorrect representation or warranty, take such action as is appropriate, including legal action, to recover its actual damages, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 5.3 Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Expenses and Other Expenses. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder, should a party be required to employ attorneys or incur other reasonable expenses for the collection of payments due hereunder or for the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation or agreement, the successful party shall be entitled, within 30 days of demand therefor, to reimbursement of the reasonable fees of such attorneys and such other reasonable expenses so incurred.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 6.1 Notices. Any notice, election, demand, request, or other communication to be provided under this Fee Agreement shall be effective when delivered to the party named below or when deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows (or addressed to such other address as any party shall have previously furnished in writing to the other party), except where the terms hereof require receipt rather than sending of any notice, in which case such provision shall control:

#### **IF TO THE COMPANY:**

Project Gro  
Attn: John T. Gramling, III  
PO Box 10  
Gramling, SC 29348

**WITH A COPY TO:**

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.  
Attn: Gary W. Morris  
P.O. Box 11889  
Columbia, SC 29211

**IF TO THE COUNTY:**

Greenville County, South Carolina  
Attn: County Administrator  
County Square, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

Section 6.2 Binding Effect. This Fee Agreement and each document contemplated hereby or related hereto shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company, the County, and their respective successors and assigns. In the event of the dissolution of the County or the consolidation of any part of the County with any other political subdivision or the transfer of any rights of the County to any other such political subdivision, all of the covenants, stipulations, promises, and agreements of this Fee Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors of the County from time to time and any entity, officer, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality to whom or to which any power or duty of the County has been transferred.

Section 6.3 Counterparts. This Fee Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and all of the counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 6.4 Governing Law. This Fee Agreement and all documents executed in connection herewith shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Section 6.5 Headings. The headings of the articles and sections of this Fee Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Fee Agreement.

Section 6.6 Amendments. The provisions of this Fee Agreement may only be modified or amended in writing by any agreement or agreements entered into between the parties.

Section 6.7 Further Assurance. From time to time, and at the expense of the Company, to the extent any expense is incurred, the County agrees to execute and deliver to the Company such additional instruments as the Company may reasonably request and as are authorized by law and reasonably within the purposes and scope of the Act and Fee Agreement to effectuate the purposes of this Fee Agreement.

Section 6.8 Invalidity; Change in Laws. In the event that the inclusion of property as Economic Development Property or any other issue is unclear under this Fee Agreement, the County hereby expresses its intention that the interpretation of this Fee Agreement shall be in a manner that provides for the broadest inclusion of property under the terms of this Fee Agreement and the maximum incentive permissible under the Act, to the extent not inconsistent with any of the explicit terms hereof. If any provision of this Fee Agreement is declared illegal, invalid, or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions hereof shall be unimpaired, and such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision shall be reformed to effectuate most closely the legal, valid, and enforceable intent thereof and so as to afford the Company with the maximum benefits to be derived herefrom, it being the intention of the County to offer the Company a strong inducement, within the provisions of the Act, to locate the Project in the County. In case a change in the Act or South Carolina laws eliminates or reduces any of the restrictions or limitations applicable to the Company and the Fee incentive, the parties agree that the County will give expedient and full consideration to reformation of this Fee Agreement, with a view toward providing the Company with the benefits of such change in the Act or South Carolina laws, in the sole discretion of the County Council then in office.

Section 6.9 Force Majeure. The Company shall not be responsible for any delays or non-performance caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by strikes, accidents, freight embargoes, fires, floods, inability to obtain materials, conditions arising from governmental orders or regulations, war or national emergency, acts of God, and any other cause, similar or dissimilar, beyond the Company's reasonable control.

Section 6.10 Termination by Company. The Company is authorized to terminate this Fee Agreement at any time with respect to all or part of the Project upon providing the County with 30 days' notice; *provided, however*, that (i) any monetary obligations existing hereunder and due and owing at the time of termination to a party hereto; and (ii) any provisions which are intended to survive termination, shall survive such termination. In the year following such termination, all property shall be subject to ad valorem taxation or such other taxation or fee in lieu of taxation that would apply absent this Fee Agreement. The Company's obligation to make fee in lieu of tax payments under this Fee Agreement shall terminate in the year following the year of such termination pursuant to this section.

Section 6.11 Entire Understanding. This Fee Agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements of the parties hereto with each other, and neither party hereto has made or shall be bound by any agreement or any representation to the other party which is not expressly set forth in this Fee Agreement or in certificates delivered in connection with the execution and delivery hereof.

Section 6.12 Waiver. Either party may waive compliance by the other party with any term or condition of this Fee Agreement only in a writing signed by the waiving party.

Section 6.13 Business Day. In the event that any action, payment, or notice is, by the terms of this Fee Agreement, required to be taken, made, or given on any day which is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the jurisdiction in which the person obligated to act is domiciled, such action, payment, or notice may be taken, made, or given on the following

business day with the same effect as if given as required hereby, and no interest shall accrue in the interim.

Section 6.14 Limitation of Liability. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, any financial obligation the County may incur hereunder, including for the payment of money, shall not be deemed to constitute a pecuniary liability or a debt or general obligation of the County; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the Company from enforcing its rights hereunder by suit for *mandamus* or specific performance.

(Signature Page Follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, acting by and through the County Council, has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed in its name and behalf by the County Administrator or County Council Chairman and to be attested by the Clerk of the County Council; and the Company has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer, all as of the day and year first above written.

**GREENVILLE COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Clerk to County Council

**PROJECT GRO**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

All that certain piece parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and designated as 1,272,456 SQ. FT. and 29.21 Acres on a survey prepared for South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center by Site Design, Inc., dated June 21, 2012 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenville County in Record Book 1140, page 32. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description.