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March 7, 2024

Jerome Gerard, State Tax Assessor  
Maine Revenue Services  
State House Station #24  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0024

Peter Schleck, Director  
Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability  
82 State House Station  
Room 104, Cross State Office Building  
Augusta, ME 04333-0082

Honorable Nicole Grohoski, Senate Chair  
Honorable Joe Perry, House Chair  
Committee on Taxation  
100 State House Station, Room 127  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: CY2023 Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Program

Dear Mr. Gerard, Mr. Schleck, Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and members of the Taxation Committee:

Title 36 A §5219-VV directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to submit to the State Tax Assessor, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, and the joint standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over tax matters a copy of the annual report submitted by an applicant certified under the Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion program. Certified applicants are required to submit their annual report to DECD by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

At this time, Penobscot McCrum, LLC is the only applicant certified under the Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion program and submitted their report to DECD on March 1, 2023.

The following information is required to be provided in that report:

- Number of full-time employees based in the State of Maine as of December 31, 2023;
- Incremental amount of qualified investment made during CY2023;



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- Total number of additional full-time employees added in the State by the certified applicant above the certified applicant's base level of employment during the report year;

Penobscot McCrum, LLC provided all this information in the document that is attached to this letter.

Please contact Phoenix McLaughlin, DECD's Tax Incentive Policy Manager, if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

Heather Johnson  
Commissioner

Attachment: Penobscot McCrum, LLC CY2023 Annual Report

cc: Phoenix McLaughlin, Tax Incentive Policy Manager, DECD  
Michael Allen, Associate Commissioner of Tax Policy, MRS



Our Business is Distinctive Potato Products

March 1, 2024

Phoenix McLaughlin
Tax Incentive Policy Manager
Department Economic Development
59 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0059

Subject: Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Program CY2023 Annual Report

Dear Phoenix McLaughlin,

Per your request I am sending you this letter and supporting documents to serve as Penobscot McCrum LLC's annual report for the Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Program. As of December 31st, 2023, Penobscot McCrum and its related companies had a total of 208 employees based in the State of Maine, which is a net increase of 115 employee above our base employment number of 93. 57% of our current employee group in Washburn is over the Aroostook County per capita personal income. Penobscot McCrum started a major expansion to its Washburn Facility during the fall of 2022. As a result, we have hired many new entry-level employees that have not yet been eligible for benefits and other extra compensation. 83% of our employees that have been with us for at least 12 months are over the Aroostook County per capita personal income. Penobscot McCrum added 37 new positions at the processing plant in Washburn during the calendar year of 2023, which is an increase of 104 new positions created since 1/1/2021. The total number of employees employed at the Washburn facility as of 12/31/22 was 149. During the year 2023 McCrum had incremental qualified investments of \$20,312,910. The amount of qualified investment as of December 31st, 2023, was \$41,335,238 for the building/land improvements and \$53,824,820 for equipment. The total qualified investment for both the building/land improvements and equipment is \$95,160,058. Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you have.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jason Woollard
Treasurer

Penobscot McCrum LLC
Tel: 207-227-7899
Email: jason@countysuperspuds.com

State of Maine
Aroostook, ss:
March 1 2024

Personally appeared before me the above-named Jason Woollard as members of said Penobscot McCrum LLC and acknowledged the above instrument signed by them in their said capacity to be their free act and deed and the free act and deed of said company.