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| | Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 10, 2011 | | |
| | United States Steel Corporation | | |
| | (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) | | |
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 10, 2011, United States Steel Corporation (the "Corporation") entered into seven loan agreements (the "Agreements") in connection with the issuance and sale of a total of \$162,720,000 of Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, (the "Bonds") consisting of the following issues:

- (i) \$55,000,000 Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project);
- (ii) \$28,580,000 Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project);
- (iii) \$19,460,000 Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project);
- (iv) \$10,600,000 Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (Texas) Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project);
- (v) \$21,800,000 Ohio Water Development Authority State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project);
- (vi) \$10,160,000 Ohio Air Quality Development Authority State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project); and
- (vii) \$17,120,000 The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama) Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).

Pursuant to each of the Agreements, the Issuer will provide the proceeds of the sale of its Bonds for the purpose of refunding certain prior bonds issued by that Issuer. The proceeds of those prior bonds, in turn, had been used to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of certain pollution control or abatement facilities of the Corporation.

Each Agreement obligates the Corporation to provide the trustee under the Indenture executed for each issue of the Bonds with funds sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds of such issue.

Copies of the Agreements are filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 through 10.7.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The disclosure under Item 1.01 of this Form 8-K is incorporated in this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 10.1 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Indiana Finance Authority regarding \$55,000,000 Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.2 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority regarding \$28,580,000 Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.3 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority regarding \$19,460,000 Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.4 Bond Amortization Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority regarding \$10,600,000 Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (Texas) Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.5 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Ohio Water Development Authority regarding \$21,800,000 Ohio Water Development Authority State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.6 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority regarding \$10,160,000 Ohio Air Quality Development Authority State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).
- 10.7 Amended and Restated Agreement of Sale dated as of November 1, 2011 between the Corporation and The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield regarding \$17,120,000 The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama) Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011(United States Steel Corporation Project).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By /s/ Gregory A. Zovko
Gregory A. Zovko
Vice President & Controller

Dated: November 15, 2011

LOAN AGREEMENT between INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$55,000,000 Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project)

Dated as of November 1, 2011

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between theINDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a body politic and corporate of the State of Indiana (the "State"), exercising essential public functions, duly organized and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State, including specifically Indiana Code Title 4, Article 4, Chapters 10.9 and 11, as amended from time to time (the "Act"), and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State has enacted Indiana Code Title 4, Article 4, Chapters 10.9 and 11, declaring it to be the public policy of the State to prevent environmental pollution, including air and water pollution, through the Issuer's issuance of its revenue bonds to finance or refinance pollution control facilities (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has duly authorized the issuance and sale of its Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project), in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 (the "Bonds"), under the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are special and limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the Pledged Receipts, and neither the principal of the Bonds, nor the interest accruing thereon, shall ever constitute a general indebtedness of the Issuer or an indebtedness of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision whatsoever, or shall ever constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, nor will the Bonds be, or be deemed to be, an obligation of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding special and limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.

"Agreement" means this Loan Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's \$55,000,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).

"Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.

"Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Indiana Finance Authority One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 900 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Attention: Public Finance Director Facsimile: (317) 232-6786

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation
Room 1311
600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776
Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management
Facsimile No.: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration Facsimile No.: (412) 236-0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means (i) the City of Gary, Indiana, Floating Rate Monthly Demand Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (United States Steel Corporation Project), Series 1984; (ii) the City of Gary, Indiana, Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1979 (United States Steel Corporation Gary Project); (iii) the City of Gary, Indiana, Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1978 (United States Steel Corporation Gary Project); (iv) the City of Gary, Indiana, Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1977 (United States Steel Corporation Gary Project); and (vi) the City of Gary, Indiana, Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 1975 (United States Steel Corporation Gary Project).

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to the Indenture.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

"Refunded Bonds" means the Indiana Development Finance Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project) Refunding Series of 1998, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$55,000,000.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (successor trustee to Chase Manhattan Trust Company, National Association), as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Regulatory Agreement" means the Tax Regulatory Agreement and No Arbitrage Certificate in respect of the Bonds and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and any permitted amendments or supplements thereto.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders, and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, without independent verification by the Authority, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer; and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the times of issuance of the Prior Bonds, at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax-exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds, with the exception of any such requirements related to the maturity of the Refunded Bonds that were the subject of an irrevocable agreement to optionally redeem on December 2, 2011.

- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities. The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds, pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the respective trust indentures and the loan agreements securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Clearing Fund, the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$30,000 and the legal fee in the amount of \$5,000 on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Refunded Bonds, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor:

- (a) The reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(b)(ii) of the Indenture.

- **Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional.** The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever.
- Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:
 - (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
 - (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
 - (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and

- (e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.
- Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act; and
- (d) the Company shall receive an Opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel that such grant, sale or lease does not have an adverse affect upon the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company will indemnify and hold the Issuer and Trustee, their members, officers, officials and employees, and the State of Indiana, including its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuer or Trustee.

The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

In case any actions or proceedings are brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event within 15 days of receipt of service) give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its written consent.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law, and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion From Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the ninetieth day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State, and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company and (b) the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound-up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall, as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self-insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article IV or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

- Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.
- Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request and direction of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.
- Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option to Prepay Loan. Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall, upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

- (a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;
- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;

- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or
 - (d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

- Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:
 - (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
 - (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing tlaw or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

- Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.
- Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.
- Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.
- Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein

- Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise) shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture, after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.
- Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.
- Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.
- Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.
- Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.
- Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives. Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.
- Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.
- Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY

By: /s/ Christopher A. Ruhl

Christopher A. Ruhl, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Kendra York

Kendra York, Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana

[SEAL]

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO U.S. STEEL 2011 LOAN AGREEMENT]

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

/s/ John J. Quaid
By: John J. Quaid
Title: VP & Treasurer

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO U.S. STEEL 2011 LOAN AGREEMENT]

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

No. 2 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

No. 3 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

Billet Mill, Slab Mill and Rail Mill Scarfer Precipitators

<u>Buffington Harbor Dust Collection Facilities</u>

No. 1 BOP Shop Air Quality Control Facilities

Blast Furnace Division Water Recycle System

No. 1 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

No. 3 Sinter Plant Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

Blast Furnace Division Blowdown Treatment System

Nos. 5 and 7 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

Nos. 13 and 15 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

No. 16 Coke Battery Air Quality Control Facilities

No. 3 Sinter Plant Air Quality Control Facilities

Coke Plant Boilerhouse Water Quality Control Facilities

Hot Strip Mill Water Quality Control Facilities

USS Tubing Specialties Process Water Recycle System

ASSIGNMENT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY, a body politic and corporate of the State of Indiana (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby does assign, transfer and pledge unto THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. (the "Trustee"), as trustee under the Trust Indenture, dated as of November 1, 2011 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and to the Trustee, and to the Trustee's successors in the trust and its assigns, forever, all right, title and interest of the Issuer in the Loan Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2011 (the "Agreement"), between the Issuer and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (the "Company"), including, but not limited to, the Pledged Receipts (but not including the Unassigned Issuer's Rights (as defined in the Indenture)), all as provided in the Indenture and in the Agreement, and to have, hold and apply such income, payments, receipts, revenues and moneys in accordance with the Indenture; and the Issuer directs that such funds shall be paid by the Company directly to the Trustee, according to the terms of the Indenture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY has caused this Assignment to be duly executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereunto and attested by the Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana, all as of this day of November, 2011.

| | INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY | |
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| | Ву: | Christopher A. Ruhl, Chairman |
| [SEAL] | | |
| Attest: | | |
| Kendra York, Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana | <u> </u> | |
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LOAN AGREEMENT

between

ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as Issuer

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$28,580,000 Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project)

