

Resolution #: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE**

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- WHEREAS, STF Holdings, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, ST & F Precision Technologies & Tools, Inc., a North Carolina business corporation, and STF Properties of Arden, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, are the owners and operating entities of a business located on Old Shoals Road in Buncombe County which collectively do business as STF Precision;
- WHEREAS, STF Precision is a leading manufacturer of diamond-tipped cutting tools, including polycrystalline diamond tools and single-crystal diamond tools for a variety of applications, including turning, boring, grooving and profiling;
- WHEREAS, STF Precision requested that the County provide economic development incentives to induce it to make the capital investment for the expansion of its facilities located in Buncombe County and for the creation of new jobs in the County;
- WHEREAS, STF Precision promised to expand its manufacturing operations through development, improvement, and equipping of a new state of the art manufacturing facility in Buncombe County (the "Project");
- WHEREAS, STF Precision informed the County that if the County did not promise such economic development incentives, then STF Precision may not have been able to complete the project;
- WHEREAS, in April 2013, subject to the formal approval of this Board, the County did agree that if STF Precision made the new capital investments of at least \$4,500,000 and created at least 25 new jobs paying an average wage of \$34,860/year then the County would pay to STF Precision a grant in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty and No/100 (\$54,180.00);
- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Tax Department has confirmed that STF Precision has made capital investments improvements, machinery and equipment in excess of \$4,500,000 and Employment Security Commission records demonstrate that STF Precision has created 27 new jobs in the County;
- WHEREAS, these new established assessed tax values resulting from capital improvements for the Project as well as machinery, equipment and other business personal property located at STF Precision will bring as consideration for the grant

payment tax revenues, over the next ten years, estimated at over \$200,000, of which over \$52,800 is due and payable in 2016 and 2017;

WHEREAS, the County has also received information confirming the jobs commitment of Twelve (27) new jobs in Buncombe County at an average wage of \$34,860/year;

WHEREAS, these new jobs will have a direct economic effect in State and local taxes of over \$209,466 per year;

WHEREAS, STF Precision's expansion Project, in addition to bringing the jobs described above, produce revenue for local businesses and the County due to the employment of individuals and the spending by STF Precision and those new employees, which will provide further economic benefits to the County and local businesses;

WHEREAS, STF Precision's investment for the Project enhances the County's property tax base and increase the County's property tax revenues;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §158-7.1, this Board of Commissioners deems its desirable and in the best interests of the County and its businesses and residents to offer this economic development incentive to STF Precision in consideration of STF Precision's reaching its promised levels of investment and jobs creation; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has organized and approved the holding of a public hearing at the Board's September 20, 2016 regular meeting to discuss and approve an economic development incentive to STF Precision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners approves appropriating and spending from the County's general fund amounts to make a cash grant totaling \$54,180.00.
2. The Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.
3. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the

furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

4. Any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.
5. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the \_\_\_\_ of September, 2016.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Kathy Hughes, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney