PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WYLIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND PHOENIX ASCENDING INVESTMENTS, LLC

This PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the WYLIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Texas corporation ("WEDC") and PHOENIX ASCENDING INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Company").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Company is purchasing from the WEDC, Lot 6, Block A, 544 Gateway Addition, an addition to the City of Wylie, Collin County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Book 2023, Page 527, Plat Records of Collin County, Texas (the "Property"), for the purchase price of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths Dollars (\$650,000.00), according to the terms and conditions of a Real Estate Sales Contract by and between the parties dated January 18, 2023 (the "Contract");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Contract, at closing, the Company shall pay WEDC the sum of \$200,000.00 in cash, with the balance of the purchase price being in the form of a promissory note executed by Company and payable to WEDC in the amount of \$450,000.00 (the "Seller Note"), which is secured by a Deed of Trust upon the Property ("Deed of Trust");

WHEREAS, the Company desires to construct a new building on the Property (the "Facility") containing at least 5,914 square feet of space (the "Project"). The Project will have an estimated construction cost of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Company may qualify for forgiveness of all or a portion of the debt evidenced by the Seller Note in accordance with the terms of the Seller Note, subject to Company's satisfaction of the Performance Obligations set forth below;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the WEDC provide economic assistance to offset the cost of renovating the Facility and other expenses associated with completing the Project; and

WHEREAS, Company has also requested financial and/or economic assistance from the WEDC to plan and construct certain infrastructure improvements to assist in the development of the Facility, consisting of economic assistance for all hard and soft costs relating to the construction of public infrastructure and site improvements on or adjacent to the Property; and

WHEREAS, Section 501.103 of the Act states that the WEDC may provide funding for expenditures that are found by the Board of Directors to be required or suitable for infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises, limited to streets and roads, rail spurs, water and sewer utilities, electric utilities, or gas utilities, drainage, site improvements, Performance Agreement Between Wylie EDC and Phoenix Ascending Investments, LLC

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and related improvements (the "Qualified Infrastructure"); and

WHEREAS, Company proposes to use the economic incentives for the construction of the Qualified Infrastructure which will include approved public infrastructure improvements and site improvements as may be amended from time to time, necessary for the development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the WEDC has found that the Qualified Infrastructure is necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises in the City and the WEDC has concluded that the Qualified Infrastructure constitutes a "project", as that term is defined in the Act, and is willing to provide Company with economic assistance as hereinafter set forth on the terms and subject to the conditions as stated herein and Company is willing to accept the same subject to all terms and conditions contained in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the WEDC has determined that it is in the best interest of the public and the City and promotes the purposes authorized by the voters of the City of Wylie for which the WEDC was established to encourage the development and use of business properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, for the public purpose of promoting economic development and diversity, increasing employment, reducing unemployment and underemployment, expanding commerce and stimulating business and commercial activities in the State of Texas, and the City of Wylie, the WEDC desires to offer economic assistance to Company as more particularly described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the promises, covenants and agreements set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the WEDC and Company agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Economic Assistance</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement and provided Company is not in default, the WEDC will provide Company economic assistance in the form of forgiveness of all or a portion of the Seller Note over a four (4) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, plus interest in the aggregate (collectively, the "<u>Economic Assistance</u>") upon completion of the Performance Obligations set forth below. The total amount of economic assistance and/or incentives to be paid to the Company, including forgiveness of the Seller Note, shall not exceed the cumulative sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00).
- 2. <u>Performance Obligations</u>. The WEDC's obligation to provide Company with the Economic Assistance stipulated above is expressly contingent upon Company completing the following items (the "<u>Performance Obligations</u>") by the due dates set forth below:
 - (a) <u>Year One</u>. Economic Assistance will be provided to the Company in the form of forgiveness of a portion of the Seller Note in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), plus any accrued interest, upon completion of the following Performance Obligations for Year One;