Dated as of November 1, 2011

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between the ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "State"), duly incorporated and validly existing under and by virtue of the Economic Development Financing Law, Act of August 23, 1976, P.L. 251, as amended (the "Act"), and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Act, the Issuer is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to do or cause to be done all the acts and things herein or in the Indenture (as hereinafter defined) provided or required to be done by it, to issue the Bonds, as defined herein, and to loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Company (which had assumed the obligation for the hereinafter-defined Refunded Bonds from Marathon Oil Corporation, formerly known as USX Corporation, and the successor by merger to the previously existing USX Corporation, from which the Company separated on December 31, 2001), for the purpose of refunding the Issuer's outstanding \$28,800,000 Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project) Refunding Series of 1998 (the "Refunded Bonds"), which Refunded Bonds had been issued to refund a total of seven prior issues (the "Prior Bonds") of the Issuer's bonds, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of the Project Facilities in order to better ensure compliance with environmental standards, and which financings have and will promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to issue and sell its Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$28,580,000, pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, from the Issuer to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), for the purposes heretofore described and to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the Pledged Receipts, as defined in the Indenture, as hereinafter defined, and neither the principal of the Bonds, nor the interest accruing thereon, shall ever constitute a general indebtedness of the Issuer or an indebtedness of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, including the County of Allegheny, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision whatsoever or shall ever constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, including the County of Allegheny, nor will the Bonds be, or be deemed to be, an obligation of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, including the County of Allegheny; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.

"Agreement" means this Loan Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's \$28,580,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).

"Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.

"Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority Suite 800 425 Sixth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1819 Attention: Manager Facsimile No.: (412) 642-2217

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management

Facsimile No.: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Facsimile No.: (412) 236-0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Project" means the refinancing of the cost of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed from the proceeds of earlier issues of the Issuer's bonds that were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are defined in the recitals to this Agreement and listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in its capacity as trustee or successor trustee for each issue of the Refunded Bonds.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of the Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer; and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of the Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the earlier issues of the Issuer's bonds used to finance the Project Facilities were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the time of issuance of the earlier issues of the Issuer's bonds used to finance the Project Facilities, at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and, giving effect to that certain letter agreement dated July 1, 2002 between Marathon Oil Corporation and the Refunded Bonds Trustee, at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax-exempt status of such earlier issues and of the Refunded Bonds.
- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.
- (h) The Company will comply with the standard Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause set forth in Appendix A hereto. For the purposes of such Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause, the parties hereto understand that (i) this Agreement is the "contract" and (ii) there is no subcontractor for the performance of the Company's obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the earlier issues of the Issuer's bonds used to finance the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements executed in respect of all such bonds and the Refunded Bonds and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the Refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of the Bonds; Application of Proceeds To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture, and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds, pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the trustee for the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the respective Trust Indentures and the Loan Agreements securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem an issue of the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of such issue of Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem such issue of the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held as part of the Trust Estate shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code, Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$20,520.00 and the legal fee in the amount of \$5,000.00 on the date of issuance of the Bonds and will pay the Issuer's annual fee, in annual installments, in the amount of \$7,200.00 per year payable (and not subject to refund) commencing on the date the Bonds are issued and thereafter, a like amount on November 1, 2012 and on November 1 of each year thereafter until the payment or defeasance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the financing of the Project, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor:

- (a) The reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02.
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by them under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(b)(ii) of the Indenture.

- Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 of this Agreement and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever, including, without limitation, any defense (other than payment), setoff, recoupment or counterclaim which the Company may have or assert against the Issuer, the Trustee or any other Person.
- Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:
 - (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
 - (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
 - (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

- (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and
- (e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company agrees that the Issuer, Allegheny County and their respective members, officers, employees, and the Trustee and its officers and employees shall not be liable for and the Company covenants and agrees to protect, exonerate, defend, indemnify and save the Issuer, Allegheny County and their respective members, officers and employees, and the Trustee and its officers and employees, harmless from and against (a) any and all costs, damages or liabilities which may arise out of the issuance of the Bonds or arising from any breach or default on the part of the Company to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and (b) all reasonable costs, counsel fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about the defense of any such claims or actions or proceedings brought thereon. The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

The Company agrees to indemnify the Trustee and the Issuer for and to hold each of them harmless against all liabilities, claims, court costs and reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable and documented fees and expenses of counsel necessary in defending against the same) incurred without gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee or the Issuer, as applicable, on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Trustee or the Issuer, as applicable, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Bonds or the Indenture or any action taken at the request of or with the consent of the Company, including the costs and expenses of the Trustee and the Issuer in defending itself against any such claim, action or proceeding brought in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement, the Bonds or the Indenture.

