

**TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

DATE: 4/12/13

APPLICATION OF: Pallets-R-Us, Inc./Nicola Enterprises of Long Island Inc.
Company Name / Ownership of Proposed Project

ADDRESS: 555 Woodside Ave.
Bellport, N.Y. 11713

Type of Application: Tax-Exempt Bond Taxable Bond Lease
 Refunding Bond

Please respond to all items either by filling in blanks, by attachment (by marking space "see attachment number 1", etc.) or by N.A., where not applicable. Application must be filed in ten copies. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission of this application to the Agency. The non-refundable application fee is \$2,000 for applications under \$5 million and \$4,000 for applications of \$5 million or more.

Transaction Counsel to the Agency may require a retainer which will be applied to fees incurred and actual out-of-pocket disbursements made during the inducement and negotiation processes, and will be reflected on their final statement at closing.

Information provided herein will not be made public by the Agency prior to the passage of an official Inducement Resolution, but may be subject to disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law.

Prior to submitting a completed final application, please arrange to meet with the Agency's staff to review your draft application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Board reserves the right to require that the applicant pay for the preparation of a Cost Benefit Analysis, and the right to approve the company completing the analysis.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the policy of the Brookhaven IDA to encourage the use of local labor and the payment of the area standard wage during construction on the project.

Please write or call:
Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency
c/o Town of Brookhaven Division of Economic Development

One Independence Hill
Farmingville, New York 11738

(631) 451-6563

I. Company Data

A. COMPANY (APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE)

Company Name: Pallets-R-Us, Inc
Address: 555 Woodside Ave.
Bellport, N.Y. 11713
Contact: Thomas Sorge Title: V.P.
Phone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]
Federal Employer ID Number: [REDACTED]

B. BUSINESS TYPE:

Sole Proprietorship Partnership Privately Held
Public Corporation Listed on _____ Exchange
State of Incorporation New York

C. ANY RELATED COMPANY PROPOSED TO BE A USER OF THE FACILITY:

| NAME | RELATIONSHIP |
|------|--------------|
| N/A | |

D. COMPANY COUNSEL:

BOND COUNSEL

Firm Name: Lamb & Bamosky
Address: 534 Broadhollow Rd.
Melville, NY 11747
Individual Attorney: Michael Heller Phone: (631)694-2300

E. PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS OR PARTNERS, IF ANY (5% OR MORE EQUITY)

| NAME | PERCENT OWNED |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Thomas J. Sorge</u> | <u>50%</u> |
| <u>Nicholas M. Sorge</u> | <u>50%</u> |

F. Has the company ever filed for bankruptcy?

No

G. Have any of the owners / top executives ever been convicted of a felony?

No

If yes, please explain:

H. Has the company ever been convicted of a felony?

No

If yes, please explain:

I. If any of the above persons (see "G" above), or a group of them, owns more than 50% interest in the company, list all other organizations which are related to the company by virtue of such persons having more than a 50% interest in such organizations.

N/A

J. Is the company related to any other organization by reason of more than a 50% ownership? If so, indicate name of related organization and relationship:

N/A

K. List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:

Nicola Enterprises of Long Island, Inc.

Premium Mulch & Materials, Inc.

L. Has the company (or any related corporation or person) been involved in or benefited by any prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located, whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village, or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:

Yes, current Pallets-R-Us facility located at 555 Woodside Ave.
Bellport, NY

M. Has the company (or any related corporation or person) made a public offering or private placement of its stock within the last year? If so, please provide offering statement used.

No

N. List major bank references of the company:

NY Commercial Bank

Empire National Bank

O. OPERATION AT CURRENT LOCATION:

1. Employment: 118 2. Payroll \$4,200,000 annually
3. Type of operation (manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, retail, etc.) and products and/or services:

manufacturing & recycling

4. Size of existing facility acreage: 19.2

5. Number of buildings and square feet: 1 - 115,000 sq ft

6. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2448

II. PROPOSED PROJECT DATA

A. Location of project: (include as an attachment a map showing the location)

Address: 555 Woodside Ave.

