

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 17th day of December, 2024, by and between James N. Christman, Carole W. Christman, Lawrence Brokaske, and Rebecca S. Christman ("Sellers") 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.** Sellers agree to sell and Purchaser agrees to purchase approximately 60.38 acres of real estate, situated in Shelby County, Illinois, and 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 January 17, 2025, due to any delay other than a delay caused by Sellers, shall constitute a default by Purchaser. Sellers do not represent or warrant the acreage.
2. **PURCHASE PRICE.** Purchaser agrees to pay to Sellers 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 The Loranda Group, Inc., Bloomington, IL hereunder for delivery to Sellers 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 Sellers at closing by wire transfer or other form of payment acceptable to Sellers.
3. **TITLE.** Sellers, at Sellers' 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 Sellers, 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 Sellers are 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 Sellers 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.** The property has been surveyed and the Purchaser will receive a copy of the plat before closing.
5. **CLOSING.** The closing shall take place on or before January 17, 2025, at a time and place designated by Sellers and agreed upon by Purchaser. If Sellers' closing documents are not available at that time, closing will occur within 15 days after such time as these documents become available. Concurrently with the closing, Purchaser shall pay to Sellers the Purchase Price, less the Earnest Money as provided for herein. Upon full receipt of the entire Purchase Price by Sellers, Sellers shall deliver to Purchaser a Trustee's 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 Sellers make 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 Sellers 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 Sellers have 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 Sellers to Purchaser.
7. **MINERAL RIGHTS.** One hundred percent (100%) of the mineral rights owned by Sellers with respect to the Property, if any, shall be conveyed to Purchaser at closing.
8. **REAL ESTATE TAXES.** Purchaser shall be credited for the 2024 taxes payable in 2025 at closing.
9. **INCOME.** The Purchaser and/or the Tenant shall receive all income from the 2025 crop, and all subsequent years, and pay all expenses for the same. The Sellers/Tenant shall retain all income from prior years.
10. **POSSESSION.** Possession of the Property shall be given at closing.
11. **DRAINAGE CREDIT.** The Sellers will provide a \$9,037.50 drainage improvement credit to the Buyer at closing.
12. **TRANSFER DECLARATIONS, RECORDING FEES, AND CLOSING COSTS.** Sellers and Purchaser agree to execute any real estate transfer declarations required by the State, county, or municipality in which the Property is located. Sellers 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. Sellers 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.** In the event of a default by Purchaser, Sellers shall 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 Sellers 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 Sellers and similar expiration of time period. If, in the event of failure of Sellers 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 Sellers, 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 Sellers have 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 SELLERS/TRUST/TRUSTEES/CO-TRUSTEES/SETTLOR AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.** Each fiduciary comprising Sellers 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 Sellers. The auctioneer(s)/broker(s)/sales agent(s) or any attorney or attorneys for the Sellers 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 Sellers 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 Sellers have 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 Sellers unless executed by a duly authorized representative of Sellers.
25. **COUNTERPARTS AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURE.** This contract may be executed only by Sellers by facsimile signature, which shall be binding upon Sellers, 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.

SELLERS: James N. Christman, Carole W. Christman,
Lawrence Brokaske, and Rebecca S. Christman

PURCHASER: _____

By: _____
(James N. Christman, Signature)

By: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
(Carole W. Christman, Signature)

Address: _____

Date: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

By: _____
(Lawrence Brokaske, Signature)

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

By: _____
(Rebecca S. Christman, Signature)

PURCHASER: _____

By: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, all in Township 13 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in Shelby County, Illinois.