

**AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE  
AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

This *Agreement to Purchase Real Estate At Public Auction* ("Contract"), made and entered into as of this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, by and between Hickey Farms LLC ("Seller"); and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Purchaser"), as the highest bidder on the Property (as hereinafter defined) at the Public Auction on the date herewith (the "Auction"), is made subject to the following terms, covenants and conditions:

1. **PROPERTY.** Seller agrees to sell and Purchaser agrees to purchase approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres of real estate, situated in Logan County, Illinois, commonly referred to at the Auction as Tract(s) \_\_\_\_\_, as more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with any improvements located thereon (the "Property"), but specifically excluding any and all fixtures or personal property owned by the Tenant(s) (as that term is hereinafter defined) except as otherwise provided herein. Purchaser hereby acknowledges and understands that the Property is being sold on an "**AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS**" basis. Purchaser further acknowledges that this Contract is not contingent upon financing and that failure to close this transaction on or before October 20, 2023, due to any delay other than a delay caused by Seller, shall constitute a default by Purchaser. Seller does not represent or warrant the acreage.
2. **PURCHASE PRICE.** Purchaser agrees to pay to Seller the total sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (The "Purchase Price") or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per acre, which is based on the bid acreage ("Purchase Price per Acre") for the Property, subject to adjustment (if necessary) as provided for herein. Purchaser will pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ upon execution of this Contract as earnest money, which amount is equal to ten percent (10%) of the Purchase Price, to be held in the Escrow Account of Illinois Real Estate Title Center, Lincoln, Illinois, hereunder for delivery to Seller at the time of closing or as otherwise provided for herein ("the Earnest Money"). The balance of the Purchase Price shall be paid by Purchaser to Seller at closing in cash or other form of payment acceptable to Seller.
3. **TITLE.** Seller, at Seller's expense, shall furnish Purchaser with an Owner's Title Insurance Commitment ("Title Commitment"), issued by a title insurance company authorized to transact business in the state of Illinois. The title insurance commitment shall commit the subject title company to issue Purchaser its standard owner's policy in the amount of purchase price, showing title to the Property in the name of Seller, subject to the following permitted exceptions: (i) rights or claims of parties in possession not shown by the public records; (ii) easements or claims of easements not shown by the public records; (iii) encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the Property; (iv) any lien or right of lien for services, labor or material heretofore or hereinafter furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the public record; (v) taxes or special assessments which are not shown as existing liens; (vi) any water, mineral or other rights already granted or reserved by other parties, including but not limited to any mineral leases; (vii) the rights of any current tenants in possession of the Property (the "Tenant"); and (viii) such easements, covenants, restrictions, conditions, and other matters, if any, identified in the Title Commitment, which do not materially affect the Title. In the event that the Seller is unable to convey the Property in accordance with the terms of this Contract, Purchaser shall elect to either (i) take the Property "as is" and waive any and all objections thereto without abatement of the Purchase Price, or (ii) receive a refund of the Earnest Money, and upon such refund being made, this Contract shall terminate and be of no further force and effect. Purchaser hereby agrees that Seller shall have no obligation to commence proceedings, suits or other actions or to expend any funds to provide clear title to the Property or to eliminate any defects of title in the Property.
4. **SURVEY.** Auction Tracts 3, 5 and 7 will be surveyed prior to closing and the purchase price will be adjusted to reflect any change in acres. The cost of the surveys will be equally shared between the Seller and the Purchaser(s). No surveys will be furnished for Tracts 1, 2, 4, and 6.
5. **CLOSING.** The closing shall take place on or before October 20, 2023, at a time and place designated by Seller and agreed upon by Purchaser. If applicable closing documents are not available at that time, the Seller may elect to delay closing until after such time as these documents become available. Under no circumstances will closing be delayed to accommodate the Buyer(s) or the Buyer's lender. Concurrently with the closing, Purchaser shall pay to Seller the Purchase Price, less the Earnest Money as provided for herein. Upon full receipt of the entire Purchase Price by Seller, Seller shall deliver to Purchaser a Deed conveying fee simple title in and to the Property to the Purchaser. In the event of damage or destruction to the Property prior to closing, Purchaser shall accept the Property as damaged, together with the proceeds of any insurance payable from the damage or destruction.
6. **DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES.** Purchaser acknowledges that a full inspection of the Property and all related information was made and, with respect to this Contract, that Purchaser is satisfied in all respects with the condition of the Property and all matters pertaining thereto. Purchaser accepts the Property "**AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS**" and in its present condition with Purchaser assuming risk thereof. Purchaser understands that Seller makes no warranty or

representation of any kind, either express or implied or arising by operation of law, as to the condition, quality, environmental condition, serviceability or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of the Property or any portion thereof, and in no event shall Seller be liable for consequential damages. Purchaser is relying solely on its own independent inspections, investigations, inquiries, and all due diligence concerning the Property and the Auction. Purchaser acknowledges that Seller has not agreed to perform any work on or about the Property as a condition of Purchaser's purchase of the same. Purchaser understands that by entering into this Contract and agreeing to accept the Property and pertinent structures in an "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS" condition, that Purchaser is buying the Property subject to any and all easements, leases, covenants, restrictions, and ditch/drainage assessments, whether or not of record. The disclaimer of warranties contained in this paragraph are continuing and shall survive the recording of the Deed of Conveyance from Seller to Purchaser.