In case any actions or proceeding is brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event within 15 days of receipt of service) give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its consent.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law, and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion From Gross Income of Interest on the Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the ninetieth day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State, and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound-up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self-insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture), the Company may terminate the Loan (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02: thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under the Indenture The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option to Prepay Loan. Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

- (a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein.
- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected.

- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due.
 - (d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due hereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise), shall be deemed to belong to and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.

Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.

Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.
- **Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives.** Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.
- Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenants or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04 hereof, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.
- Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

| ATTEST: | ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY |
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| /s/ Victor Diaz Secretary [SEAL] | By /s/ James M. Edwards Chairman |
| | UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION |
| | By /s/ John J. Quaid Title Vice President & Treasurer |
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

The Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority Customized Purchase Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1986 (United States Steel Corporation Project), which were refunded by the Refunded Bonds, in turn refunded the following Prior Bonds:

- 1) 6–3/4% Bonds, 1979 Series B Due May 1, 2009
- 2) 6-3/4% Bonds, 1979 Series A. Due March 1, 2004
- 3) 6–7/8% Bonds, 1978 Series B Due July 1, 2008
- 4) 5.70% Bonds, 1977 Series B Due August 1, 2007
- 5) 6.40% Bonds, 1976 Series A Due April 1, 2001
- 6) 5-3/4% Bonds, 1973 Series Due July 1, 1998

| | | | Approval Dates | |
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| Issue | Project | ACIDA | Commerce | |
| 1) 1973 | Clairton Biological Water Treatment Facilities | 1/73 | 6/7/73 | |
| 2) 1976 A | Irvin — Boilers 3, 4, 5, 6 – AQ Irvin — Boiler 7 – AQC Homestead – Boilers 3, 4 | 12/2/75 | 1/14/76 (letter only) | |
| 3) 1977 B | ET — Blast Furnaces 1, 2, 3, 5 WQC Water Recycle System Clairton — No. 2 and Benzene Boiler House Ash Disposal — WQC ET — Ingot Mold Foundry — WQC Water Recycle and Treatment System Duquesne — Primary Mills, Bar Mills — WQC Duquesne Blast Furnaces — WQC Water Recycle System ET — 44" Slab Mill — WQC Water Recycle System Clairton — No. 21 Combustion Stack No. 21 Coke Battery — AQC | 6/22/77 | 6/29/77 | |
| | No. 21 Coke Battery – AQC Homestead — No. 3, 4 Blast Furnaces – WQC Water Recycle System | 7/7/77 | 7/8/77 | |
| | Clairton — Pitch Prill Plants – WQC Saxonburg – Electrostatic Precipitators for Sinter Lines No. 2 and 3 | 7/7/77 | 7/8/77 | |
| 4) 1978 B | Clairton – Batteries 1, 2, 3 – AQC Gas cleaning and quench cars Clairton — Battery 13, 14, 15, 21, 22 – AQC Pushing Emission Controls Duquesne National — Iron Desulfurization Facility – AQC Dust collection system Homestead — Plate and Slab Mills – WQC Water recycle and treatment systems | 5/24/78 | 6/9/78 | |
| | Water recycle and treatment systems ET – BOP Shop – WQC Water recycle and treatment facility Homestead – Carrie Furnace – Electrostatic Precipitators for coal-fired boilers National Duquesne — BOP Shops – WQC Water recycle and treatment facility | 2/22/78 | 2/28/78 | |

| | Clairton — Rolling Mills – WQC | | |
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| 5) 1979 A | Clairton — Batteries 19-22 Pushing emission control Clairton — Batteries 13-15 Pushing emission control and dust collection system | 1/24/79 | 2/5/79 |
| 6) 1979 B | Clairton — Batteries 1-3 – AQC Spare gas cleaning facility Homestead — Open Hearth – AQC Caps and precipitator controls Vandergrift – WQC | 3/28/79 | 4/17/79 |
| | Water collection and treatment system Homestead — Blast Furnaces 7 & 8 WQC Water recycle and treatment facility | 4/16/79 | 5/9/79 |
| | Clairton Batteries 7-9 – AQC Pushing emission control ET – BOP shop – AQC Emission control system | 4/25/79 | 5/14/79 |
| NOTE: | "AQC" means Air Quality Control Facility | | |
| | "WOC" means Water Quality Control Facility | | |

