



Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement

APPLICATION NO.

2659677

EQUIPMENT FINANCE

Addendum (California Judicial Reference)

THIS ADDENDUM, which is entered into between U.S. Bank Equipment Finance, a division of U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank Equipment Finance") ("Lessor") and County of San Benito ("Lessee"), is intended to modify and supplement Property Schedule (the "Property Schedule") to the Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement or Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement (as applicable) between Lessor and Lessee dated as of _____ (the "Agreement"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement.

The parties wish to amend the above-referenced Agreement by adding the following language:

- 1. Any and all disputes, claims and controversies arising out of, connected with or relating to the Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby (individually, a "Dispute") that are brought before a forum in which pre-dispute waivers of the right to trial by jury are invalid under applicable law shall be subject to the terms contained in this Addendum in lieu of the jury trial waiver otherwise provided in the Agreement. Disputes may include, without limitation, tort claims, counterclaims, claims brought as class actions, claims arising from schedules, supplements, exhibits or other documents to the Agreement executed in the future, disputes as to whether a matter is subject to judicial reference, or claims concerning any aspect of the past, present or future relationships arising out of or connected with the Agreement.
2. Any and all Disputes shall be heard by a referee and resolved by judicial reference pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure ("CCCP") §§ 638 et seq. The referee shall be a retired California state court judge or an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California with at least 10 years' experience practicing commercial law. The parties shall not seek to appoint a referee that may be disqualified pursuant to CCCP §641 or 641.2 without the prior written consent of all parties. If the parties are unable to agree upon a referee within 10 calendar days after one party serves a written notice of intent for judicial reference upon the other parties, then the referee will be selected by the court in accordance with CCCP § 640(b).
3. The referee shall render a written statement of decision and shall conduct the proceedings in accordance with the CCCP, the Rules of Court, and the California Evidence Code, except as otherwise specifically agreed by the parties and approved by the referee. The referee's statement of decision shall set forth findings of fact and conclusions of law. The decision of the referee shall be entered as a judgment in the court in accordance with the provisions of CCCP §§644 and 645. The decision of the referee shall be appealable to the same extent and in the same manner that such decision would be appealable if rendered by a judge of the superior court.
4. Notwithstanding the preceding agreement to submit Disputes to a judicial referee, the parties preserve, without diminution, certain rights and remedies at law or equity and under the Agreement that such parties may employ or exercise freely, either alone or in conjunction with or during a Dispute. Each party shall have and hereby reserves the right to proceed in any court of proper jurisdiction or by self-help to exercise or prosecute the following remedies, as applicable: (A) all rights to foreclose against any real or personal property or other security by exercising a power of sale granted in the Agreement or under applicable law or by judicial foreclosure and sale, including a proceeding to confirm the sale, (B) all rights of self-help including peaceful occupation of property and collection of rents, setoff, and peaceful possession of property, (C) obtaining provisional or ancillary remedies including injunctive relief, sequestration, garnishment, attachment, appointment of receiver and in filing an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding, and (D) when applicable, a judgment by confession of judgment. Preservation of these remedies does not limit the power of a judicial referee to grant similar remedies that may be requested by a party in a Dispute. No provision in the Agreement regarding submission to jurisdiction and/or venue in any court is intended or shall be construed to be in derogation of the provisions in this Addendum for judicial reference of any Dispute. The parties do not waive any applicable federal or state substantive law except as provided herein.
5. If a Dispute includes multiple claims, some of which are found not subject to this Addendum, the parties shall stay the proceedings of the claims not subject to this Addendum until all other claims are resolved in accordance with this Addendum. If there are Disputes by or against multiple parties, some of which are not subject to this Addendum, the parties shall sever the Disputes subject to this Addendum and resolve them in accordance with this Addendum.
6. During the pendency of any Dispute that is submitted to judicial reference in accordance with this Addendum, each of the parties to such Dispute shall bear equal shares of the fees charged and costs incurred by the referee in performing the services described in this Addendum. The compensation of the referee shall not exceed the prevailing rate for like services. The prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable court costs and legal fees, including customary attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, paralegal fees, the fees of the referee and other reasonable costs and disbursements charged to the party by its counsel, in such amount as is determined by the referee.
7. In the event of any challenge to the legality or enforceability of this Addendum, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs and expenses from the non-prevailing party, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by it in connection therewith.
8. THIS ADDENDUM CONSTITUTES A "REFERENCE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITHIN THE MEANING OF AND FOR PURPOSES OF CCCP § 638.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee have caused this Addendum to be executed in their names by their duly authorized representatives.

U.S. Bank Equipment Finance

County of San Benito

Lessor

Lessee

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Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Print Name

Title

X

Attest By Signature

Print Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM SAN BENITO COUNTY COUNSEL

Shirley L. Murphy 7/30/20

DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL - DATE