7. **MINERAL RIGHTS.** One hundred percent (100%) of the mineral rights owned by Seller with respect to the Property, if any, shall be conveyed to Purchaser at closing.
8. **REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.** Purchaser will assume and pay real estate taxes and drainage taxes/assessments due and payable in 2024 and all tax payments and drainage taxes/assessments thereafter.
9. **INCOME.** The Landlord's share of all crops grown, government payments, and other income derived from the property applicable to the crops grown in 2023, shall belong to the Purchaser. Purchaser will reimburse the Seller at closing in the total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Landlord's share of all crop input and other expenses applicable to the crops grown in 2023.
10. **POSSESSION.** Landlord possession of the land shall be given at closing. Possession of the grain bins, shed, and barn will be given on March 31, 2024.
11. **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM AND CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT.** Any Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract in place on the tract(s) purchased by the Purchaser will be assigned to or otherwise assumed by Purchaser at closing. The Purchaser will assume all responsibilities and legal obligations for this contract including any fees or penalties assessed thereunder should they wish to remove land from the program. The Seller, Tenant, and Purchaser shall promptly sign all documents necessary to effect such assignment. The Purchaser will receive credit at closing for the Conservation Reserve Program payment received in calendar year 2023 and the Purchaser will be entitled to receive any payments received in 2024 and thereafter.
12. **TRANSFER DECLARATIONS, RECORDING FEES, AND CLOSING COSTS.** Seller and Purchaser agree to execute any real estate transfer declarations required by the State, county or municipality in which the Property is located. Seller shall pay the cost of revenue stamps, if applicable. Purchaser shall pay the charge for recording the Deed and all other closing costs not specifically provided for elsewhere in this Agreement.
13. **LIABILITY OF ESCROW AGENT.** The parties acknowledge that any Escrow Agent hereunder is acting at their request and at their convenience. The Escrow Agent when acting in such capacity shall not be deemed to be the agent of either of the parties hereto and the Escrow Agent shall not be liable to either of the parties for any acts or omissions on its part unless taken or suffered in bad faith, in willful disregard of this Contract, or involving gross negligence. Seller and Purchaser shall, jointly and severally, indemnify, defend and hold Escrow Agent harmless from and against all costs, claims, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the performance of Escrow Agent's duties hereunder except with respect to acts or omissions taken or suffered by Escrow Agent in bad faith, in willful disregard of this Contract, or involving gross negligence on the part of the Escrow Agent. In no event shall the Escrow Agent be liable for unearned interest with respect to the earnest money deposit. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Escrow Agent will forward the earnest money deposit to the closing agent within 24 hours of the closing.
14. **DEFAULT.** If Purchaser fails to perform any obligation imposed by this Contract, Seller may serve written notice of default upon Purchaser and if such default is not corrected within ten (10) days thereafter, at the option of the Seller, this Contract shall terminate and the Seller shall be entitled to payment of the earnest money paid hereunder as liquidated damages for Seller's lost opportunity to sell the Property elsewhere. In the event of a default by Purchaser, Seller shall, in lieu of terminating this Agreement, also have all rights and remedies available at law or equity, including the right to require Purchaser to specifically perform Purchaser's obligations hereunder. If, in the event of failure of Seller to perform the obligations imposed by this Contract, because of environmental or title related issues, Purchaser's sole remedy hereunder is to terminate this Contract and receive a refund of the earnest money upon similar notice served upon Seller and similar expiration of time period. If, in the event of failure of Seller to perform the obligations imposed by this Contract, because of reasons other than environmental or title related issues, then Purchaser shall have all rights and remedies available at law or equity. The Escrow Agent, upon receiving an affidavit from the non-defaulting party stating that this Contract has been terminated as provided herein, shall be entitled to rely upon such affidavit and shall deliver the earnest money to the non-defaulting party. Default by either party shall entitle the other

party to court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing the provisions of this Contract. The service of the written notice provided for in this paragraph shall be made by personal delivery to any party signing as Purchaser or by mailing the written notice to any party signing as Purchaser, at the address of the Purchaser shown on this Contract, which mailing shall be by certified mail with the United States mail receipt to be the date of delivery.

