

THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ is made and entered into by and between

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Virginia corporation, whose mailing address is 650 West Peachtree Street NW – Box 45, Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (hereinafter called “RAILWAY”); and

**CITY OF HUDSON**, an Ohio municipality, whose mailing address is 1140 Terex Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236 (hereinafter called "LICENSEE").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, LICENSEE, at its own cost and expense, has found it necessary to add a median, delineators and curbing to the existing Stow Road Crossing (DOT# 503541T) over RAILWAY at-grade (the “Facilities”), in the vicinity of RAILWAY Milepost RD-94.81, at or near Hudson, Summit County, Ohio (the “Premises”), located substantially as shown on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, upon RAILWAY’s written approval of the project plans and specifications, RAILWAY is willing to permit LICENSEE to enter upon RAILWAY’s right of way for installation, construction, maintenance, operation and removal of the Facilities upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Preliminary plans and specifications are attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, RAILWAY is willing, at LICENSEE’s sole expense, to make modifications to RAILWAY’s right of way and/or appurtenances rendered necessary by LICENSEE’s installation, construction, maintenance, operation and removal of its Facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

#### I. LICENSEE’S FACILITIES

1. Right-of-Entry. RAILWAY, insofar as its rights and title enables it to do so and subject to its rights to operate and maintain its RAILWAY and RAILWAY appurtenances along, in, and over its right-of-way, grants LICENSEE, its agents and/or contractors, without compensation, the right to enter upon the Premises, for the purpose of installation, construction, maintenance, operation and removal of the Facilities, provided that, prior to entry upon lands of RAILWAY, any agent and/or contractor of LICENSEE must execute and deliver to RAILWAY or its authorized vendor a standard contractor right-of-entry agreement in a form approved by RAILWAY in its sole discretion, together with any certificate(s) of insurance required therein. Furthermore, any crossing of RAILWAY tracks by LICENSEE or any of its agents and/or contractors must be addressed by a standard temporary crossing agreement in a form approved by RAILWAY in its sole discretion.

2. Use and Condition of the Premises. The Premises shall be used by LICENSEE only for the installation, construction, maintenance, operation and removal of the Facilities and for no other purpose without the prior written consent of RAILWAY, which consent may be withheld by RAILWAY in its sole discretion. LICENSEE accepts the Premises in their current "as is" condition, as suited for the installation and operation of the Facilities, and without the benefit of any improvements to be constructed by RAILWAY except insofar as contemplated by Section II of this Agreement.

3. Construction and Maintenance of the Facilities. LICENSEE shall submit the plans and specifications for the Facilities at 30%, 60%, 90% and final design levels. Upon RAILWAY’s written approval of the plans and specifications, LICENSEE shall construct and maintain the Facilities, at its expense, in such a manner as will not interfere with the operations of RAILWAY or endanger persons or property of RAILWAY, and in accordance with: (a) the approved plans and specifications (if any) and any other specifications prescribed by RAILWAY; (b) applicable governmental regulations or laws and (c) applicable specifications adopted by the American RAILWAY

Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association when not in conflict with plans, specifications or regulations mentioned in (a) and (b) above.

4. Indemnification and Release. LICENSEE agrees that it will require its contractor(s) to indemnify and save harmless RAILWAY, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, expenses (including attorneys' fees) or costs for personal injuries (including death) and/or property damage to whomsoever or whatsoever occurring that arises or in any manner grows out of (a) the presence of LICENSEE's contractor, its employees, agents and/or subcontractors on or about the Premises, regardless of whether negligence on the part of RAILWAY, its officers, agents or employees caused or contributed to said loss of life, personal injury or property loss or damage in whole or in part; (b) any allegation that RAILWAY is an employer or joint employer of the contractor of LICENSEE or is liable for related employment benefits or tax withholdings; or (c) any decision by RAILWAY to bar or exclude LICENSEE's contractor from the Premises pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. LICENSEE agrees to release RAILWAY and its officers, agents and employees from any liability, claims, losses, damages, expenses (including attorneys' fees) or costs for personal injuries (including death) and/or property damage to whomsoever or whatsoever occurring that arises or in any manner grows out of (a) the presence of LICENSEE, its employees, agents and/or contractors on or about the Premises, regardless of whether negligence on the part of RAILWAY, its officers, agents or employees caused or contributed to said loss of life, personal injury or property loss or damage in whole or in part; (b) any allegation that RAILWAY is an employer or joint employer of LICENSEE or is liable for related employment benefits or tax withholdings; or (c) any decision by RAILWAY to bar or exclude LICENSEE from the Premises pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

