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August 23, 2021

Ms. Donna Jerry, Health Policy Analyst
State of Vermont
Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Docket No. GMCB-012-17con (Construction of Medical Office Building;
Renovations to Loading Dock, Dietary, and Vermont Orthopedic Clinic; and
Upgrades to Site Drainage and Detention Pond System)

Dear Ms. Jerry:

This letter is to request an extension to the Certificate of Need (CoN) for the Construction of Medical Office Building; Renovations to Loading Dock, Dietary, Vermont Orthopedic Clinic; and Upgrades to Site Drainage and Detention Pond System. This CoN was issued on January 23, 2018 and required that the project be fully implemented within three years of the date of issuance. It was recently brought to our attention that a request to extend this CoN was due prior to January 23, 2021. Due to delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are requesting that this CoN be extended for 12 months, from January 23, 2021, to January 23, 2022.

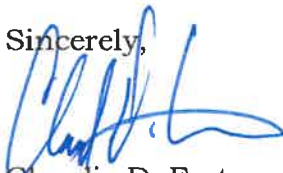
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Phase 1 (Medical Office Building and Loading Dock) work decreased beginning in mid-February 2020 ascribable to reduced crews and travel restrictions for out of state workers. A Vermont State order ceased construction for 6 weeks (March 23 until April 20, 2020), then there was a slow re-start due to State restrictions of no more than two people working together inside and continuation of travel restrictions for out of state workers. We also had slowdowns caused by contractors with COVID outbreaks and not being able to receive the vaccine as well as product and material not available or on backorder for a long period.

Phase 1 was originally slated to be complete in June 2020, but the MOB and Loading Dock were turned over to RRMC at the end of September 2020. Phase 2 (remodeling of the former VOC building) was also behind schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expected completion of January 2021 was first moved to July 2021 and is now estimated to be complete in January 2022. Although construction is 98% complete and staff were moved into the renovated office space at the end of June, we are still awaiting a few outstanding work items that relate to backordered building supplies. We expect these items to arrive in the early fall and will need time to install and complete project closeout procedures.

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This project is expected to be on budget. RRMC has been able to manage the delays in the project and the increase in supply costs with the use of contingency funds which allowed us to remain with budget. RRMC included \$1,027,435 of construction contingency which offset the overruns in the construction and site work costs. The remaining contingency funds are expected to be used to close out the final phase of the project.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Claudio D. Fort
President and CEO

CDF/lmb

Enclosure - T/A

Cc: Lisa Barker
Judi Fox
James Greenough

Verification Under Oath

**STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: Rutland Regional Medical Center)
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) Docket No. GMCB-012-17con
) Medical Office Building, Loading Dock,
) Replacement and Dietary Renovation,
) Renovation of Old VOC Building and
) Upgrades to Site Drainage and Detention
) Pond System

Verification Under Oath to file with Certificate of Need Application, correspondence, and additional information subsequent to filing an application.

Claudio D. Fort, being duly sworn, states on oath as follows:

1. My name is Claudio D. Fort. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rutland Regional Medical Center. I have reviewed the attached letter to request an extension regarding Docket No. GMCB-012-17con Medical Office Building Certificate of Need from myself to Donna Jerry, Health Policy Analyst, dated August 23, 2021.
2. Based on my personal knowledge and after diligent inquiry, I attest that the information contained in the attached letter dated August 23, 2021, is true, accurate and complete, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and does not omit to state a material fact.
3. My personal knowledge of the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the attached letter dated August 23, 2021, is based upon either my actual knowledge of the subject information or upon information reasonably believed by me to be true and reliable and provided to me by the individuals identified below in paragraph 4. Each of these individuals has also certified that the information they have provided is true, accurate and complete, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact.
4. The following individuals have provided information or documents to me in connection with the attached letter regarding Docket No. GMCB-012-17con Medical Office Building Certificate of Need from myself to Donna Jerry, Health Policy Analyst, dated August 23, 2021 and each such individual has certified, based either upon his or her actual knowledge of the subject information or, where specifically identified in such certification, based on information reasonably believed by the individual to be reliable, that the information or documents provided are true, accurate and complete, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and do not omit to state a material fact:

(a) Judi K. Fox, VP Fiscal Services, CFO
The information or documents provided by the certifying individual.
All financial related information.

Subject information of which the certifying individual has actual knowledge.
As stated above.

The individuals and the information reasonably relied on by the certifying individual.

In the case of documents identify the custodian of the documents.
Judi K. Fox

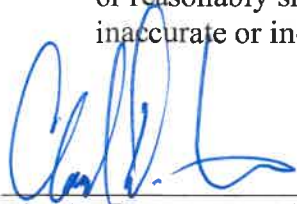
(b) James Greenough, VP Corporate Support Services
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All scope related information.

Subject information of which the certifying individual has actual knowledge.
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James Greenough

5. In the event that the information contained in the attached letter regarding the Docket No. GMCB-012-17con Medical Office Building Certificate of Need from myself to Donna Jerry, Health Policy Analyst, dated August 23, 2021 becomes untrue, inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, I acknowledge my obligation to notify the Green Mountain Care Board and to supplement the request for an extension as soon as I know, or reasonably should know, that the information or document has become untrue, inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect.



Claudio D. Fort, President and CEO

On August 23, 2021 Claudio D. Fort appeared before me and swore to the truth, accuracy, and completeness of the foregoing.



Notary public # 157.0002489


My commission expires January 31, 2023



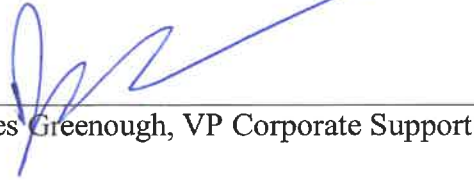


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