**NON-CIRCUMVENTION, NON-DISCLOSURE & AN**

**IRREVOCABLE MASTER FEE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

SELLER NAME:**CRUDE OIL MARKETING DIVISION OF N.N.P.C, BOT.**

BUYER NAME:

CONTRACT NUMBER: **NNPC/JVO /T.OPS-361/20/20**

DATE: **11/01/2021**

###### This documentapplies to this and any future spot or contract purchases that may take place between the respective Buyer and Seller named. The associated Mandates, Buyers, Sellers and Agents are to be compensated for these current and future transactions in accordance with the principles set forth in this agreement.

**WHEREAS** the undersigned wish to enter into this Agreement to define certain parameters of the future legal obligations, are bound by a duty of Confidentiality with respect to their sources and contacts. This duty is in accordance with the International Chamber of Commerce.

**WHEREAS** the undersigned desire to enter a working business relationship to the mutual and common benefit of the parties hereto, including their affiliates, subsidiaries, stockholders, partners, co-ventures, trading partners, and other associated organizations (hereinafter referred to as Affiliates).

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the mutual promises, assertions and covenants herein and other good and valuable considerations, the receipts of which is acknowledged hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**1.** **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

A. The parties will not in any manner solicit, nor accept any business in any manner from sources or their affiliates, which sources were made available through this agreement, without the express permission of the party who made available the source and,

B. The parties will maintain complete confidentiality regarding each other business sources and /or their Affiliates and will disclose such business sources only to the named parties pursuant to the express written permission of this party who made available the source, and,

C. That they will not in any of the transactions the parties are desirous of entering into and do, to the best of their abilities assure the other that the transaction codes established will not be affected.

D. That they will not disclose names, addresses, e-mail addresses, Telephone and Tele-fax or Telex numbers  to any contacts by either party to third parties and that they each recognize such contracts as the exclusive property of the respective parties and they will not enter into any direct negotiations or transactions with such contracts revealed by the other party and

E. That they further undertake not to enter into business transaction with banks, investors, sources of funds or other bodies, the names of which have been provided by one of the parties to this agreement, unless written permission has been obtained from the other party (ies) to do so, for the sale of this agreement, it does not matter whether information obtained from a natural or a legal person. The parties also undertake not to make use of a third party to circumvent this clause.

F. That in the event of circumvention of this Agreement by either party, directly or indirectly, the circumvented party shall be entitled to a legal monetary penalty equal to the maximum service it should realize from such a transaction plus any and all expenses, including but not limited to all legal costs and expenses incurred to recover the lost revenue.

G. All considerations, benefits, bonuses, participation fees and & or commissions received as a result of the contributions of the parties in the Agreement, relating to any and all transactions will be allocated as mutually agreed.

H. This Agreement is valid for any and all transactions between the parties herein and shall be governed by the enforceable law in all Common wealth Countries, European Union Countries and, USA Courts, or under Swiss Law in Zurich, in the event of dispute, the arbitration laws of states will apply.

I. The signing parties hereby accept such selected Jurisdiction as the exclusive venue. The duration of the Agreement shall perpetuate for

Five (5) years from last date of signing for the present and future transactions of crude oil products in Nigeria.

**2.** **AGREEMENT TO TERMS**

A. Signatures on this Agreement received by the way of facsimile, Mail and & or E-mail shall be an executed contract.  Agreement enforceable, admissible for all purposes as may be necessary under the terms of the Agreement

B. All signatories hereto acknowledge that they have read the foregoing Agreement and by their initials and signature that they have full and complete authority to execute the document for and in the name of the party for which they have given their signature.

C. The present agreement is valid only if the Deal is successfully.

D. The sale of the product is under the sole responsibility of the end seller.

E. The payment of the product is under the sole responsibility of the end buyer from a clean source of money.

F. The due diligence of the POP documents and Documents for the Title Ownership Transfer is under the sole responsibility of the end buyer.

**BUYER**

Name:

Signed on:

Company Name:

Address:

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**SELLER:**

Name: Crude Oil Marketing Division

Signed on

Company Name: N.N.P.C

Address: Bonny Offshore Terminal, Bonny Island

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**BUYER MANDATE**

Name:

Signed on:

Company Name:

Address:

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**SELLER MANDATE:**

Name: Engr. Williams Okome

Signed on : 

Company Name: COMD, N.N.P.C, BOT, Bonny

Address: Bonny Offshore Terminal, Bonny Island

Signatory’s Full Name: Engr. Williams Okome

Designation: Manager, Crude Oil Marketing Div.