5. Environmental Matters. LICENSEE assume all responsibility for any environmental obligations imposed under applicable laws, regulations or ordinances relating to the installation of the Facilities and/or to any contamination of any property, water, air or groundwater arising or resulting from LICENSEE's and/or its contractor(s) permitted operations or uses of RAILWAY's property pursuant to this Agreement. In addition, LICENSEE shall obtain any necessary permits to install the Facilities. LICENSEE agrees that it will require its contractor(s) to indemnify and hold harmless RAILWAY from and against any and all liability, fines, penalties, claims, demands, costs (including attorneys' fees), losses or lawsuits brought by any person, company or governmental entity relating to contamination of any property, water, air or groundwater due to the use or presence of the Facilities. It is agreed that this indemnity provision extends to any cleanup costs related to LICENSEE's and its contractor(s) activities upon RAILWAY's property and to any costs related to cleanup of the Facilities.

6. LICENSEE Contractor Right of Entry. In connection with the operation and maintenance of the Facilities, it is agreed that the safety of people and the safety and continuity of RAILWAY's operations shall be of first importance. LICENSEE shall always act and shall require its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees to act, with the highest regard for safety and RAILWAY operations continuity and shall require its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees to utilize and comply with RAILWAY's directives in this regard. LICENSEE shall itself comply and shall require its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees to comply with all RAILWAY procedures and directives utilizing an authorized vendor right of entry application process. LICENSEE shall require its contractor to submit a right of entry application through RAILWAY's authorized vendor and follow the vendor's process to complete the construction of the Facilities.

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8. Insurance. Without limiting in any manner the liabilities and obligations assumed by LICENSEE under any other provision of this Agreement, and as additional protection to RAILWAY, LICENSEE shall procure and maintain (and/or cause a LICENSEE agent or contractor to procure and maintain, as applicable), at its expense, insurance as directed by RAILWAY's authorized vendor..

9. Railway Support. RAILWAY shall, at RAILWAY's option, furnish, at the sole expense of LICENSEE, labor and materials necessary, in RAILWAY's sole judgment, to support its tracks during the installation, maintenance, repair, renewal or removal of the Facilities.

10. Safety of Railway Operations. If RAILWAY becomes aware of any safety violations committed by LICENSEE, its employees, agents and/or contractors, RAILWAY shall promptly notify LICENSEE, and LICENSEE shall promptly correct such violation. In the event of an emergency threatening immediate danger to persons or property, RAILWAY may take corrective actions and shall notify LICENSEE promptly thereafter. LICENSEE shall reimburse RAILWAY for actual costs incurred in taking such emergency measures. RAILWAY assumes no additional responsibility for safety on the Premises for LICENSEE, its agents/or contractors by taking these corrective actions, and LICENSEE, its agents/contractors shall retain full responsibility for such safety violations.

11. Corrective Measures. If LICENSEE fails to take any corrective measures requested by RAILWAY in a timely manner, or if an emergency situation is presented which, in RAILWAY's judgment, requires immediate repairs to the Facilities, RAILWAY, at LICENSEE's expense, may undertake such corrective measures or repairs as it deems necessary or desirable.

12. Railway Changes. If RAILWAY shall make any changes, alterations or additions to the line, grade, tracks, structures, roadbed, installations, right-of-way or works of RAILWAY, or to the character, height or alignment of the Electronic Systems, at or near the Facilities, LICENSEE shall, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice from RAILWAY and at its sole expense, make such changes in the location and character of the Facilities as, in the opinion of the chief engineering officer of RAILWAY, shall be necessary or appropriate to accommodate any construction, improvements, alterations, changes or additions of RAILWAY.

