

[FORM OF SALES TAX AGENT AUTHORIZATION LETTER]

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**EXPIRATION DATE: December 1, 2018**

**ELIGIBLE LOCATION:  
2 ST. ANN'S AVENUE, IN BRONX, NEW YORK,  
CONSTITUTING PART OF LOT I IN BLOCK 2543  
AND PART OF LOT 62 IN BLOCK 2260**

March 23, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: New York City Industrial Development Agency  
(2013 Fresh Direct, LLC/Fresh Property Bronx, LLC Project)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The New York City Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), by this notice, hereby advises you as follows:

a. Pursuant to the Letter of Authorization of Sales Tax Exemption attached here to as **Exhibit A** (the "Sales Tax Letter"), issued pursuant to a certain Agency Lease Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2013 (the "Lease Agreement"), between the Agency and Fresh Property Bronx, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Lessee"), the Agency has authorized the Lessee to act as its agent for the in connection with the Project described therein.

b. Upon the Lessee's request, the Agency has appointed Hamilton Street, Inc. T/A Flooring Central (the "Agent"), pursuant to this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter (the "Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter") to act as the Agency's agent for the purpose of effecting purchases exempt from sales or use tax in accordance with the terms, provisions of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter and the Sales Tax Letter, which is deemed incorporated herein by reference.

c. The effectiveness of the appointment of the Agent as an agent of the Agency is expressly conditioned upon the execution by the Agency of New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Form ST-60 "IDA Appointment of Project or Agent" ("Form ST-60") to evidence that the Agency has appointed the Agent as its agent (the form of which to be completed by Agent and the Lessee). Pursuant to the exemptions from sales and use taxes available to the Agent under this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter and the Sales Tax Letter, the Agent shall avail itself of such exemptions when purchasing eligible materials and services in connection with the Project and shall not include such taxes in its contract price, bid or reimbursable costs, as the case may be.

d. The Agent acknowledges that the executed Form ST-60 shall not serve as a sales or use tax exemption certificate or document. No agent or project operator may tender a copy of the executed Form ST-60 to any person required to collect sales tax as a basis to make such purchases exempt from tax. No such person required to collect sales or use taxes may accept the executed Form ST-60 in lieu of collecting any tax required to be collected. THE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MISUSE OF A COPY OF FORM ST-60 AS AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT OR FOR FAILURE TO PAY OR COLLECT TAX SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE TAX LAW. IN ADDITION, THE USE BY AN AGENT, PROJECT OPERATOR, OR OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY OF SUCH FORM ST-60 AS AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE, UNDER ARTICLES TWENTY EIGHT AND THIRTY SEVEN OF THE TAX LAW, THE ISSUANCE OF A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OR DOCUMENT WITH THE INTENT TO EVADE TAX.

e. The Agent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Sales Tax Letter, including but not limited to Section 875(1) and (3) of the General Municipal Law, attached to this letter as **Exhibit B**, as such provisions may be amended from time to time. The Agent must retain for at least six (6) years from the date of expiration of its Contract copies of (a) its contract with the Lessee to provide services in connection with the Project, (b) all contracts, agreements, invoices, bills or purchases entered into or made by such Agent using the Letter of Authorization for Sales Tax Exemption, and (c) the executed Form ST-60 appointing the Agent as an agent of the Agency, and shall make such records available to the Agency upon reasonable notice. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter.

f. In order to assist the Lessee in complying with its obligation to file New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Form ST-340 "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Claimed by Project Operator of Industrial Development Agency/Authority" ("Form ST-340"), the Agent covenants and agrees that it shall file semi-annually with the Lessee (no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year in which it has claimed sales and use tax exemptions in connection with the Project) a written statement of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by such Agent for the preceding six-month period (ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>, as applicable) in connection with the Project and the Facility by completing and submitting to the Lessee the **Sales Tax Registry** attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. If the Agent fails to comply with the foregoing requirement, the Agent shall immediately cease to be the agent for the Agency in connection with the Project (such agency relationship being deemed to be immediately revoked) without any further action of the parties, the Agent shall be deemed to have automatically lost its authority to make purchases as agent for the Agency, and shall desist immediately from all such activity, and shall immediately and without demand return to the Lessee or the Agency its copy of the Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter and the Sales Tax Letter.

g. The Agent agrees that if it fails to comply with the requirements for sales and use tax exemptions, as described in this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter and the Sales Tax Letter, it shall pay any and all applicable New York State sales and use taxes and any interest and penalties. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter.

h. The Agent represents and warrants that, except as otherwise disclosed to the Agency, none of the Agent, the Principals of the Agent, or any Person that directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the Agent:

1. is in default or in breach, beyond any applicable grace period, of its obligations under any written agreement with the Agency or the City, unless such default or breach has been waived in writing by the Agency or the City, as the case may be;
2. has been convicted of a misdemeanor related to truthfulness and/or business conduct in the past five (5) years;
3. has been convicted of a felony in the past ten (10) years;
4. has received formal written notice from a federal, state or local governmental agency or body that such Person is currently under investigation for a felony criminal offense; or
5. has received written notice of default in the payment to the City of any taxes, sewer rents or water charges, which have not been paid, unless such default is currently being contested with due diligence in proceedings in a court or other appropriate forum.

As used herein, the following capitalized terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

“City” shall mean The City of New York.

“Control” or “Controls” shall mean the power to direct the management and policies of a Person (x) through the ownership, directly or indirectly, of not less than a majority of its voting securities, (y) through the right to designate or elect not less than a majority of the members of its board of directors or trustees or other Governing Body, or (z) by contract or otherwise.