Nationality: Nigeria

Passport Nos: -

Phone Nos:

Email:

**SELLER AGENT:**

Name: Dr. A.C. AHARAH

Signed on: ****

Company Name: AYK & AYK COMPANY LTD.

Address: PLOT 12, CADASTRAL ZONE O7-07, SABON LUGBE DISTRICT, FCT, ABUJA.

Signatory’s Full Name: Dr. Ayk Collins Aharah

Designation: MD/CEO.

Nationality:NIGERIAN

Passport Nos: **A 09564322**

Phone Nos:+234-8033136703

Email:aykonsult@yahoo.com

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**BUYER AGENT**

Name:

Signed on:

Company Name:

Address:

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**BUYER FACILITATORS**

Name:

Signed on:

Company Name:

Address:

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**SELLER FACILITATORS**

Name:

Signed on

Company Name: **NA**

Address:

Signatory’s Full Name:

Designation:

Nationality:

Passport Nos:

Phone Nos:

Email:

**IRREVOCABLE MASTER FEE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

**We, ---------------------------------,** **the undersigned,** herewith referred as the BUYER, under penalty of perjury do hereby irrevocably confirm and irrevocably accept to pay all intermediaries and fee holders at the same time and in a manner as the seller is being paid for each and every transaction of this contract up to the completion of the contract plus rollovers and extensions and in accordance with the bank details to be specified in the hard copies of this contract.

**We,------------------------------, the BUYER,** irrevocably confirm that we will order and direct our bank to endorse automatic payment orders to the beneficiaries named below> furthermore, we, the BUYER, confirms that all pay orders shall automatically transfer funds as directed into each beneficiaries designated bank account **within one (1) day after** the date of closing and completion of each and every shipment of the product during the contract term plus any/or extensions and rollover of the specified contract. (or the purpose of clarity, we confirm that the closing and completion of each and every shipment shall be deemed to take place when the letter of credit issued by the buyer has been drawn down at the counters of the issuing bank.

**We, -----------------------------------, the BUYER,** agree to provide all beneficiaries with **written evidence** of the pay orders lodged with our bank together with acknowledgements of their acceptance. Furthermore, our bank shall be instructed to provide duly signed and stamped acknowledgement of this instruction as set out in the agreement. Forming part of this agreement, it is understood that for the purposes of this Master Fee Protection Agreement, our bank shall be the same bank and this MFPA acts as an integral part of it.

**We, -----------------------------------, the BUYER,** agrees that the terms of purchase and sale of the Commodity shall be as per contract between \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **NNPC**\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_(As Seller) and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (As Buyer). Beneficiary named below under the Buyer side beneficiary are acting strictly as our Agents and or Mandates shall have no liability whatsoever towards the Seller and/or Buyer and their respective Agents or intermediaries on account of default under the contract by Seller and/or Buyer. Agents & Mandates and or Intermediaries shall have no liability towards the Seller and/or Buyer and their respective Agents or intermediaries# on account of default under the contract by Seller and/or Buyer. M/s. Agents & Mandates and or Intermediaries or their officers, partners, directors and employees shall not be liable under any theory of contract, strict liability, misrepresentation or other legal equitable theory for any loss of damage of any nature incurred by Buyer and/or Seller and their respective Mandate & Agents or Intermediaries in the performance of the contracts between Buyer and Seller. Agents & Mandates and or Intermediaries shall not be liable to Buyer and/ or Seller and their respective Mandate & Agents or intermediaries for any special, incidental or consequential (Indirect) or contingent damages such as but not limited to loss of profit, loss of opportunity, loss of business, etc.

**We, ------------------------------------------------------------, the undersigned** being the Buyer, named legally authorized representative as stated within the signed and legally binding main transaction, contract unconditionally agree and undertake to approve and originate all payments in **USD CURRENCY** to all beneficiaries named below as their rightful and payable commissions. This agreement also acts as a record confirming the commission amounts for each named beneficiary as set out below:

**TOTAL COMMISSION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

The amount of $ 5.00 USD/Brrl delivered should be settled as herein stated to be transferred into the account as the beneficiaries described and named below.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

This master fee protection agreement covers the initial contract and shall include any renewals, extensions, rollovers, additions or any new or transfer contract any how originated from this transaction because of the above intermediaries or changing codes of the initial contract entered into between the buyer and seller. This master fee protection agreement and any subsequently issued pay orders shall be assignable, transferable and divisible and shall not be amended without the express written and notarized consent of the receiving beneficiary. All parties agree neither to circumvent nor to attempt circumvent either for the transaction of this current contract or in the future for a period of three years from the date of the execution of this fee protection agreement. This document binds all parties, their employees, associates, transferees and assignees or designees. All faxed and /or e-mailed signatures shall be considered as original signatures for the purpose of binding all parties to this agreement. This document may be signed and in any number of counterparts all of which shall be taken together and shall constitute as being one and the same instrument.