13. Assumption of Risk. Unless caused solely by the negligence of RAILWAY or caused solely by the willful misconduct of RAILWAY, LICENSEE hereby assumes all risk of damage to the Facilities and LICENSEE's other property relating to its use and occupation of the Premises or business carried on the Premises and any defects to the Premises; and LICENSEE hereby declares and states that RAILWAY, its officers, directors, agents and employees shall not be responsible for any liability for such damage.

14. Liens; Taxes. LICENSEE will not permit any mechanic's liens or other liens to be placed upon the Premises, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as constituting the consent or request of RAILWAY, express or implied, to any person for the performance of any labor or the furnishing of any materials to the Premises, nor as giving LICENSEE any right, power or authority to contract for or permit the rendering of any services or the furnishing of any materials that could give rise to any mechanic's liens or other liens against the Premises. In addition, LICENSEE shall be liable for all taxes levied or assessed against the Facilities and any other equipment or other property placed by LICENSEE within the Premises. In the event that any such lien shall attach to the Premises or LICENSEE shall fail to pay such taxes, then, in addition to any other right or remedy available to RAILWAY, RAILWAY may, but shall not be obligated to, discharge the same. Any amount paid by RAILWAY for any of the aforesaid purposes, together with related court costs, attorneys' fees, fines and penalties, shall be paid by LICENSEE to RAILWAY within ten (10) days after RAILWAY's demand therefor.

15. Default; Remedies.

(a) The following events shall be deemed to be events of default by LICENSEE under this Agreement:

(i) LICENSEE shall fail to pay any sum of money due hereunder and such failure shall continue for a period of ten (10) days after the due date thereof;

(ii) LICENSEE shall fail to comply with any provision of this Agreement not requiring the payment of money, all of which terms, provisions and covenants shall be deemed material, and such failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice of such default is delivered to LICENSEE;

(iii) LICENSEE shall become insolvent or unable to pay its debts as they become due, or LICENSEE notifies RAILWAY that it anticipates either condition;

(iv) LICENSEE takes any action to, or notifies RAILWAY that LICENSEE intends to file a petition under any section or chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code, as amended from time to time, or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any State thereof; or a petition shall be filed against LICENSEE under any such statute; or

(v) a receiver or trustee shall be appointed for LICENSEE's license interest hereunder or for all or a substantial part of the assets of LICENSEE, and such receiver or trustee is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the appointment.

(b) Upon the occurrence of any event or events of default by LICENSEE, whether enumerated in this paragraph 15 or not, RAILWAY shall have the option to pursue any remedies available to it at law or in equity. RAILWAY's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) termination of this Agreement, in which event LICENSEE shall promptly surrender the Premises to RAILWAY; (ii) entry into

or upon the Premises to do whatever LICENSEE is obligated to do under the terms of this License, in which event LICENSEE or its contractor(s), at the case may be, shall reimburse RAILWAY on demand for any expenses which RAILWAY incurs in effecting compliance with LICENSEE's obligations under this License, but without rendering RAILWAY liable for any damages resulting to LICENSEE or the Facilities from such action; and (iii) pursuit of all other remedies available to RAILWAY at law or in equity, including, without limitation, injunctive relief of all varieties.

16. Railway Termination Right. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, RAILWAY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the rights granted hereunder, after delivering to LICENSEE written notice of such termination no less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date thereof, upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

- (a) If LICENSEE shall discontinue the use or operations of the Facilities; or
- (b) If RAILWAY shall be required by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Premises to remove, relocate, reconstruct or discontinue operation of its railroad on or about the Premises; or
- (c) If RAILWAY, in the good faith judgment of its Superintendent, shall require a change in the location or elevation of its railroad on or about the location of the Facilities or the Premises that might effectively prohibit the use or operation of the Facilities; or
- (d) If RAILWAY, in the good faith judgment of its Superintendent, determines that the maintenance or use of the Facilities unduly interferes with the operation and maintenance of the facilities of RAILWAY, or with the present or future use of such property by RAILWAY, its lessees, affiliates, successors or assigns, for their respective purposes.