- 15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and no representations, warranties or agreements have been made by either of the parties except as set forth in this Contract.
- 16. HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** This Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, and permitted assigns, provided, however, that Purchaser may not assign its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Seller, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 17. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** The time for performance of the obligations of the parties is of the essence of this Contract.
- 18. JURISDICTION.** This Contract shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. Any provision of this Contract which is unenforceable or invalid, or the inclusion of which would affect the validity, legality, or enforcement of this Contract shall be of no effect, but all the remaining provisions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 19. ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DISCLOSURES.** The Purchaser acknowledges that the Seller has not made, will not make and hereby disclaims any and all representations and warranties concerning the environmental condition of the Property.
- 20. PROVISIONS RELATING SPECIALLY TO SELLER/TRUST/TRUSTEES/CO-TRUSTEES/SETTLOR AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.** Each fiduciary comprising Seller executes his instrument only in its representative capacity and shall not be bound or obligated hereunder except in such capacity. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is made by such fiduciaries solely in their fiduciary capacity as described in the signatures affixed hereto, and that such fiduciaries shall not be liable for any breach or any failure to perform any obligation under this Agreement except from assets held in the fiduciary capacity described.
- 21. SELLING AGENT.** This agreement is solely between Purchaser and Seller. The auctioneer(s)/broker(s)/sales agent(s) or any attorney or attorneys for the Seller shall not be liable for any existing or arising defects or deficiencies in the Property, improvements or other appurtenant structures thereon, nor for any information provided to the Purchaser from sources deemed reliable. The Purchaser acknowledges that it has conducted its own independent investigations, inspections, inquiries and due diligence concerning the Property. The Loranda Group, Inc. (the "Auction Company") and its licensed representatives are exclusively designated agents for the Seller and not the Purchaser/Buyer.
- 22. AUCTION/SALES FEE.** The parties agree that no real estate commission/sales/auction fee is due any party in regard to this transaction other than the Auction Company, which Seller has agreed to pay. Each party agrees to indemnify the other and hold it harmless in respect to any commissions, fees, judgments, or expenses of any nature or kind which it may become liable to pay by reason of any claims by or on behalf of brokers, finders, or agents employed by the other party in connection with the transaction contemplated by this contract, or any litigation or similar proceeding arising from such claims. Each party represents to the other that, other than as stated herein, there is no valid basis for such claims.
- 23. STRICT CONSTRUCTION.** The language used in this Contract shall be deemed to be the language approved by all parties hereto to express their mutual intent and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against either party.
- 24. BINDING.** This contract shall not be binding on Seller unless executed by a duly authorized representative of Seller within 24 hours after all auction bidding has been completed.
- 25. COUNTERPARTS AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURE.** This contract may be executed only by Seller by facsimile signature, which shall be binding upon Seller, and in counterparts by the parties hereto, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute a single agreement among the parties.
- 26. JOINT AND SEVERAL OBLIGATIONS.** If more than one person signs this contract as the "Purchaser", the obligations of such persons hereunder are joint and several.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract in two counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original instrument, as of the day, month and year first above written.

**SELLER:** Hickey Farms LLC

**PURCHASER:** \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURCHASER:** \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXHIBIT A

### AUCTION TRACT 1: \_\_\_\_\_

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.

### AUCTION TRACT 2: \_\_\_\_\_

The Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

### AUCTION TRACT 3: \_\_\_\_\_

The South 61.24 acres of the East Half (E1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) and the North 46.82 acres of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), EXCEPT the North Half (N1/2) of the West 10 acres of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) AND FURTHER EXCEPTING A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Logan County, Illinois, and being further described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the East line of Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian 435.31 feet North of a stone at the Southeast corner of Section 18, the point of beginning; thence West 452.70 feet to an iron pin; thence North parallel with the East line of Section 18 261.38 feet to an iron pin; thence East 452.70 feet to an iron pin on the East line of Section 18; thence South along the East line 261.38 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.

### AUCTION TRACT 4: \_\_\_\_\_

The South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township 19 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.

### AUCTION TRACT 5: \_\_\_\_\_

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty (20), excepting therefrom the North 52.12 acres of the East Half (E1/2) thereof; also the South 62 acres of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 19, all in Township 19 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Logan County, State of Illinois.

### AUCTION TRACT 6: \_\_\_\_\_

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 4 West of the 3rd P.M. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 4 West of the 3rd P.M. Situated Logan County, Illinois.

### AUCTION TRACT 7: \_\_\_\_\_

The Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 4 West of the 3rd P.M., Logan County, Illinois, EXCEPT the following described parcels:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence East 8.56 chains; thence North 32 degrees 30 minutes West 4.65 chains; thence North 49 degrees West 2.20 chains; thence South 33 degrees West 1.30 chains; thence North 47 degrees West 5.00 chains to the West line of said Quarter Section; thence South 7.80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 3.82 acres, more or less, being all that portion of the Southwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter of said Section 36 lying West and South of the center of the creek which meanders through said Southwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, all of said lands being in Township 19 North, Range 4 West of the 3rd P.M.

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 4 West of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Logan County, Illinois, said part being further described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin at the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 36 a distance of 988 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Easterly along said North line of said Section 36 a distance of 660 feet to a point; thence Southerly, perpendicular to said North line of said Section 36 a distance of 660 feet to a point; thence Westerly along a line parallel to and 660 feet South of said North line a distance of 660 feet to a point; thence Northerly perpendicular to the last described course a distance of 660 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning; and containing 10.00 acres, more or less, including the roadway right-of- way across the full North side of said tract. Situated in Logan County, Illinois.