WQC" means Water Quality Control Facility

APPENDIX A

NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE

During the term of the Agreement (referred to herein as the "contract"), the Company, as contractor, agrees, and will require its subcontractors, if any, to agree as follows:

- (1) In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract, the Company, subcontractor, or any Person acting on behalf of the Company or subcontractor shall not, by reason of gender, race, creed, or color, discriminate against any citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
- (2) Neither the Company nor any subcontractor nor any Person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity on account of gender, race, creed or color.
- (3) The Company and subcontractors shall establish and maintain a written sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees of the policy. The policy must contain a notice that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined.
- (4) The Company shall not discriminate by reason of gender, race, creed, or color against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.
- (5) The Company and each subcontractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the Issuer and the Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development for purposes of investigation, to ascertain compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. If the Company or any subcontractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, the Company or subcontractor shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the Issuer or the Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development.
- (6) The Company shall include this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

ASSIGNMENT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a body corporate and politic, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby does assign, transfer and pledge unto THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., (the "Trustee"), as trustee under the Trust Indenture, dated as of November 1, 2011 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and the Trustee, and to the Trustee's successors in the trust and its assigns, forever, all right, title and interest of the Issuer in the Loan Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2011 (the "Agreement"), between the Issuer and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (the "Company"), including, but not limited to, the Pledged Receipts, (but not including the Issuer's Unassigned Rights), all as provided in the Indenture and in the Agreement, and to have, hold and apply such income, payments, receipts, revenues and moneys in accordance with the Indenture; and the Issuer directs that such funds shall be paid by the Company directly, according to the terms of the Indenture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY has caused this Assignment to be duly executed in its name and in its behalf by its Chairman or Vice Chairman, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereunto and attested by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary, all as of November 1, 2011, but actually on the date of the appropriate acknowledgment attached at the end hereof, and delivered on this 10th day of November, 2011.

| | ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | |
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| (AUTHORITY SEAL) | By Chairman | |
| ATTEST: | | |
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| Secretary | | |
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LOAN AGREEMENT

between

BUCKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

as Issuer

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$19,460,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project)

Dated as of November 1, 2011

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between the BUCKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "State"), acting through its duly appointed board, duly organized and validly existing under and by virtue of the Economic Development Financing Law, the Act of August 23, 1967, P.L. 251, as amended (the "Act") and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Act, the Issuer is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to do or cause to be done all the acts and things herein or in the Indenture, as defined herein, provided or required to be done by it, to issue the Bonds, as defined herein, and to loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Company (which had assumed the obligation for the hereinafter-defined Refunded Bonds from Marathon Oil Corporation, formerly known as USX Corporation, and the successor by merger to the previously existing USX Corporation, from which the Company separated on December 31, 2001), for the purpose of refinancing the \$8,690,000 outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1995 (the "Series 1995 Bonds") and the \$11,125,000 outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Projects), Refunding Series of 1998 (the "Series 1998 Bonds", and together with the Series 1995 Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"), which Series 1995 Bonds were issued to refund the Issuer's Floating Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1980 Series A (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1978 Series A Bonds"), proceeds of which 1980 Series A Bonds and 1978 Series A Bonds were used to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of certain air and water pollution control facilities (the "Project"), which facilities are generally described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter-defined Agreement (the "Project Facilities"), in order to better ensure compliance with environmental standards, and which financing will promote the economic welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has determined to issue and sell its Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$19,460,000 pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.
- "Agreement" means this Loan Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "Bonds" means the Issuer's \$19,460,000 Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).
 - "Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.
 - "Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
 - "Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Bucks County Industrial Development Authority 2 East Street Doylestown, PA 18901 Attention: Executive Director

Facsimile: (215) 348-8829

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219–4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management

Facsimile: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place 38th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Facsimile: (412) 236–0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means the 1978 Series A Bonds and the 1980 Series A Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment, if any, remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds. At the date of this Agreement, the Company does not own or operate any of the Project Facilities.