17. Condemnation. If the Premises or any portion thereof shall be taken or condemned in whole or in part for public purposes, or sold in lieu of condemnation, then this Agreement and the rights granted to LICENSEE hereunder shall, at the sole option of RAILWAY, forthwith cease and terminate. All compensation awarded for any taking (or sale proceeds in lieu thereof) shall be the property of RAILWAY, and LICENSEE shall have no claim thereto, the same being hereby expressly waived by LICENSEE.

18. Removal of Facilities; Survival. The Facilities are and shall remain the personal property of LICENSEE. Upon the termination of this Agreement, LICENSEE shall remove the Facilities from the Premises within thirty (30) days after the effective date thereof. In performing such removal, unless otherwise directed by RAILWAY, LICENSEE shall restore the Premises to the same condition as existed prior to the installation or placement of Facilities, reasonable wear and tear excepted. In the event LICENSEE shall fail to so remove the Facilities or restore the Premises, the Facilities shall be deemed to have been abandoned by LICENSEE, and the same shall become the property of RAILWAY for RAILWAY to use, remove, destroy or otherwise dispose of at its discretion and without responsibility for accounting to LICENSEE therefor; provided, however, in the event RAILWAY elects to remove the Facilities, RAILWAY, in addition to any other legal remedy it may have, shall have the right to recover from LICENSEE all costs incurred in connection with such removal and the restoration of the Premises. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the termination of this Agreement shall not relieve LICENSEE from LICENSEE's obligations accruing prior to the termination date, and such obligations shall survive any such termination of this Agreement.

19. Interests in Real Property

LICENSEE shall acquire or settle all property, property rights and all damages to property affected by the installation, construction, maintenance, and operation of the Facilities. The cost of said property, property rights and damages to property shall be borne by LICENSEE.

RAILWAY, insofar as it has the legal right so to do, shall permit LICENSEE to enter upon lands owned or operated by RAILWAY to construct and occupy its property with sufficient width to permit construction and maintenance of the Facilities. LICENSEE and RAILWAY shall enter into good faith negotiations for a price to be

consistent with the property interest determined by LICENSEE to be needed for the proposed improvement.

However, the price to be paid by LICENSEE to RAILWAY for said conveyances (representing the fair market value thereof plus damages, if any, to the residue) shall be as mutually agreed upon within nine (9) months from the date of occupancy by LICENSEE, and if agreement as to price is reached, an additional period of ninety (90) days shall be allowed for settlement, it being agreed however, that if no agreement as to price is reached within the aforesaid nine (9) month period, LICENSEE will within ninety (90) days thereafter institute an eminent domain proceeding authorized by law for the determination of the value of same. The provisions of this Agreement shall survive the institution of such eminent domain proceeding.

LICENSEE shall furnish the plans and descriptions for any such conveyance. It is understood, however, that the foregoing right of entry is a permissive use only, and this Section is not intended to convey or obligate RAILWAY to convey any interest in its land.

## II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Assignment and Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

2. Limitations Upon Damages. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, neither party shall be liable to the other party for any consequential, incidental, exemplary, punitive, special, business damages or lost profits, as well as any claims for death, personal injury, and property loss and damage which occurs by reason of, or arises out of, or is incidental to the interruption in or usage of the Facilities placed upon or about the Premises by LICENSEE, including without limitation any damages under such claims that might be considered consequential, incidental, exemplary, punitive, special, business damages or loss profits.

3. Miscellaneous. All exhibits, attachments, riders and addenda referred to in this Agreement are incorporated into this Agreement and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Time is of the essence with regard to each provision of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State in which the Premises are located. Each covenant of RAILWAY and LICENSEE under this Agreement is independent of each other covenant under this Agreement. No default in performance of any covenant by a party shall excuse the other party from the performance of any other covenant.

4. Notice to Parties. Whenever any notice, statement or other communication is required under this Agreement, it shall be sent to the contact below except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or unless otherwise specifically advised.