Any party may enter into this document and the agreement constituted thereby by signing any counterpart any time, date or period mentioned in any provision of this document shall only be amended by agreement in writing and signed off by all parties concerned. Furthermore, we agree that any and all commissions due shall be paid to the beneficiary as a result of any extension or rolls of the contract and that we shall effect all necessary documentation with our bank without any undue delays to ensure such commissions and paid within the terms of the agreement.

**PARTIAL INVALIDITY:**

The illegality, invalidity and non-enforceable provision of this document under the laws of any Jurisdiction shall not affect its illegality, validity or enforceability under the law of any other Jurisdiction or provision.

**GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION:**

This document shall be governed and construed in accordance with current /English or I.C.C 400/500/600signed between partners NCND laws.

**ARBITRATION:**

All parties agree to refer any disputes between the parties arising out of or in connection with this agreement including any questions regarding its existence, validity or termination to arbitration rules of the international arbitration centre (I.A.C). The appointed arbitrator shall hold the proceedings in any country chosen by the parties and the rules of the I.A.C shall apply. This document is signed and accepted by parties named below as to be included in the main contract.

**Accepted & Agreed by the Buyer and Beneficiaries named below:**

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| **PARTICULARS** | **BUYER** |
| Company Name/Address |  |
| Represented by |  |
| Designation |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Passport Nos |  |
| Date |  |
| Signature |  |
| Bank Name |  |
| Bank Address |  |
| Account Nos |  |
| Beneficiary |  |
| Swift Code |  |
| Bank Officer |  |

SELLER SIDE MANDATE=TOTAL AMOUNT $1.00 USD/Brrl(**CLOSED**)

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| **NON-CIRCUMVENTION, NON-DISCLOSURE & WORKING AGREEMENT (NCNDA)** | **IRREVOCABLE MASTER FEE PROTECTION AGREEMENT (IMFPA)** |
| **SELLER`S MANDATE TO RECEIVE $1.00 P/BRL** |
| **Name** | **TO BE NOMINATED BY NNPC.** | **COMMISSION SIZE (WITH ROLLS+EXT):****( $ 1.00 USD/BBL)****SPOT + CONTRACT** | **US$1/-BRL** |
| **Passport #**  |  | **Beneficiary’s Name** |  |
| **Nationality**  |  | **Account Name** |  |
| **Designation** |  | **Account No.** |  |
| **Bank Name** |  |
| **Address** |  | **Bank Address** |  |
| **Telephone #** |  | **Swift Code** |  |
| **Fax #** |  | **ABA / Routing #** | **-** |
| **Mobile #** |  | **Bank Officer** |  |
| **Email Address** |  | **Bank Telephone #** |  |
| **Web Address** | **-** | **Bank Fax #** | **-** |
| **Today’s Date** |  |  |  |
| **SIGNATURE &****SEAL** |  | **NOTARY PUBLIC****ON THIS DATE BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC PERSONALLY APPEARED TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY EXECUTED THE SAME AS THEIR FREE ACT AND DEED.****MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:****NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE [SEAL]** |
| **Required Message on All Transfer of Funds** | **ALL FUNDS TRANSFERS SHALL STATE: “FUNDS ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR, OF NON-CRIMINAL ORIGIN AND ARE PAYABLE INTT TRANSFER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT BY BENEFICIARY’S BANK.” A notification immediately upon each payment /lift together with the transactions code(s) are to be sent to:**  |

SELLER AGENT SIDE =TOTAL AMOUNT $0.80C. /Brrl-(**Closed**).