- i. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC proving completion of the Facility, as evidenced by a Certificate of Occupancy or letter from the City's Chief Building Official (a "Certificate of Occupancy") for the Facility, no later than 15 months after the Effective Date of this Agreement (a "CO Deadline"); The issuance date of the Certificate of Occupancy for the Facility will become the "Facility Completion Date";
- ii. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC supporting a minimum Project Cost of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) as evidenced by paid invoices, no later than the CO Deadline; and
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- iii. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC that the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility has been completed and that the total cost of constructing the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility was at least Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) no later than the CO Deadline; and
- iv. Company shall be current on all ad valorem taxes and other property taxes due on the Property through the CO Deadline and provide written notice and evidence of such payment to WEDC in a form satisfactory to WEDC; and
- v. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC on or before the CO Deadline that Company has paid on time all fees associated with construction of the Facility including, but not limited to, Building Permit Fee, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Permit Fees, Fire Inspection Fee, Fire Department Plan Review Fee Fire Development Fee, Thoroughfare Impact Fees, Water & Sewer Impact Fees, third party review of Fire Sprinkle and Fire Alarm plans, and all other inspection fees not specifically named that may be applicable to the construction of the Facility.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company may request a ninety (90) day extension of the Certificate of Occupancy Deadline by delivering written notice thereof to the WEDC staff at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Certificate of Occupancy Deadline. In the event WEDC staff determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that Company is making all such reasonable efforts, then the Certificate of Occupancy Deadline, as applicable, shall be extended by ninety (90) days.

- (b) <u>Year Two</u>. Economic Assistance will be provided to the Company in the form of forgiveness of a portion of the Seller Note in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), plus any accrued interest, upon completion of the following Performance Obligations for Year Two;
 - i. Company shall be current on all ad valorem taxes and other property taxes due on the Property and provide written notice and evidence of such payment to WEDC in a form satisfactory to WEDC; and

- ii. Company shall provide to WEDC documentation acceptable to WEDC providing that Company has maintained continuous occupancy and ownership of the Property from the Effective Date through the first (1st) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date; and
- iii. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC that the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility has been completed and that the total cost of constructing the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility was at least Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) no later than the first (1st) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date.
- (c) <u>Year Three</u>. Economic Assistance will be provided to the Company in the form of forgiveness of a portion of the Seller Note in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), plus any accrued interest, upon completion of the following Performance Obligations for Year Three;
 - i. Company shall be current on all ad valorem taxes and other property taxes due on the Property and provide written notice and evidence of such payment to WEDC in a form satisfactory to WEDC; and
 - ii. Company shall provide to WEDC documentation acceptable to WEDC providing that Company has maintained continuous occupancy and ownership of the Property from the Effective Date through the second (2nd) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date; and
 - iii. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC that the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility has been completed and that the total cost of constructing the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility was at least Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) no later than the second (2nd) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date.
- (d) Year Four. Economic Assistance will be provided to the Company in the form of forgiveness of a portion of the Seller Note in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00), plus any accrued interest, upon completion of the following Performance Obligations for Year Four;
 - i. Company shall be current on all ad valorem taxes and other property taxes due on the Property and provide written notice and evidence of such payment to WEDC in a form satisfactory to WEDC; and
 - ii. Company shall provide to WEDC documentation acceptable to WEDC providing that Company has maintained continuous occupancy and ownership of the Property from the Effective Date through the third (3rd) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date; and

