

Tomball Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) 401 W. Market Street Tomball, TX 77375

Dear Board,

We are seeking some assistance from TEDC to launch a new manufacturing plant in Tomball. More than \$500 000 in capital for leasehold improvements will be needed for our projected facility of 20 000 sq feet located at 2013 S. Persimmon St. Tomball. In adder to these improvements, WR Transformer will be investing over \$1,5M in equipment for the first 2 years.

WR Transformers is a manufacturer of dry type transformers operating in Canada since 2012. We will be the first dry type transformer company to manufacture 100% of its products in Texas. Our range capabilities will be from 15 kVA to 20 MVA and up to 69 000 Volts. Our industrial market brought us to Houston as many of our customers operate in this area. Our product is considered as a very good alternative solution to liquid filled transformers as no oil is used therefore, it reduces several environmental issues such as spills, risk of fire, manipulation etc....

As a founder of WR Transformers, I have always valued human resources. We could not have been successful for all these years without a strong team. As of today, WR Transformers employs over sixty employes in our 50 000 sq ft plant in Qc, Canada. We are also very proud to say that our hourly average salary is slightly under \$29/hr even though most of our employees do not retain a degree in high school. We also hire skill employees such as electrical engineers, electricians, mechanical designers.

We do not believe in low-wage countries to grow our business, we believe in people, we believe that developing equipment for automation is the way to a great success. Over the past years, WR Transformer invested a lot of money in R&D which will result in a fully automated production line in a short-term horizon. When ready, this production line will be implemented in our facility in Tomball.

Since May 2023, the majority of the Shares (75%) of WR Transformer were sold to a Private Equity Fund Company named NCP and represented by M. Mario Jacob. The choice of this partner was for two main reasons: **1.** We shared the same vision and values for Human Resources **2.** Easier growth to support our numerous projects.

The four founders of WR still operate and run the business daily. Last June, I moved my family to Houston so I will be running the operations in the USA for WR Transformers. As soon as our Phase 1 is completed, we want to startup or Phase 2 in which larger sums of money will be

invested to manufacture larger dry type transformers. At this time, a larger lot and building will be required for these operations.

Since the beginning, WR has always been grateful for our community. We donated a lot for schools in need in our community in Quebec, Canada. We also provided AED machines to several institutions in our neighborhood and contributed to buying personal protection equipment during the Pandemic for elderly retired housing in our region.

We started looking for our operations in the US more than a year ago. We were introduced to several places around Houston to establish our facility but since we saw the Tomball region, we loved it. Then I met with Kelly Violette in March of 2023 which confirmed our choice. We see Tomball as a young, dynamic, and structured city with a great historical background, a place to live, a place to work. WR Transformers is willing to be part of and grow in this type of community.

Our goal is to bring WR Transformers operations to Tomball, Tx as our main headquarters to supply the US market. We will offer good quality of job and benefits to our workers from the Tomball region. Achieving this goal will easily bring up to eighty jobs in our midterm vision.

Sincerely

Christian Roberge

President