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Parent Corporation of
ERIE CANAL HARBOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROJECT UPDATE
Canalside Project
Buffalo, Erie County, New York

The New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development ("ESD"), served as Lead Agency on behalf of its subsidiary, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation ("ECHDC"), for the environmental review process carried out under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) in connection with the Canalside Project in Buffalo, New York (the "Project").

The Project was classified as a Type 1 Action under the implementing regulations for SEQRA. The Project was evaluated utilizing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("GEIS") to analyze site-specific impacts associated with various aspects of the Project, and long-term and/or cumulative impacts associated with future phases of project development. Pursuant to SEQRA, agencies may prepare a GEIS when there is a need to assess a wide variety of impacts at a more conceptual level on a larger geographic area, often including cumulative impacts, rather than project-specific or site-specific EISs. The ESD issued a Final GEIS ("FGEIS") for the Project on January 21, 2010 and a Findings Statement on March 25, 2010. Pursuant to the FGEIS, final designs for less-defined Project components as well as any proposed changes to the more well-defined elements would require further evaluation pursuant to SEQRA.

On October 5, 2012, ESD distributed a Notice of Lead Agency Designation and Project Update (the "Notice") detailing proposed changes to the development of the area known as the "Webster Block" from the assumptions evaluated in the Canalside GEIS. The Notice included a Letter of Intent from representatives of HARBORcenter Development, LLC ("HARBORcenter"), notifying ESD of the proposed changes to the development of the Webster Block component of the Project, including the construction of a mixed-use building consisting of a hockey complex, a hotel, retail and restaurant space and a parking structure (the "Webster Block Component"). The Notice detailed the process by which ESD, as Lead Agency, would conduct the SEQRA analysis for the proposed changes to the Webster Block Component and review its consistency with the FGEIS and the Findings Statement, and requested comments from your agency, board or department to assist in the analysis.

ESD has received from HARBORcenter the enclosed Full Environmental Assessment Form and supporting analyses with detailed information regarding the extent to which potential environmental impacts associated with the Webster Block Component have

been addressed in the Canalside GEIS and providing supplemental analyses for potential impacts which were not addressed.

We request that your agency, board or department review the enclosed documentation and provide any comments regarding potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the Webster Block Component to ESD by November 12, 2012.

Comments on potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the Webster Block Component or questions regarding the Canalside SEQRA process, should be directed to :

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Empire State Development
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Buffalo, NY 14203
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A copy of this notice, the Full EAF and supporting analysis has been sent to the following agencies:

New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203

New York State Department of
Transportation
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
State Historic Preservation Office
Peebles Island, PO Box 189
Waterfront, NY 12188-1089

New York State Department of State
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001

New York State Canal Corporation
455 Cayuga Road
Suite 800
Cheektowaga, NY 14225-1309

Department of State Division of Coastal
Resources
41 State Street
Albany, NY 12231-0001

New York State Thruway Authority
Buffalo Division
455 Cayuga Road, Suite 800
Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0121

Niagara Frontier
Transportation Authority
181 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Erie County Department of Health
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Erie County
Industrial Development Agency
143 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

New York State Office of General Services
Corning Tower
41st Floor Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12242

New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority
295 Main Street
Room 946
Buffalo, NY 14203

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation
5th Floor
95 Perry Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

City of Buffalo Department of Administration, Finance, Policy and Urban Affairs
203 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

City of Buffalo Department of Public Works, Streets and Parks
501 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Buffalo Sewer Authority
1038 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
902 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority
300 Perry Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Erie County
Department of Planning and Environment
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

City of Buffalo Common Council
City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

City of Buffalo Planning Board
901 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Hon. Mayor Byron W. Brown
City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

City of Buffalo Department of Economic Development, Inspections and Permits
324 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Buffalo Preservation Board
901 City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority
Market Arcade Building, Suite 400
617 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203-1485

Buffalo Water Board
281 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14204