

AGREEMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

This Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the **Tomball Economic Development Corporation**, an industrial development corporation created pursuant to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. Art. 5190.6, Section 4B, located in Harris County, Texas (the “TEDC”), and **Della Casa Pasta** (the “Company”), 1599 Hicks Street, Suite 3, Tomball, TX 77375.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it is the established policy of the TEDC to adopt such reasonable measures from time-to-time as are permitted by law to promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity within the City of Tomball (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the Company proposes to lease a 1,927 square foot existing retail space located at 1599 Hicks Street, Suite 2, Tomball, Texas 77375 (the “Property”), and more particularly described in Exhibit “A,” attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Company, currently manufactures fresh pasta products and proposes to expand its business operations by opening additional space at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Company also proposes to retain four (4) full-time employees and create three (3) full-time jobs in Tomball in conjunction with the new location and improvements to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the TEDC agrees to provide to the Company an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the base monthly rent for the first 12 consecutive months of operation not to exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$6,520.00), to assist in the

construction of the Improvements and the retention of four (4) employees and the addition of the three (3) new employees at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed, in exchange and as consideration for the funding, to satisfy and comply with certain terms and conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits and obligations set forth herein, including the recitals set forth above, the TEDC and the Company agree as follows:

1.

Except as provided by paragraph 3, the Company covenants and agrees that it will operate and maintain the proposed business for a term of at least three (3) years within the City of Tomball.

2.

The Company also covenants and agrees that construction of the Improvements, the addition of the three (3) new employees, and obtaining all necessary occupancy permits from the City shall occur within eighteen (18) months from the Effective Date of this Agreement. Extensions of these deadlines, due to any extenuating circumstance or uncontrollable delay, may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the TEDC.

3.

The Company further covenants and agrees that it does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker. An “undocumented worker” shall mean an individual who, at the time of employment, is not (a) lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States, or (b) authorized by law to be employed in that manner in the United States.

4.

In consideration of the Company's representations, promises, and covenants, TEDC agrees to grant to the Company an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the base monthly rent for the first 12 consecutive months of operation not to exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$6,520.00), to fund a portion of the cost of the Improvements and the retention of four (4) employees and the addition of the three (3) new employees on the Property. The TEDC agrees to distribute such funds to the Company within thirty (30) days of receipt of a letter from the Company requesting such payment, which letter shall also include: (a) a copy of the City's occupancy permit for the Improvements to the Property; (b) proof that the Company has added the number of employees indicated above to its business operations on the Property, as evidenced by copies of Texas Workforce Commission form C-3 or Internal Revenue Service Form 941; (c) verification from the City acknowledging that all necessary plats, plans, and specifications have been received, reviewed, and approved; (d) verification that the Improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications; (e) an affidavit stating that all contractors and subcontractors providing work and/or materials in the construction of the Improvements have been paid and any and all liens and claims regarding such work have been released; and, (f) an affidavit from the landlord of the Property stating that all rents have been paid in accordance with the terms of the lease agreement for the first twelve consecutive months of operation.

5.

It is understood and agreed by the parties that, in the event of a default by the Company on any of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company shall reimburse the TEDC the full amount paid to the Company by the TEDC, with interest at the rate equal to the 90-day Treasury Bill plus ½% per annum, within thirty (30) days after the TEDC notifies the Company of the

default. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that if the Company is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(f), the Company will reimburse the TEDC the full amount paid to the Company, with interest at the rate equal to the 90-day Treasury Bill plus ½% per annum, within thirty (30) days after the TEDC notifies the Company of the violation.

The Company shall also reimburse the TEDC for any and all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the TEDC as a result of any action required to obtain reimbursement of such funds.

6.

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the TEDC and the Company, and upon the Company's successors and assigns, affiliates, and subsidiaries, and shall remain in force whether the Company sells, assigns, or in any other manner disposes of, either voluntarily or by operation of law, all or any part of the Property and the agreements herein contained shall be held to be covenants running with the Property for so long as this Agreement, or any extension thereof, remains in effect.

7.

Any notice provided or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and may be served by (i) depositing the same in the United States mail, addressed to the party to be notified, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (ii) by delivering the same in person to such party; or (iii) by overnight or messenger delivery service that retains regular records of delivery and receipt; or (iv) by facsimile; provided a copy of such notice is sent within one (1) day thereafter by another method provided above. The initial addresses of the parties for the purpose of notice under this Agreement shall be as follows:

If to City: Tomball Economic Development Corporation
401 W. Market Street
Tomball, Texas 77375
Attn: President, Board of Directors

If to Company: Della Casa Pasta
1599 Hicks Street, Suite 3
Tomball, TX 77375
Attn: Luisa Obando, CEO/Owner

8.

This Agreement shall be performable and enforceable in Harris County, Texas, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

9.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be subject to change, amendment or modification only in writing, and by the signatures and mutual consent of the parties hereto.

10.

The failure of any party to insist in any one or more instances on the performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement, or to exercise any of its rights, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such term, covenant, or condition, or right with respect to further performance. This Agreement shall bind and benefit the respective Parties and their legal successors and shall not be assignable, in whole or in part, by any party without first obtaining written consent of the other party.

11.

In the event any one or more words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or other parts of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, or circumstance, shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, then the application, invalidity or unconstitutionality of such words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or other parts of this Agreement shall be deemed to be independent of and severable from the remainder of this Agreement, and the validity of the remaining parts of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

IN TESTIMONY OF WHICH, THIS AGREEMENT has been executed by the parties on this _____ day of _____ 2022 (the "Effective Date").

DELLA CASA PASTA

By: _____

Name: Luisa Obando

Title: CEO/Owner

ATTEST:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

TOMBALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Secretary, Board of Directors

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____
2022, by Luisa Obando, CEO/Owner of Della Casa Pasta, for and on behalf of said company.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____
2022, by _____, President of the Board of Directors of the Tomball
Economic Development Corporation, for and on behalf of said Corporation.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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Exhibit "A"
Legal Description of Property

Legal Description: SUITE 3
LT 4 BLK 1 1603 HICK
Property Address: 1599 HICKS STREET, SUITE 3, TOMBALL, TX 77375

Exhibit "B"
Improvements

Interior build out of kitchen prep space and shipping area. To include freezers, bigger cold storage, and other complementary equipment.