"Refunded Bonds" shall have the meaning given in the first recital hereof.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee to PNC Bank, National Association, as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Regulatory Agreement" means that certain Tax Regulatory Agreement and No Arbitrage Certificate in respect of the Bonds and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and any permitted amendments or supplements thereto.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer; and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed, for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the times of issuance of the Prior Bonds, and at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax-exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds.

- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.
- (h) The Company will comply with the standard Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause set forth in Appendix A hereto. For the purposes of such Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause, the parties hereto understand that (i) this Agreement is the "contract" and (ii) there is no subcontractor for the performance of the Company's obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture, and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the trust indenture and the loan agreement securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Clearing Fund, the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$50,000.00 and the Issuer's counsel fee and expenses in the amount of not to exceed \$9,665.00, including disbursements, on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Refunded Bonds, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor:

- (a) The reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out—of—pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(c) of the Indenture.

Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever.

Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:

- (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
- (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
 - (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and

(e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer's Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company will indemnify and hold the Issuer and Trustee, their members, officers and employees, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Underwriter, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuer or Trustee.

The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

In case any actions or proceedings are brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event, within 15 days of receipt of service), give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its written consent.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion from Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the 90^h day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company and (b) the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound—up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self—insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article IV or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option To Prepay Loan Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

- (a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;
- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;
- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or

(d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise), shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

- Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.
- Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.
- Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.
- Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.
- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.

Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives. Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.

Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

BUCKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

/s/ Harry W. Fawkes, Sr.

Name Harry W. Fawkes, Sr. Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Michael J. Mabin

Secretary

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

/s/ John J. Quaid By: John J John J. Quaid

Vice President and Treasurer Title:

[Signature page to U.S. Steel Loan Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

The facilities below were refinanced in whole or in part by the following Refunded Bonds.

\$8,690,000 Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1995

1. <u>Fariless Coke Battery Pushing Emission Controls</u>

Coke pushing emissions from the coke battery was controlled by means of coke side-shed enclosure which contained the pollutants. They were then evacuated to a battery top emission control system, consisting of a medium energy scrubber, through appropriate ductwork by means of a draft fan.

The facilities below were refinanced in whole or in part by the following Refunded Bonds.

\$11,125,000 Bucks County Industrial Development Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1998

1. <u>Fairless Works</u>

A blast furnace recycle system including a cooling tower, dewatering facilities for the clarifier sludge, slag quench water collection and recycling facilities for the slag pit, and all necessary pumps, piping, vacuum filters, and thickeners.

To reduce chromium in waste discharges, the following facilities were installed: a lift system at the Electrolytic Tinning Lines, a collection system for spillage and rinse water at the Tin Free Steel Line, the Pipe Mill and the Wire Mill, necessary piping and pumps and improvements to the Oil Interception Plant.

APPENDIX A

NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE

During the term of the Agreement (referred to herein as the "contract"), the Company, as contractor, agrees, and will require its subcontractors, if any, to agree as follows:

- (1) In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the contract, the Company, subcontractor, or any Person acting on behalf of the Company or subcontractor shall not, by reason of gender, race, creed, or color, discriminate against any citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
- (2) Neither the Company nor any subcontractor nor any Person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work, or any other activity on account of gender, race, creed or color.
- (3) The Company and subcontractors shall establish and maintain a written sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees of the policy. The policy must contain a notice that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined.
- (4) The Company shall not discriminate by reason of gender, race, creed, or color against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.
- (5) The Company and each subcontractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the Issuer and the Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development for purposes of investigation, to ascertain compliance with provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. If the Company or any subcontractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, the Company or subcontractor shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the Issuer or the Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development.
- (6) The Company shall include this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

BOND AMORTIZATION AGREEMENT

between

GULF COAST WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$10,600,000
Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority
Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds,
Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project)