Bellport, N.Y. 11713

Suffolk County Tax Map: District 0200 Section 844.00 Block 03.00 Lot 022.010

B. Project Site: (Include as an attachment copies of survey, preliminary site plan, architectural rendering of the facility)

If acquiring land, please note that Federal law prohibits the use of 25% or more of tax-exempt IDB proceeds for the purchase of land. If acquiring existing buildings, please note that Federal law prohibits the acquisition of existing buildings with tax-exempt IDB proceeds unless the rehabilitation expenses of the building are equal to or greater than 15% of the portion of the cost of acquiring the building that is financed with tax-exempt IDB proceeds. Rehabilitation does not include any amount expended on new construction (additions or expansions).

1. Acreage: N/A

2. Buildings:

A) Existing number and square feet of each building:

1 - 115,000 sq ft

B) Does the project consist of additions and/or renovations to existing buildings? If yes, indicate the nature of expansion or renovation:

N/A

C) New Construction – number and square feet of each building:

1 - 13,000 sq ft

D) Builder or contractor and address: Clearspan

1395 John Fitch Blvd.

South Windsor, CT 06074

E) Architect name and address: Same

3. Indicate present use of site: manufacturing & recycling of pallets & lumber

4. Indicate relationship of applicant to present user of site:

same company

C. Proposed project ownership (company or realty partnership):

company

D. What will the building or buildings to be acquired, constructed or expanded be used for by the company? (Include a description of products to be manufactured, assembled, or processed, and services to be rendered):

sawmilling, cutting and processing of lumber

E. If any space in the project is to be leased to third parties, indicate the total square footage of the project to be leased to each tenant, and the proposed use by each tenant:

N/A

F. List principal items or categories of equipment to be acquired as part of this project:

Scragg mill, gang saw, band saws, edgers, trim saws, stackers, conveyors

G. Has construction work on this project begun? If yes, complete the following:

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| (a.) SITE CLEARANCE: | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | % COMPLETE _____ |
| (b.) FOUNDATION: | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | % COMPLETE _____ |
| (c.) FOOTINGS: | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | % COMPLETE _____ |
| (d.) STEEL: | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | % COMPLETE _____ |
| (e.) MASONRY: | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | % COMPLETE _____ |
| (f.) OTHER: | _____ | | |

H. Existing facilities within New York State:

1) Are there other facilities owned, leased, or used by the company (or a related company or person) within the state? If so, describe whether owned, leased, or other terms of use:

No

2) If there are other facilities within the state, is it expected that any of these facilities will close or be subject to reduced activity?

YES NO

3) If you answered yes to question 2, above, please indicate whether the project is reasonably necessary for the company to maintain its competitive position in the industry. Please explain in detail:

N/A

4) Has the company thought about moving to another state? If so, please explain:

No

5) Will the project meet zoning requirements at the proposed location?

YES NO

6) If a change of zoning is required, please provide the details/status of the change of zone request.

N/A

I. Does the company, or any related corporation or person, have a lease on the project site?

YES NO

J. Does the company now own the project site?

YES NO

1. If yes, indicate:

A) Date of purchase: March 2009

B) Purchase price: \$ 12,000,000

C) Balance of existing mortgage: \$ 8,417,000

D) Holder of mortgage: NY Commercial Bank

E) Special conditions: No

2. If no, indicate:

A) Present owner of site: Nicola Enterprises of Long Island, Inc.

B) Does the company or any related person or corporation have an option or a contract to purchase the site and/or any buildings on the site?

YES NO

If yes, indicate:

1) Date signed: _____

2) Purchase price: _____

3) Settlement date: _____

4) Please attach a copy of option or contract.

