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October 16, 2020 ATTACHMENT 1

Attention: Mayor Maurizio Bevilaqua and Members of Vaughan Council

City of Vaughan

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

Vaughan Ontario

RE: REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL ZOINING ORDER – City of Vaughan

1406979 Ontario Limited and Jane Street Nominee Inc.

11260 + 11424 Jane Street - Part of the East Half of Lot 30, Concession V and Part of the East Half of Lot 29, Concession V

Dear Mayor Bevilaqua and Members of Council,

The Cortel Group is the development manager and consultant for the lands located at 11260 & 11424 Jane Street in the City of Vaughan (the "Subject Lands"). The Subject Lands are located between Jane Street and Highway 400, on the south side of Kirby Road. The northerly parcel has its frontage on Jane Street. We are pleased to enclose herewith a draft Minister's Zoning Order ("MZO") which we are proposing for the Subject Lands. The request for the MZO will be submitted to the Minister. The lands are currently owned by Jane Street Nominee Inc. and 1406979 Ontario Limited, who have both authorized us to make these applications.

As you know, the Minister will consider a request for such an order under section 47 of the Planning Act, if the request is supported by the local municipality within which the land is located. For this reason, the Owner requests the support of Council for the City of Vaughan for this MZO and requests Council to correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising him of that support, by enacting a resolution as follows:

It is therefore recommended:

- That Council supports and has no objection to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to issue a Minister's Zoning Order, for the zoning to be in place to allow for the Subject Lands to be developed for Employment Uses; and
- That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as a statement of Council's direction and requests; and copied to the Regional Municipality of York, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; and,
- That council ratify the action taken

Attributes and Surrounding Area

The subject lands are 78 .9 hectares (194.9 acres) in size combined. They are located at the north end of Block 34 East. They are currently used for agriculture and are generally flat. The lands to the immediate

south of the Subject Lands are the subject of a zoning and plan of subdivision application (DA.19.072; Z.19.007 and 19T-19V002) and are similarly the subject of a request for a Minister's Zoning Order which council supported by resolution on March 9, 2020. They are owned by 1406979 Ontario Limited and Jane Street Nominee Inc.

The Subject Lands are within the Highway 400 North Employment Lands Secondary Plan and are subject to the policies of OPA 450.

Conceptual Development Plan

The proposed development is comprised of several proposed Industrial Buildings ranging in size from approximately 530,000 square feet to 803,000 square feet. The number of buildings proposed presently is 6. In total the buildings to be constructed on the Subject Lands will have a gross floor area (GFA) of approximately 3,444,593 square feet (320,013 m2) with parking provided for employees and visitors. The development also includes several accessory structures.

The proposed Minister's Zoning Order seeks to re-zone the lands from 'A - Agricultural" to "EM1 – Prestige Employment Area Zone" and "OS5 - Open Space environmental Protection Zone". The proposed zoning is to permit the employment use, accessory office use, and the long-term protection of the environmental features. The Prestige Employment Area, which include warehousing, and accessory office uses to an employment use. No buildings or structures are permitted within the OS5 Open Space Conservation Zone other than for conservation or flood control projects including stormwater management facilities.

A proposed Conceptual Site Plan for both parcels of land comprising the Subject Lands is enclosed as Appendix "1'.

A Strategic Location for Employment

The lands are located along a major north-south transportation corridor (Highway 400) which will connect directly with the proposed new GTA West Corridor, a major east-west transportation corridor. These lands therefore have very significant strategic importance in the GTA and in the province for the movement of people and goods throughout Ontario. It goes without saying, that these are two strategic parts of a healthy and vibrant economy for Ontario and one which we know Vaughan has a vested interest in promoting, especially in these trying times of Pandemic.

The Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and the Growth Plan (2019) both support these important goals of economic development and competitiveness by encouraging and fostering employment uses to meet the long-term needs of the province. They support the integration of good land use planning with the achievement of equally important economic development goals of attracting employment and investment to Ontario and to Vaughan. To that end, it is estimated that the proposals for these In that respect, these two parcels of land will result in 15,000 construction related and spinoff jobs in the short to medium term and 4500 permanent full time jobs in the long term. This is exactly the kind of economic initiative that is needed in Vaughan and in Ontario right now.

The proposal will also assist both Vaughan and York Region to achieve the Strategic Employment Designation policy goals of the York Region and local Vaughan 2010 Official Plans. This proposal will facilitate Vaughan and York Region achieving their Growth Plan employment targets.