“Entity” shall mean any of a corporation, general partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, business association, tribe, firm, joint venture, governmental authority or governmental instrumentality, but shall not include an individual.

“Governing Body” shall mean, when used with respect to any Person, its board of directors, board of trustees or individual or group of individuals by, or under the authority of which, the powers of such Person are exercised.

“Person” shall mean an individual or any Entity.

i. By execution of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter, the Agent agrees to accept the terms hereof and represent and warrant to the Agency that the use of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter and the Sales Tax Letter by the Agent is strictly for the purposes stated herein and in the Sales Tax Letter.


j. The Agent acknowledges that this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter will terminate on the date (the “Termination Date”) that is the earlier of (i) the Expiration Date referred to above, and (ii) the expiration or termination of the Sales Tax Letter. Upon the Termination Date, the agency relationship between the Agency and the Agent shall terminate,

and the Agent shall surrender this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter to the Agency for cancellation.

k. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the Lease Agreement, ten (10) days prior to the Expiration Date of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter the Agent shall surrender this letter to the Agency for renewal or cancellation. The Agent may continue to use a facsimile copy of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter until its Expiration Date, unless the Termination Date has occurred. Within ten (10) days of receipt of this Sales Tax Agent Authorization Letter, the Agency shall provide such annual renewal of the letter to the Agent if and to the extent it is required to renew the Sales Tax Letter under the Lease Agreement.


The signature of a representative of the Agent where indicated below will indicate that the Agent accepted the terms hereof.

**NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By:   
Name: Johan Salen  
Title: Executive Director

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY:

**HAMILTION STREET, INC. T/A FLOORING CENTRAL**

By:   
Name: Mitchell Noguera  
Title: President

**Exhibit A**  
**to**  
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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FOR SALES TAX EXEMPTION [ATTACHED]

**Exhibit B**  
**to**  
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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO STATE SALES TAX SAVINGS**  
**General Municipal Law, Section 875(1) and (3)**

“Section 875. Special provisions applicable to State sales and compensating use taxes and certain types of facilities.

1. For purposes of this Section: “State sales and use taxes” means sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by Article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a City by Section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such Article twenty-eight. “IDA” means an industrial development agency established by this Article or an industrial development authority created by the public authorities law. “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of taxation and finance. ...

3. (A) An IDA shall include within its resolutions and project documents establishing any project or appointing an agent or project operator for any project the terms and conditions in this subdivision, and every agent, project operator or other person or entity that shall enjoy State sales and use tax exemption benefits provided by an IDA shall agree to such terms as a condition precedent to receiving or benefiting from such State sales and use exemptions benefits.

(B) The IDA shall recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from an agent, project operator or other person or entity State sales and use exemptions benefits taken or purported to be taken by any such person to which the person is not entitled or which are in excess of the amounts authorized or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where such agent or project operator, or other person or entity failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by the person’s agreement with the IDA. Such agent or project operator, or other person or entity shall cooperate with the IDA in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such State sales and use exemptions benefits and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the IDA that it requests. The failure to pay over such amounts to the IDA shall be grounds for the Commissioner to assess and determine State sales and use taxes due from the person under article twenty-eight of the tax law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

(C) If an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, any amount of State sales and use tax exemption benefits from an agent, project operator or other person or entity, the IDA shall, within thirty days of coming into possession of such amount, remit it to the Commissioner, together with such information and report that the Commissioner deems necessary to administer payment over of such amount. An IDA shall join the Commissioner as a party in any action or proceeding that the IDA commences to recover, recapture, obtain, or otherwise seek the return of, State sales and use tax exemption benefits from an agent, project operator or other person or entity.

(D) An IDA shall prepare an annual compliance report detailing its terms and conditions described in paragraph (A) of this subdivision and its activities and efforts to recover,

recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain State sales and use exemptions benefits described in paragraph (B) of this subdivision, together with such other information as the Commissioner and the Commissioner of economic development may require. The report required by this subdivision shall be filed with the Commissioner, the Director of the division of the budget, the Commissioner of economic development, the State Comptroller, the governing body of the municipality for whose benefit the agency was created, and may be included with the Annual financial statement required by paragraph (B) of subdivision one of Section eight hundred fifty-nine of this Title. Such report required by this subdivision shall be filed regardless of whether the IDA is required to file such financial statement described by such paragraph (B) of subdivision one of Section eight hundred fifty-nine. The failure to file or substantially complete the report required by this subdivision shall be deemed to be the failure to file or substantially complete the statement required by such paragraph (B) of subdivision one of such section eight hundred fifty-nine, and the consequences shall be the same as provided in paragraph (E) of subdivision one of such Section eight hundred fifty-nine.

(E) This subdivision shall apply to any amounts of State sales and use tax exemption benefits that an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, regardless of whether the IDA or the agent, project operator or other person or entity characterizes such benefits recovered, recaptured, received, or otherwise obtained, as a penalty or liquidated or contract damages or otherwise. The provisions of this subdivision shall also apply to any interest or penalty that the IDA imposes on any such amounts or that are imposed on such amounts by operation of law or by judicial order or otherwise. Any such amounts or payments that an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, together with any interest or penalties thereon, shall be deemed to be State sales and use taxes and the IDA shall receive any such amounts or payments, whether as a result of court action or otherwise, as trustee for and on account of the State.”