- iii. Company shall supply documentation to the WEDC that the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility has been completed and that the total cost of constructing the Qualified Infrastructure for the Facility was at least Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) no later than the third (3rd) anniversary of the Facility Completion Date.
- 3. <u>Term of the Economic Assistance</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, this Agreement shall be null <u>and</u> void if the Company fails to satisfy the Performance Obligations to qualify for Economic Assistance described in paragraph 2 above (as further defined in paragraph 5), or in the event of the following (collectively a "<u>Default</u>"):
 - (a) Any event of bankruptcy incurred by Company.
 - (b) The conveyance by Company of its interest in the Property and Improvements without the express written consent of the WEDC prior to the expiration of four (4) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement
 - (c) The non-payment of property taxes prior to the delinquency date imposed by the City of Wylie, Wylie Independent School District, Collin County Community College, and Collin County in a timely manner.
- 4. <u>Payment of Economic Assistance</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the WEDC must mark Seller Note "paid in full", and release the Vendor's Lien and Deed of Trust lien, upon Company satisfying the criteria to qualify for Economic Assistance for Year One, Year Two, and Year Three, as described in paragraph 2 above, except as provided in the last sentence of Section 5 below.
- 5. Event of Default by Company. In the event of a Default by Company, WEDC may declare Company in Default of the Agreement in which event WEDC must provide Company with written notice of the particular Default. Company shall have thirty (30) days from the written notice to cure the said Default. In the event, Company fails to cure the Default within such thirty (30) days, the Agreement shall become null and void with all future economic incentive payments and future forgiveness associated with the Seller Note suspended. The WEDC will not however pursue repayment of any previous Economic Incentive payments and any past forgiveness associated with the Seller Note.

Miscellaneous.

- (a) This Agreement may not be assigned by Company without the prior written consent of the WEDC, which consent shall be within the sole discretion of the WEDC.
- (b) This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the matters contained herein and may not be modified or terminated except upon the provisions hereof or by mutual written agreement of the parties hereto.

- (c) The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Collin County, Texas.
- (d) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- (e) The individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the respective parties below represent to each other and to the others that all appropriate and necessary action has been taken to authorize the individual who is executing this Agreement to do so for and on behalf of the party for which such signature appears, that there are no other parties or entities required to execute this Agreement in order for the same to be an authorized and binding agreement on the party for whom the individual is signing this Agreement and that each individual affixing such signature hereto is authorized to do so, and such authorization is valid and effective on the date thereof.
- (f) This Agreement is executed by the parties hereto without coercion or duress and for substantial consideration, the sufficiency of which is forever confessed.
- (g) Any notice provided for under the terms of this Agreement by either party to the other shall be in writing and may be effected by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice to the WEDC shall be sufficient if made or addressed to the President, Wylie Economic Development Corporation, 250 State Highway 78 South, Wylie, Texas 75098. Notice to Company shall be sufficient if made or addressed to 6612 Windrock Drive, Dallas, Texas 75252, until the issuance of the CO and thereafter to the address assigned to the Property. Each party may change the address to which notice may be sent to that party by giving notice of such change to the other parties in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- (h) This Agreement may be executed in a number of identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes.
- (i) In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be valid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as is such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- (j) Each signatory represents this Agreement has been read by the party for which this Agreement is executed and that such party has had an opportunity to confer with its counsel.
 - (k) Time is of the essence in the Agreement.
- (l) The parties agree this Agreement has been drafted jointly by the parties and their legal representatives.

(m) Under Chapter 2264 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Company has submitted the required certification that the business, or a branch, division, or department of the business, does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker. An undocumented worker means an individual who, at the time of employment, is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or authorized under the law to be employed in that manner in the United States. If after receiving this public subsidy/grant from the FEDC, the Company, or a branch, division, or department of the business, is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(f), the Company shall repay the amount of the public subsidy/grant from the FEDC with interest, at the rate and according to the terms provided by this Agreement under Section 2264.053, but not later than the 120th day after the date the public agency, state or local taxing jurisdiction, or economic development corporation notifies the Company of the violation.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement and caused this Agreement to be effective on the latest date as reflected by the signatures below (the "<u>Effective Date</u>").

Wylie Economic Development Corporation, a Texas corporation

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Aaron Jameson, Vice President

Date of Execution:

Havember 2,2023

Phoenix Ascending Investments, LLC, a Texas limited liability company

By:

Date of Execution:

November 2, 2023