#### FOR SETTLEMENT AND NEGOTIATION PURPOSES ONLY; NOT ADMISSIBLE

# **REIMBURSEMENT and PAYMENT AGREEMENT**

This Reimbursement and Payment Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the Village of Hoosick Falls and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation and Honeywell International Inc. (collectively, the "Parties").

#### RECITALS

#### WHEREAS:

- 1. The Village of Hoosick Falls (the "Village") is a municipality incorporated and organized pursuant to the New York Village Law. The Village is located in the Town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York.
- 2. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation ("SGPP") is a corporation doing business in the State of New York.
- 3. Honeywell International Inc. ("Honeywell") is a corporation doing business in the State of New York.
- 4. The Village owns and operates a municipal water supply system ("Village Water Supply System") that provides water to residents of the Village.
- 5. A granular activated carbon ("GAC") filtration system has been installed at the Village's water treatment plant to treat PFOA present in the Village water supply.
- 6. In June 2016, SGPP and Honeywell entered into an Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"), pursuant to which SGPP and Honeywell agreed to reimburse the Village for costs it incurred to operate and maintain the GAC filtration system.

- 7. In April 2019, the NYSDEC approved a Protocol Work Plan for the GAC system, pursuant to which the Village is responsible for the routine day-to-day operation and maintenance of the GAC system, and SGPP and Honeywell are obligated to reimburse the Village for the costs it incurs in connection with such routine operation and maintenance.
- 8. The Village asserts that it has incurred costs due to the presence of PFOA in the environment of the Village and the Village Water Supply System and will incur future costs associated with routine, day-to-day operation of the GAC system performed by the Village.
- 9. SGPP and Honeywell have agreed to pay certain of the Village's past costs claims and an amount agreed upon with the Village for the estimated costs that the Village may incur for routine operation and maintenance of the GAC system for the Village's FY 2019/2020.

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING RECITALS, SGPP, Honeywell, and the Village agree as follows.

#### A. PAST COSTS

SGPP and Honeywell (the "Companies") have agreed to pay and the Village has agreed to accept \$185,000.00 in full satisfaction of costs that the Village has asserted, or could assert, it incurred through April 30, 2019 in connection with the operation and maintenance of the GAC system ("Past Costs"). The term Past Costs shall mean personnel costs, engineering and consulting costs, interest charges, mailings and postage due to the presence of PFOA in the Village Water Supply System. This amount does not include, and the Village reserves the right to assert claims for, costs other than Past Costs as defined herein, i.e., attorney's fees allegedly incurred due to the presence of PFOA in the Village Water Supply System. Likewise, this amount does not include, and the Village reserves the right to assert claims for, alleged damages. Upon receipt of the payment set forth in this Paragraph A, the Village agrees not to assert any claims for Past Costs.

#### B. GAC PROTOCOL WORKPLAN

The Village agrees to perform day-to-day operations of the treatment system and routine preventative maintenance as discussed in the GAC Protocol Work Plan.

## C. FUTURE COSTS FOR VILLAGE FY 2019/2020

SGPP and Honeywell have agreed to pay, and the Village has agreed to accept, a lump sum payment of \$70,000 as full and adequate consideration for the costs ("Costs") to be incurred by the Village in connection with the day-to-day operations of the GAC system and routine preventative maintenance. The term Costs shall mean personnel costs, engineering and consultant costs, interest charges, mailings and postage due to the presence of PFOA in the Village Water Supply System in the Village's FY 2019/2020. Upon receipt of payment as set forth in this Paragraph C, the Village agrees not to assert any claim for Costs incurred during FY 2019/2020.

The Parties further agree that such Costs do not include, and SGPP and Honeywell will separately fund, non-routine sampling of the GAC system and non-routine repairs to the system due to equipment malfunctions, required modifications to the system approved and incorporated into the GAC Protocol Work Plan, and carbon change-outs.

## D. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 1. The payments provided for herein by the Companies shall not be construed as an admission by the Companies that the payment of such costs is required under any law, rule, regulation, or Order. Moreover, the Companies reserve all rights available to them and nothing in this letter shall waive, extinguish or modify any such rights, including the right to (jointly and/or individually) contest or challenge any future cost reimbursement or other claims by the Village.
- 2. The reimbursement terms contained herein shall not in any way alter or abridge any of the rights the Village may have for costs or claims not resolved herein.

#### E. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and it merges and supersedes all prior discussion, correspondence, proposals, agreements and understandings. This Agreement may not be modified, altered or amended except by a subsequent written instrument executed by the Parties.

## F. **GOVERNING LAW.**

This Agreement shall be construed, enforced and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

## **G.** REPRESENTATIONS

Each of the undersigned representatives of the Parties represents and warrants that he or she has full capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement and to legally bind his or her respective Party to the terms of the Agreement, that to the extent necessary this Agreement has been duly and validly authorized and approved by all requisite corporate, governmental or other official action, and that no further action is necessary to make this Agreement valid and binding on that Party.

#### H. EXECUTED IN COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed will be deemed to be an original but all of which when taken together will constitute one and the same agreement.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastic	Corporation Dated:
By:	
Title:	
Honeywell International Inc.	
By:	Dated:
Title:	
Village of Hoosick Falls	
By:	Dated:
Title:	