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FW: Application and Submittal Requirements

From: Saied Naaseh

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 12:53 PM

To: 'eson@veridonpartners.com'

Cc: Alvie Betancourt

Subject: Application and Submittal Requirements

#### Hi Eric

I heard you need assistance with your next steps to submit your application. The link below provides access to our application. It is very easy to fill out; however, it has extensive list of submittal requirements. After you review it, we can meet to answer any questions you may have.

http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/files/pdfs/planning/forms/DevelopmentApplicationPacket2019.pdf

Thanks
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Community Development Director
City of Carson
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EXHIBIT NO. 3

From:

Eric Son <eson@veridonpartners.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:04 PM

To:

abetancourt@carson.ca.us; Lona N. Laymon

Cc:

carl wang

Subject:

**FOCAL Strategic Investments LLC** 

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From:

Eric Son <eson@veridonpartners.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 12:00 PM

To:

Lona N. Laymon

Subject:

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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 3:18 PM

To: Lona N. Laymon

Cc: carl wang; Sharon Landers; John Raymond (jraymond@carson.ca.us); Sunny Soltani;

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From:

Eric Son <eson@veridonpartners.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 6:21 PM

To:

Lona N. Laymon

Subject:

Re: FOCAL Strategic Investments LLC

Hi Lona,

As I mentioned on previous email, we understand that we are in a situation where in "Triggering Percentages" of the ownership changes. That is why we are asking what steps we have to take in order to change our company structure. We need prior approval from the City of Carson and we want to take proper step on this part. We want to restructure our ownership percentage as Jung Yoon Hwang 55% and Kyung Ho Hwang 45% (New Investor). After restructure, we believe another investor will join us with another 50% stake in the company. We need investors to proceed with this project and that is a reason why we need to know what procedures or steps we have to take or who we have to contact to get approval of restructuring of FOCALS Strategic Investments LLC. For our side, we need two step process to restructure our company and we need restructuring to proceed with the project.

For the timeliness default, from my understanding it is council's decision to whether terminate DA or not correct? (Do we need to contact City to get approval or is it automatically goes to Council for decision?) If Councils decide to give us an extra time we need above restructuring process to proceed with the project. So in the meantime we want to know the procedure for restructuring with "Triggering Percentages". If Councils does not approve or terminate DA then there is no point of restructuring, but for now we need to know how to proceed in case council approves extension. Please let us know

Thank you and happy Thanksgiving

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On Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 5:50 PM Lona N. Laymon < <u>llaymon@awattorneys.com</u>> wrote:

Mr. Son, please see attached correspondence of today's date.

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From:
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Eric Son <eson@veridonpartners.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:51 PM

To:

Lona N. Laymon; Sharon Landers; John Raymond (jraymond@carson.ca.us); Sunny

Soltani; Alvie Betancourt; Saied Naaseh

Subject:

Regarding Curing process for final notice of default on Nov 15. 2019

Hi,

Focal Strategic Investments LLC received it's final default notice on Nov 15. 2019 from Lona N. Laymon. From our understanding we have final 30 days to cure before City of Carson can terminate DA upon their decision. We tried to contact City of Carson through Aleshire & Wynder LLP (Lona N. Laymon) and Said from City of Carson to try to cure the current default status. We had a couple questions regarding current situation.

- 1. We understand that we are way fall behind schedule but we believe we can complete this project by September of 2021 and start operation. (September of 2021 is required date of completion or project). So do we need any filing of documents or anything to cure our default? What steps should we take?
- 2. From our standpoint we believe that we have to submit planning plan and other contractual plan to City of Carson as our next step and in order for us to cure, we need to prove that we are currently working on this. Meanwhile, Focal Strategic Investments LLC has requested City of Carson to review our restructuring of members and future plan to take investor into our firm.
- Current ownership changes to JoongYoon Hwang 55% and Kyung Ho Hwang 45%. We do not believe we need to get approval of this change by the City of Carson but we wanted to make sure that we did not breach the DA. We requested City to confirm on this change.
- In addition, we also asked to approval of new investor who will have 49 to 50% ownership of Focal Strategic Investments LLC. Focal strategic Investments LLC needs funds to move forward and we found investors who have an interest in our project. To cure our default we need to proceed with our planning submission and this needs fund. But before we can take fund and give investors shares, we need to get confirmation or approval from the City of Carson that this does not breach the deal of DA and I requested a couple of times after Nov. 15 2019 to confirm this deal so Focal Strategic Investments can move on with this project and cure the current default. We cannot take the fund till there is confirmation or approval from City of Carson.

We strongly believe that if we receive the funds, we can immediately cure the default and can finish the project on September, 2021 as stated on DA.

Thank you

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