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| **NON-CIRCUMVENTION, NON-DISCLOSURE & WORKING AGREEMENT (NCNDA)** | **IRREVOCABLE MASTER FEE PROTECTION AGREEMENT (IMFPA)** |
| **SELLERS AGENT TO RECEIVE $0.80C./ GRP MOU** |
| **Name** | **AYK AND AYK COMPANY LTD** | **COMMISSION SIZE (WITH ROLLS+EXT):****($0.80C X 2MBRLS)****SPOT + CONTRACT****BLCO.** | **$0.80C X 2MBRLS (BLCO) COMMISSION SIZE WITH ROLLS+EXTENSIONS** **$0.80 X 10MBRLS (BLCO)** |
| **Passport #**  | **A 09564322** | **Beneficiary’s Name** | **AYK COLLINS AHARAH** |
| **Nationality**  | **NIGERIAN** | **Account Name** | **AYK & AYK COMPANY LTD.** |
| **Designation** | **MD/CEO** | **A/C. No. (NAIRA)** | **4010101941** |
|  |  | **A/C. No. (DOLLAR)****Bank Name** | **5090117448** |
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| **Address** | **PLOT 12, CADASTRAL ZONE 07-07, SABON LUGBE DISTRICT, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA, NIGERIA** | **Bank Address** | **17A AWOLOWO ROAD IKOYI, LAGOS, NIGERIA** |
| **Telephone #** | **+234-8033136703** | **Swift Code** | **FIDTNGLA** |
| **Fax #** | **NA** | ***CORRESPONDENT BAN*K** | **CITY BANK NEW YORK** |
| **Mobile #** | **+234-7039309877** | **SWIFT CODE** | **CITIUS33** |
| **Email Address** | **aykonsult@yahoo.com** | **ABA CODE** | **021000089** |
| **Web Address** | **-NA** | **Bank Tel. #** | 002341-8744587, 002341-8138285, 002341-4615495 |
|  | **BANK NAME** | **FIDELITY BANK PLC** |
| **FAX** | 002341-4615495 |
| **SIGNATURE &****SEAL:** **SEAL 1** | **INT”L I.D.:****I:\DCIM\Camera\IMG_20180625_141203.jpg** | **NOTARY PUBLIC****ON THIS DATE BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC PERSONALLY APPEARED TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY EXECUTED THE SAME AS THEIR FREE ACT AND DEED.****MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:****NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE [SEAL]** |
| **Required Message on All Transfer of Funds** | **ALL FUNDS TRANSFERS SHALL STATE: “FUNDS ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR, OF NON-CRIMINAL ORIGIN AND ARE PAYABLE INTO TRANSFER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT BY BENEFICIARY’S BANK.” A notification immediately upon each payment /lift together with the transactions code(s) are to be sent to:aykonsult@yahoo.com**  |

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**AGENTS ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR USD$0.20C/BRL WITH ROLLS AND EXTENSIONS:**

 CORRESPONDENT BANK NAME CITIBANK N.A.

 CORRESPONDENT BANK ADDRESS Canada Square Canary Wharf London E14 5LB

 IBAN NO GB80CITI18500810407941

 SWIFT CODE CITIGB2L

 SORT CODE 18-50-08

 BENEFICIARY BANK NAME ZENITH BANK PLC, ABUJA, NIGERIA

 BENEFICIARY BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 10407941 (USD)

 SWIFT CODE ZEIBNGLA

 FINAL BENEFICIARY LOCAL BANK DETAILS TO RECEIVE LOCAL CURRENCY (NAIRA) EQUIVALENT

 Bank Name ZENITH BANK PLC

 Bank Address AHMADU BELO WAY, PLT 1602, GARKI, ABUJA, NIGERIA.

 Account Name STOCKWELL PROPERTIES

 Account No. 6115101701

 SORT CODE 057080099

 ACCOUNT OFFICER`S NAME VERA ONUORA

 A/C. OFFICER`S TEL. TBN

 SPECIAL WIRE INSTRUCTIONS: ALL TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS SHALL STATE: "FUNDS ARE CLEAN AND

 (REQUIRED MESSAGE; CLEAR, OF NON-CRIMINAL ORIGIN AND ARE PAYABLE IN CASH. ALL COPIES TO:

stockwellpropertiesltd@gmail.com

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**TRANSACTION HANDLERS BANKING COORDINATE $0.15C/ BRL/R&EXT**

BANK NAME:DIAMOND BANK PLC.

BANK ADDRESS:MUHAMMAD BUHARI WAY, CBD, ABUJA.

A/C NAME: JOY N. ILONA

 A/C NUMBER:0012604219

A/C OFFICER`S NAME:PETER IFIJE

 A/C OFFICER`S PHONE NO:07030122120

 SOURCE OF FUND:AGENCY FEE/COMMISSION

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**TRANSACTION HANDLERS ACCOUNT FOR USD$0.10C P/BRL :**

 CORRESPONDENT BANK NAME :CITIBANK N.A.

