

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORISING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY AND IFA ROTORION – NORTH AMERICA LLC WHEREBY CHARLESTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH IFA ROTORION – NORTH AMERICA LLC; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY IFA ROTORION – NORTH AMERICA LLC OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, Charleston County, South Carolina (the “County”), acting by and through its County Council (the “County Council”) is authorised and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “FILOT Act”), to designate real and tangible personal property as “economic development property” and to enter into an arrangement which provides for payment in lieu of taxes (“Negotiated FILOT Payments”) for a project qualifying under the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, IFA Rotorion - North America LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Company”), intends to expand and upgrade its existing drive shaft production facilities to increase production levels (the “Project”); the Project is to be located at 9770 Patriot Boulevard, Ladson, South Carolina (the “Project Site”); and

WHEREAS, the Project when completed will represent an anticipated “investment” (as defined in the FILOT Act) (the “Investment”) by the Company in the aggregate not less than \$6,400,000 in new machinery and equipment to be located at the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the County has been advised that it has hired an additional 64 employees during this current calendar year as a result of the Project, and that it expects to hire by the end of the calendar year 2015 an additional approximately 61 full-time employees, all in addition to the Company’s 313 employees at its existing facility in Charleston County; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located entirely within Charleston County and is currently in a multi-county park as described herein; and

WHEREAS, the County has made specific proposals, including proposals to offer certain economic development incentives set forth herein, for the purpose of inducing the Company to invest its funds to acquire and expand the Project (the “Incentives); and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest, for the public benefit, and in furtherance of the public purposes of the FILOT Act that the County Council provide final approval for qualifying the Project under the FILOT Act for the Incentives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Evaluation of the Project. County Council have evaluated the Project on the following criteria based upon the advice and assistance of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the Board of Economic Advisors:

- (a) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes;
- (b) the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made; and
- (c) the anticipated costs and benefits to the County.

Section 2. Findings by County Council. Based upon information provided by and representations of the Company, County Council's investigation of the Project, including the criteria described in Section 1 above, and the advice and assistance of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the Board of Economic Advisors, as necessary, County Council hereby find that:

- (a) the Project constitutes a "project" as that term is defined in the FILOT Act;
- (b) the Project will serve the purposes of the FILOT Act;
- (c) the Investment by the Company in the Project is anticipated to be approximately \$6,400,000, all to be invested within the "investment period" (as defined in the FILOT Act); and the Company has employed 64 full-time employees at its existing facilities as a result of the Project, and expects to hire an additional approximately 61 full-time employees in calendar year 2015, in addition to maintaining the Company's 313 employees at its existing facility as is provided in the Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement (the "FILOT Agreement") between the County and the Company;
- (d) the Project will be located entirely within Charleston County and is located in a multi-county industrial park created pursuant to Code Section §4-1-170;
- (e) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of Charleston County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally;
- (f) the Project gives rise to neither a pecuniary liability of the County nor a charge against its general credit or taxing power;
- (g) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes;
- (h) the inducement of the location of the Project is of paramount importance; and

- (i) the benefits of the Project to the public are greater than the cost to the public.

Section 3. Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement. Pursuant to the authority of the FILOT Act, the Project is designated as “economic development property” under the FILOT Act and there is hereby authorised a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with the Company which will provide Negotiated FILOT Payments to be made with respect to the Project based upon a 6% assessment ratio with the millage rate which is the lower of (a) the cumulative property tax millage rate levied on behalf of all taxing entities within which the Project is located on June 30 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the FILOT Agreement is executed or (b) the cumulative property tax millage rate levied on behalf of all taxing entities within which the Project is located on June 30 of the calendar year in which the FILOT Agreement is executed, such rate to be fixed for the entire 20-year term of the fee-in-lieu of taxes, all as more fully set forth in the FILOT Agreement.

Section 4. Execution of the Fee Agreement. The form, terms, and provisions of the FILOT Agreement presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the County Council be and hereby are approved, and all of the terms, provisions, and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if such FILOT Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the County Council and the Clerk of the County Council be and they are hereby authorised and directed to execute and deliver the FILOT Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the FILOT Agreement to be delivered to the Company. The FILOT Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting of County Council at which this Ordinance received third reading and hereby approved, or with any changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of the County thereunder, upon the advice of legal counsel, by the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of all changes therein from the form of FILOT Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 5. Miscellaneous.

(a) The Chairman and all other appropriate officials of the County are hereby authorised to execute, deliver, and receive any other agreements and documents as may be required by the County in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions authorised by this Ordinance.

(b) This Ordinance shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

(c) This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading by the County Council.

(d) The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereunder.

(e) All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Chairman, County Council of
Charleston County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Clerk to County Council
Charleston County, South Carolina

First Reading: _____, 2014
Second Reading: _____, 2014
Public Hearing: _____, 2014
Third Reading: _____, 2014