

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

(Approving an Equipment Lease and Option Agreement with Lehigh Capital Access, Inc. and Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity)

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe desires to purchase one (1) new Grove Yardboss 4409 8.5T Forklift (the "Forklift") for the Fort Apache Timber Company for use in its manufacturing facility; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that the Forklift should be acquired by the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has secured financing sufficient to assist the Tribe with acquiring the Forklift through Lehigh Capital Access, Inc. (the "Lessor"), which has provided an Equipment Lease and Option Agreement Number 101-030607-002 (the "Agreement"), as attached and incorporated by this reference in which the Tribe as lessee may lease and/or exercise an option to purchase the Forklift; and
- WHEREAS, the Forklift is described as: (1) One new Grove Yardboss 4409 8.5T; and
- WHEREAS, the total purchase price for the Forklift is \$106,215.00 that will be paid out over a term of ten (10) years at an annual rate of 7.950%, which adds \$49,748.80 in interest, for a total of \$155,963.80, and there will be a total of 20 semi-annual payments of \$7,798.19 due semi-annually after the acceptance date; and
- WHEREAS, the Agreement requires that the Tribe agree to a limited waiver of defense of sovereign immunity for binding arbitration if and only if the following conditions exist:
 - A dispute between Lehigh Capital Access, Inc. and the White Mountain Apache Tribe arises directly from the Agreement between them for the acquired Forklift described herein.
 - The claim alleges a breach by the Tribe of one or more specific obligations of duties with the Tribe expressly assumes under the terms of the Agreement.

- The claim seeks either (1) specific action or discontinuance of some action by the Tribe into full compliance with the duties and obligations expressly assumed by it in the Agreement; (2) payment of all amounts due under the Agreement and reasonable costs incurred by Lessor in the collection of such amounts; or (3) the foreclosure of collateral secured under the Agreement.
- The scope of arbitration is limited to breach of contract or actions brought pursuant to the Agreement for the benefit of Lessor only, or an Assignee of a valid assignment of Lessor's interest in the Agreement.
- The Tribe does not agree to any arbitration by persons or parties or their assignees which are not a party to the Agreement, nor to any arbitration proceeding or other proceeding based on alleged tortuous conduct, or for the imposition of incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages or lost profits.
- Any claim against which arbitration may be demanded must be made in writing to the Tribe by the Lessor and the Tribe shall have thirty (30) days to act on such claim before arbitration proceedings may be instituted; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that after review of the Agreement terms and the required limited waiver of defense of sovereign immunity, the Agreement remains in the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for the acquisition of the Forklift described above.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that:

- 1. The Council hereby approves the Tribe's entry into, and agreement with, the Agreement as attached and incorporated by this reference for the lease and/or purchase of the Forklift, for use by the Fort Apache Timber Company in its manufacturing facility, as described as:
 - (1) One new Grove Yardboss 4409 8.5T.
- 2. As part of the approval of the Agreement, the Tribal Council hereby grants a limited wavier of sovereign immunity for the purpose of effecting dispute resolution thereunder in the form of binding arbitration if, and only if, the following conditions exist within the Agreement:
 - A. A dispute between Lehigh Capital Access, Inc. and the White Mountain Apache Tribe arises from the Agreement between them for the Forklift described herein.

- B. The claim alleges a breach by the Tribe of one or more specific obligations of duties with the Tribe expressly assumes under the terms of the Agreement.
- C. The claim seeks either (1) specific action or discontinuance of some action by the Tribe into full compliance with the duties and obligations expressly assumed by it in the Agreement; (2) payment of all amounts due under the Agreement and reasonable costs incurred by Lessor in the collection of such amounts; or (3) the foreclosure of collateral secured under the Agreement.
- D. The scope of arbitration is limited to breach of contract or actions brought pursuant to the Agreement for the benefit of Lessor only, or an Assignee of a valid assignment of Lessor's interest in the Agreement.
- E. The Tribe does not agree to any arbitration by persons or parties or their assignees which are not a party to the Agreement, nor to any arbitration proceeding or other proceeding based on alleged tortuous conduct, or for the imposition of incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages or lost profits.
- F. Any claim against which arbitration may be demanded must be made in writing to the Tribe by the Lessor and the Tribe shall have thirty (30) days to act on such claim before arbitration proceedings may be instituted; and
- 3. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairwoman, are hereby authorized by the Council to negotiate and execute the Agreement and any related documents for the lease and/or purchase of the Forklift.
- 4. The White Mountain Apache Tribe's manufacturing facility, the Fort Apache Timber Company, is hereby authorized to use the Forklift described herein for use in its manufacturing facility.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>APRIL 26, 2007</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council