 CORRESPONDENT BANK ADDRESS: Canada Square Canary Wharf London E14 5LB

IBAN N0: GB80CITI18500810407941

 SWIFT CODE:CITIGB2L

 SORT CODE:18-50-08

 BENEFICIARY BANK NAME:ZENITH BANK PLC, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

 BENEFICIARY BANK A/C N0: 10407941 (USD)

 SWIFT CODE:ZEIBNGLA

 BANK NAME:ZENITH BANK PLC.

 BANK ADDRESS: LAGOS

 A/C NAME: CHIDERA VICTORIA.

 A/C N0.:2050805693

 REQUIRED MESSAGE:The S.W.I.F.T. or Clear Stream text message covering all remittances shall clearly state the following: Agency Fee, Clean, Cleared, Lien free and unencumbered funds, earned from financial consulting fees on Commercial Enterprises of Non- Criminal and Non-Terrorist

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 **TRANSACTION HANDLERS GRP-BANKING COORDINATE TO RECEIVE $0.10C/BRL/MOU**

Domiciliary Acc.

Name: soul Emeka. L. Okeke

A/C :0076463304

Bank :Diamond Bank

Bank Area: Area three,Bank Area, Abuja.

Bank-Officers-email: lehikpehale@diamondbank.com.

Officers-phone: 08036876359

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**TRANSACTION HANDLERS GRP-BANKING COORDINATE TO RECEIVE $0.15C/BRL/MOU**

 Correspondent Bank Name:BARCLAYS BANK  PLC , NEW YORK, USA

 Correspondent Bank Swift Code: BARCUS33

 Beneficiary Bank: UNION BANK OF NIGERIA PLC

 Bank Address in Nigeria:FORESHORE TOWER BRANCH, OSBORN ROAD, IKOYI, LAGOS.

 Bank Swift Code: UBNINGLA

 Account number: 0022864108

 Sort code: 032154115

 Account officer: MR. VINCENT

 Telephone: 01-8126940

 Required message The Transfer or Clear Stream text message covering all remittances shall clearly state the following: Clean, Cleared, Lien free and unencumbered funds, earned from Financial consulting fees on Commercial Enterprises of Non-Criminal and Non-Terrorist origins, for same day settlement. All Wire transfers shall incorporate above and cc:dacaaenergygroup@gmail.com

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 **TOTAL COMMISSION FOR BUYER SIDE: $2.50 USD/BRRL**

**BUYER MANDATE SIDE =TOTAL AMOUNT $1.50 USD/Brrl**

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| **PARTICULARS** | **BUYERS MANDATE** |
| Beneficiary Name |  |
| Beneficiary Address |  |
| Represented by |  |
| Designation |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Passport Nos |  |
| Date |  |
| Commission |  |
| Signature |  |
| Bank Name |  |
| Bank Address |  |
| Account Nos |  |
| IBAN Nos |  |
| Swift /BIC Code |  |
| Bank Officer |  |
| Special Instruction | All wire transfers shall incorporate Text message and a copy of Bank wire Transfer slip shall be emailed to xxxxxxx@gmail.com for legal verification and documentaion. |

BUYER SIDE FACILITAORS =TOTAL AMOUNT $0.50 USD/Brrl

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| **PARTICULARS** |  |
| Beneficiary Bank Name |  |
| Beneficiary Name |  |
| Represented by |  |
| Designation |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Passport Nos |  |
| Date |  |
| Commission |  |
| Signature |  |
| Bank Name |  |
| Bank Address |  |
| Account Nos |  |
| IBAN Nos |  |
| Swift /BIC Code |  |
| Bank Officer |  |
| Special Instruction | All wire transfers shall incorporate Text message and a copy of Bank wire Transfer slip shall be emailed to xxxxxxx@gmail.com for legal verification and documentaion. |

BUYER SIDE FACILITAORS =TOTAL AMOUNT $0.50 USD/Brrl

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| **PARTICULARS** |  |
| Beneficiary Bank Name |  |
| Beneficiary Name |  |
| Represented by |  |
| Designation |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Passport Nos |  |
| Date |  |
| Commission |  |
| Signature |  |
| Bank Name |  |
| Bank Address |  |
| Account Nos |  |
| IBAN Nos |  |
| Swift /BIC Code |  |
| Bank Officer |  |
| Special Instruction | All wire transfers shall incorporate Text message and a copy of Bank wire Transfer slip shall be emailed to xxxxxxx@gmail.com for legal verification and documentaion. |

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

ON THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021, BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC PERSONALLY APPEARED TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY EXECUTED THE SAME AS THEIR FREE ACT AND DEED**.**

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**