K. Is there a relationship legally or by virtue of common control or ownership between the company (and/or its stockholders) and the seller of the project (and/or its shareholders)?
If yes, please describe this relationship:

No

L. How much equity do you have in this project?

\$ 100,000

III. PROJECT COSTS

A. Give an accurate estimate of cost of all items:

| | AMOUNT |
|------------------|-------------------|
| LAND | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
| BUILDING | \$ <u>600,000</u> |
| SITE WORK | \$ <u>120,000</u> |
| LEGAL FEES | \$ <u>20,000</u> |
| ENGINEERING FEES | \$ <u>40,000</u> |

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| LEGAL & FINANCIAL CHARGES | \$ _____ |
| EQUIPMENT | \$ 2,000,000 |
| RECORDING FEES | \$ 10,000 |
| OTHER (SPECIFY) | \$ 10,000 permit fees |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,800,000 |

| B. METHOD OF FINANCING COSTS | Amount | Term |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Tax-exempt IDB financing: | \$ _____ | _____ years |
| 2. Taxable IDB financing: | \$ _____ | _____ years |
| 3. SBA (504) or other governmental financing: | \$ _____ | _____ years |
| 4. Other loans: | \$ 2,700,000 | 5-7 years |
| 5. Company's equity contribution: | \$ _____ | |
| Total Project Costs | \$ 2,800,000 | |

C. Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred (including contracts of sale or purchase orders) as of the date of this application?

YES NO If yes, give particulars on a separate sheet.

D. Are costs of working capital, moving expenses, work in progress, or stock in trade included in the proposed uses of bond proceeds? Give details:

N/A

E. Will any of the funds borrowed through the Agency be used to repay or refinance an existing mortgage or outstanding loan? Give details:

N/A

F. What portion, if any, of the cost of the project is to be financed from funds of the company (other than from the proposed bond issue)? Give details:

N/A

G. Has the company made any arrangements for the marketing or the purchase of the bond or bonds? If so, indicate with whom:

N/A

IV. MEASURE OF GROWTH AND BENEFITS

A. If the company presently operates in the Town of Brookhaven, give current employment and payroll. Also give reasonable estimates of employment and payroll directly attributable to the facility to be built in the Town of Brookhaven.

| CURRENT EMPLOYMENT FIGURES | UNDER \$30,000 | \$30,000 - \$50,000 | \$50,000 - \$75,000 | OVER \$75,000 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | 61 | 34 | 12 | 9 |
| Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | 2 | | | |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ 4,175,000 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ 25,000 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES | \$ 4,200,000 |

| PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES - YEAR ONE | UNDER \$30,000 | \$30,000 - \$50,000 | \$50,000 - \$75,000 | OVER \$75,000 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | 3 | 5 | 2 | |
| Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | | | | |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ 425,000 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES | \$ 4,625,000 |

| PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES - YEAR TWO | UNDER \$30,000 | \$30,000 - \$50,000 | \$50,000 - \$75,000 | OVER \$75,000 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Number of Full-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | 3 | 7 | 2 | |
| Number of Part-Time Employees (FTE) earning: | | | | |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ 505,000 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES | \$ |
| TOTAL PAYROLL FOR ALL EMPLOYEES | \$ 4,705,000 |

The Board reserves the right to visit the facility to confirm that job creation numbers are being met.

V. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

A. What is the proposed date for commencement of construction or acquisition of the project?

May 1, 2013

- B. Give an accurate estimate of the time schedule to complete the project and when the first use of the project is expected to occur:

90 days, July 2013

- C. At what time or times and in what amount or amounts is it estimated that funds will be required?

N/A

VI. SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY

- A. Financial statements for the last two fiscal years (unless included in the company's annual report).
- B. What, if any, will be the expected increase in the dollar amount of sales? \$ 2,000,000 annually
- C. Company's annual reports (or 10-K's if publicly held) for the two most recent fiscal years.
- D. Quarterly reports (form 10-Q's) and current reports (form 8-K's) since the most recent annual report, if any.
- E. In addition, please attach the financial information described in items A, B, and C of any expected guarantor of the proposed bond issue.
- F. Completed Long Environmental Assessment Form.
- G. Most recent quarterly filing of NYS Department of Labor form 45, as well as the most recent fourth quarter filing. Please remove the employee Social Security numbers and note the full-time equivalency for part-time employees.

**Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency
Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Policy**

An annual fee of \$1,000 will be due to the Agency in addition to the PILOT payment to cover ongoing costs incurred by the Agency on behalf of the project.

1. The Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (IDA) may grant, or be utilized to obtain a partial or full real property tax abatement for a determined period which can be as long as ten years. To be eligible for this abatement there would be a requirement of new construction, or renovation, and a transfer of title of the real property to the Town of Brookhaven IDA.
2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee shall consult with the Town Assessor to ascertain the amounts due pursuant to each PILOT Agreement. Thereafter, the PILOT payment for each project shall be billed to the current lessees. The lessees can pay the PILOT payment in full by January 31st of each year, or in two equal payments due January 31st and May 31st of each year of the PILOT Agreement. The CEO or their designee shall send all PILOT invoices to the lessees on a timely basis.
3. The Town of Brookhaven IDA shall establish a separate, interest bearing bank account for receipt and deposit of all PILOT payments. The CEO or their designee shall be responsible for depositing and maintaining said funds with input from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
4. The CEO or their designee shall remit PILOT payments and penalties if any, to the respective taxing authorities in the proportionate amounts due to said authorities. These remittances shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of the payments to the Agency.
5. If first-half PILOT payments are not received on a timely basis (as outlined in paragraph 2 hereof), the following interest and penalties shall accrue:

| | | |
|--------|---------------|----------------------|
| (i) | 2/1 to 2/28 | 1% of the amount due |
| (ii) | 3/1 to 3/31 | 2% of the amount due |
| (iii) | 4/1 to 4/30 | 3% of the amount due |
| (iv) | 5/1 to 5/31 | 4% of the amount due |
| (v) | 6/1 to 6/30 | 5% of the amount due |
| (vi) | 7/1 to 7/31 | 5% of the amount due |
| (vii) | 8/1 to 8/31 | 5% of the amount due |
| (viii) | 9/1 to 9/30 | 5% of the amount due |
| (ix) | 10/1 to 10/31 | 5% of the amount due |
| (x) | 11/1 to 11/30 | 5% of the amount due |

PILOT payments paid after May 31st shall pay interest and penalties as follows:

| | | |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) | 6/1 to 6/30 | 5% interest and 5% penalty |
| (ii) | 7/1 to 7/31 | 6% interest and 5% penalty |
| (iii) | 8/1 to 8/31 | 7% interest and 5% penalty |
| (iv) | 9/1 to 9/30 | 8% interest and 5% penalty |
| (v) | 10/1 to 10/31 | 9% interest and 5% penalty |
| (vi) | 11/1 to 11/30 | 10% interest and 5% penalty |

For PILOT payments past due beyond one year, additional interest and penalties will accrue.

6. If a PILOT payment is not received by January 31st of any year or May 31st of the second half of the year the lessee shall be in default pursuant to the PILOT Agreement. The Agency may

give the lessee notice of said default. If the payment is not received within sixty (60) days of when due, the CEO shall notify the Board, and thereafter take action as directed by the Board.

7. The CEO shall maintain records of the PILOT accounts at the Agency office.
8. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require the Agency to collect or disburse PILOT payments for any projects which are not Agency projects.
9. Should the Applicant fail to reach employment levels as outlined in their application to the Agency, the Board reserves the right to reduce or suspend the PILOT Agreement, declare a default under the Lease or the Installment Sale Agreement, and/or convey the title back to the applicant.
10. This policy has been adopted by the IDA Board upon recommendation of the Governance Committee and may only be amended in the same manner.