As to LICENSEE:  
c/o City of Hudson  
1140 Terex Road  
Hudson, Ohio 44236  
Attention: City Manager

As to RAILWAY:  
c/o Norfolk Southern Railway Company  
Engineering – Design & Construction  
650 West Peachtree Street NW – Box 45  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
Attention: Engineer Public Improvements

Either party may, by notice in writing, direct that future notices or demands be sent to a different address. All notices hereunder shall be deemed given upon receipt (or, if rejected, upon rejection).

5. Severability. The invalidity of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, clauses or provisions of this contract.

6. No Third Party Beneficiary. This Agreement shall be for the benefit of the parties only, and no person, firm or corporation shall acquire any rights whatsoever by virtue of this Agreement, except LICENSEE and RAILWAY and their successors and assigns.

7. Force Majeure. The parties agree to pursue the completion of the Railroad Project in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. No party shall be held responsible to the other for delays caused by Force Majeure events, and such delays shall not be deemed a breach or default under this Agreement. In no event shall Force Majeure events excuse LICENSEE from its obligation to make payment to RAILWAY in accordance with this Agreement. Further the parties agree that the resolution or settlement of strikes or other labor disputes shall not be deemed to be within the control or reasonable control of the affected party. If any party is unable to complete work assigned to it due to a condition of Force Majeure or other conditions beyond the reasonable control of said party, then said party will diligently pursue completion of the item that is delayed once said condition or conditions are no longer in effect. For purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure events are defined as circumstances beyond a party's reasonable control that delay performance and may include, but are not limited to, acts of God, actions or decrees of governmental bodies (beyond control of the parties), acts of the public enemy, labor disputes, fires, insurrections, and floods.

8. Amendment; Entire Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only in writing executed by authorized representatives of the parties hereto. No verbal change, modification, or amendment shall be effective unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties. The provisions hereof constitute the entire Agreement between the parties and supersede any verbal statement, representations, or warranties, stated or implied.

9. Waiver of Workers Compensation Immunity. In the event that all or a portion of the Premises is located in the State of Ohio, LICENSEE, only with respect to the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, hereby expressly waives any immunity granted or afforded LICENSEE pursuant to Section 35, Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4123.74 of the Ohio Revised Code. In the event that all or a portion of the Premises is located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, LICENSEE, with respect to the indemnification provisions contained in this Agreement, hereby expressly waives any defense or immunity granted or afforded LICENSEE pursuant to Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, 77 P.S. 481.

10. Independent Contractors. The parties agree that LICENSEE and its agents and/or contractors, shall not be deemed either agents or independent contractors of RAILWAY. Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, RAILWAY shall exercise no control whatsoever over the employment, discharge, compensation of, or services rendered by LICENSEE or its contractors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph shall in no way affect the absolute authority of RAILWAY to temporarily prohibit LICENSEE, its agents and/or contractors, or persons not associated with LICENSEE from entering RAILWAY property, or to require the removal of any person from RAILWAY property, if RAILWAY determines, in its sole discretion, that such person is not acting in a safe manner or that actual or potential hazards in, on, or about the Premises exist.

11. Meaning of "Railway". The word "RAILWAY" as used herein shall include any other company whose property at the aforesaid location may be leased or operated by RAILWAY. Said term also shall include RAILWAY's officers, directors, agents and employees, and any parent company, subsidiary or affiliate of RAILWAY and their respective officers, directors, agents and employees.

12. Approval of Plans. By its review and written approval of the plans for construction of the Facilities, RAILWAY signifies only that the improvements to be constructed in accordance with the plans satisfy the RAILWAY's requirements. RAILWAY expressly disclaims all other representations and warranties in connection with said plans, including, but not limited to, the integrity, suitability or fitness for the purposes of the LICENSEE or any other person(s) of the plans or improvements constructed in accordance with the plans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have, through duly authorized representatives, entered into this Agreement effective the day and year first written above.

**CITY OF HUDSON, OHIO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marshal Pitchford  
Special Counsel to the City

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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