EXHIBIT A

Formula for In-Lieu-of-Taxes Payment: Town of Brookhaven, (including any existing incorporated village and any village which may be incorporated after the date hereof, within which the Facility is wholly or partially located), Suffolk County, South Country Central School District and Appropriate Special Districts

Definitions

X = assessment based on a transfer of title as of the date of this PILOT Agreement of the land and those improvements existing as of March 26, 2007.

Y = increase in assessment above X resulting from the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility.

Normal Tax Due = Those payments for taxes and assessments, other than special ad valorem levies, special assessments and service charges against real property located in the Town of Brookhaven (including any existing incorporated village or any village which may be incorporated after the date hereof, within which the Facility is wholly or partially located) which are or may be imposed for special improvements or special district improvements, that the Company and the Sublessee would pay without exemption.

Payment

Tax Year (for both facilities)

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Formula</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| 2009/2010 | 100% normal tax on X and 0% normal tax on Y |
| 2010/2011 | 100% normal tax on X and 0% normal tax on Y |
| 2011/2012 | 100% normal tax on X and 0% normal tax on Y |
| 2012/2013 | 100% normal tax on X and 0% normal tax on Y |
| 2013/2014 | 100% normal tax on X and 0% normal tax on Y |
| 2014/2015 | 100% normal tax on \$39,456.99 |
| 2015/2016 | 100% normal tax on \$40,246.13 |
| 2016/2017 | 100% normal tax on \$41,051.05 |
| 2017/2018 | 100% normal tax on \$41,872.07 |
| 2018/2019 | 100% normal tax on \$42,709.51 |
| 2019/2020 | 100% normal tax on \$207,198.41 |
| 2020/2021 | 100% normal tax on \$211,342.38 |
| 2021/2022 | 100% normal tax on \$215,569.22 |
| 2022/2023 | 100% normal tax on \$219,880.61 |
| 2023/2024 | 100% normal tax on \$224,278.22 |
| 2024/2025 and thereafter | 100% normal tax on full assessed value |

CERTIFICATION

Thomas J. Sorge (name of Chief Executive Officer of company submitting application) deposes and says that he or she is the Vice President (title) of Pallets-R-U's, Inc., the corporation (company name) named in the attached application; that he or she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his or her knowledge.

Deponent further says that the reason this verification is being made by the Deponent and not by Pallets-R-U's, Inc. (company name) is because the said company is a corporation. The grounds of Deponent's belief relative to all matters in the said application which are not stated upon his or her own personal knowledge, are investigations which Deponent has caused to be made concerning the subject matter of this application as well as information acquired by Deponent in the course of his or her duties as an officer of and from books and papers of said corporation.

As an officer of said corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant"), Deponent acknowledges and agrees that Applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs incurred by the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") acting on behalf of the Applicant in connection with this application and all matters relating to the issuance of bonds. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate necessary negotiations or fails to act within a reasonable or specified period of time to take reasonable, proper, or requested action or withdraws, abandons, cancels or neglects the application or if the Applicant is unable to find buyers willing to purchase the total bond issue required, then upon presentation of invoice, Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents or assigns, all actual costs incurred with respect to the application, up to that date and time, including fees to bond counsel for the Agency and fees of general counsel for the Agency. Upon successful conclusion and sale of the required bond issue, the Applicant shall pay to the Agency an administrative fee set by the Agency not to exceed an amount equal to 1% of the total project cost financed by the bond issue, which amount is payable at closing. The Agency's bond counsel's fees and the administrative fee may be considered as a cost of the project and included as part of any resultant bond issue.

Deponent further certifies that he or she has read the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Policy of the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency and will agree to the terms thereof.

Thomas J. Sorge
Chief Executive Officer of Company

Sworn to me before this 15
Day of April, 2013
Maureen C. Russell
(seal)

MAUREEN C. RUSSELL
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION EXPIRES 12/31/2014
QUALIFIED IN SUFFOLK COUNTY
COMMISSION EXPIRES 12/31/2014