Dated as of November 1, 2011

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BOND AMORTIZATION AGREEMENT

THIS BOND AMORTIZATION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between the GULF COAST WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a governmental agency and body politic and corporate of the State of Texas, existing and operating as a conservation and reclamation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution, and the laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 1969, as amended (originally compiled as Article 7621d-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) (the "Authority Act") and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 383, Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended ("Chapter 383") and Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207") (together with the Authority Act, collectively, the "Acts"), the Issuer, being a "district" and an "issuer" as defined in Chapter 383 and Chapter 1207 is authorized to acquire, construct and improve air pollution control facilities and to issue revenue bonds for such purposes and for the purpose of refunding any such bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has duly authorized the issuance and sale of its Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project), in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,600,000 (the "Bonds"), under the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the Pledged Receipts, and neither the principal of the Bonds, nor the interest accruing thereon, shall ever constitute a general indebtedness of the Issuer or an indebtedness of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision whatsoever, or shall ever constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, nor will the Bonds be, or be deemed to be, an obligation of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.

"Agreement" means this Bond Amortization Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's \$10,600,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).

"Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.

"Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority 910 Bay Area Boulevard Houston, Texas 77058 Attention: Manager, Financial Services Facsimile: (281) 488-3331

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management Facsimile No.: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration Facsimile No.: (412) 236-0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (United States Steel Corporation Project) Series 1976.

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to the Indenture.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the air pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A to the Air Pollution Control Facilities and Installment Sales Agreement, dated as of April 15, 1976, relating to the Prior Bonds.

"Refunded Bonds" means the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1998, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,600,000.

"Refunded Bonds Agreement" means the Bond Amortization Agreement, dated as of March 1, 1998, between the Issuer and Company relating to the Refunded Bonds.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon (successor trustee to Chase Bank of Texas, National Association), as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Certificates" means the Tax Regulatory Agreement and No-Arbitrage Certificate among the Issuer, the Trustee, and the Company with respect to the Bonds.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders, and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II.

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Authority Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Certificates (as applicable); (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Certificates (as applicable); (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Certificates (as applicable); (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Certificates (as applicable) in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Certificates (as applicable) by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Certificates (as applicable) and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Certificates have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Certificates valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the time of issuance of the Prior Bonds, at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax-exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds.
- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Certificates, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.

- (h) The Project Facilities were located in unincorporated Chambers County, Texas.
- (i) The Company has requested the Issuer to refund the Refunded Bonds.

ARTICLE III.

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities. The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein and in the Approval Certificate. By execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company hereby approves the Bond Resolution and the Indenture. It is hereby agreed that the foregoing approval of the Bond Resolution and the Indenture constitutes the acknowledgment and agreement of the Company that the Bonds, when issued, sold, and delivered as provided in the Bond Resolution and the Indenture, will be issued in accordance with and in compliance with this Agreement and shall further constitute the approval of the refunding required by the Refunded Bonds Agreement, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement or any other contract or agreement to the contrary. Any Bondholder is entitled to rely fully and unconditionally on the foregoing approval. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement or any other contract or agreement to the contrary, the Company's approval of the Bond Resolution and the Indenture shall be the Company's agreement that all covenants and provisions in this Agreement and the Indenture affecting the Company shall, upon the delivery of the Bonds and the Indenture, become unconditional, valid, and binding covenants and obligations of the Company so long as the Bonds and the interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid. Particularly, the obligation of the Company to make, promptly when due, all Installment Payments specified in this Agreement and the Indenture shall be absolute and unconditional, and said obligation may be enforced as provided in this Agreement and the Indenture.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be transferred to the Refunded Bonds Trustee for deposit into the Bond Fund for the Refunded Bonds. Upon deposit pursuant to this Section 3.02, the proceeds so transferred to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, together with other funds, if any, contributed by the Company are subject to a lien in favor of the Holders of the Refunded Bonds and no security interest therein is or shall be granted and shall not constitute in any way a grant by the Issuer to the Trustee to secure the payment amounts due on the Bonds. The Company agrees (i) to direct the Refunded Bonds Trustee to invest and reinvest such proceeds, together with amounts, if any, provided by the Company pursuant to Section 3.03 hereof, only in direct obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which may be in book-entry form, and which mature on or before the redemption date for the Refunded Bonds and (ii) that any such funds which cannot be so invested shall remain uninvested.

Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the respective trust indentures and the loan agreements securing the same.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds The Company shall, on or before the Issue Date, cause to be deposited with the Refunded Bonds Trustee moneys sufficient, together with the Bond proceeds so transferred on the Issue Date, to pay the total redemption price of the Refunded Bonds on their redemption date or dates, together with any interest due on the Refunded Bonds not constituting a portion of the redemption price, plus any fees and charges due the Refunded Bonds Trustee, paying agent, and registrar for the Refunded Bonds. In the event that monies held in the Bond Fund for the Refunded Bonds are not sufficient to accomplish the refunding on the redemption date or dates, together with any interest due on the Refunded Bonds not constituting a portion of the redemption price, the Company shall at its own expense and without any right of reimbursement in respect thereof immediately pay that portion of such costs as may be in excess of said moneys. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee, or any Holder, nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. The Issuer hereby authorizes the Company to direct the investment of the Bond Fund and Rebate Fund. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to. Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Issuer shall receive out of proceeds of the Bonds or out of funds provided by the Company on or before the Issue Date an amount equal to .25% of the original principal amount of the Bonds to pay and reimburse the Issuer for its administrative expenses directly attributable and chargeable to the issuance of the Bonds, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Project. The Company shall also pay to the Issuer hereunder on each March 1 the greater of the following two amounts: (i) the actual costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by the Issuer during the prior twelve month period as set forth in a bill or statement submitted by the Issuer to the Company prior to said March 1, or (ii) an amount of money equal to \$100.00 for each \$1,000,000, or part thereof, of principal amount of the Bonds which are outstanding and unpaid as of the last day of the month preceding said March 1 (the "alternate fee"). If the Company shall have not have received a bill or statement on or before March 1 for the Issuer's actual costs incurred during the prior twelve month period, the Company shall pay the alternate fee on said March 1. Although the amounts payable to the Issuer hereunder are due on March 1 of each year, the Company shall not be in default in the payment of such amounts so long as they are paid to the Issuer within thirty days of their due date.

Section 3.06. Issuer's Limited Liability. It is recognized that the Issuer's only source of funds with which to carry out its commitments under this Agreement will be from the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds or from any available income or earnings derived therefrom, or from any funds which otherwise might be made available by the Company; and it is expressly agreed that the Issuer shall have no financial liability, obligation, or responsibility with respect to this Agreement or the Project except to the extent of funds available from such sources.

Section 3.07 Governmental Regulation. The Company recognizes and agrees that this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds pursuant hereto will not diminish or limit the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, or any other State agency or local governments in performing any of the powers, functions and duties vested in such entities by federal and state laws, and that all applicable laws shall be enforced without regard to ownership of the Project; and that the Company will not be relieved of any responsibility under any applicable federal or state laws or regulations pertaining to pollution control, either now, or during, or after the acquisition, construction and improvement of the Project.

ARTICLE IV.

PAYMENTS BY COMPANY

Section 4.01. Installment Payments. Simultaneously with the authorization of this Agreement by the Board of Directors of the Issuer, such Board has adopted the Bond Resolution. In consideration of the covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement, and to enable the Issuer to issue the Bonds to carry out the intents and purposes hereof, the Company agrees that, on each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

In the event the Company should fail to make any of the payments required in this Section 4.01, the amount so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Company until such amount in default shall have been fully paid, and the Company agrees to pay the same with interest thereon to the extent permitted by law at the rate of interest borne by the Bonds at the time of such failure from the due date thereof until paid.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor:

- (a) Out of proceeds of the Bonds or other funds provided by the Company, the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Certificates and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Tax Certificates and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption. The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(b)(ii) of the Indenture.

Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever.

Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:

- (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
- (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
- (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and

(e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon. The Company herewith assents to such assignment and will make payments directly to the Trustee without defense or set-off by reason of any dispute between the Company and the Issuer or the Trustee. All rights against the Company arising under this Agreement or the Bond Resolution or Indenture and assigned to the Trustee under the Indenture may be enforced by the Trustee, or the owners of the Bonds, to the extent provided in the Indenture, and the Trustee, or the owners of the Bonds, shall be entitled to bring any suit, action, or proceeding against the Company, to the extent provided in the Bond Resolution or Indenture, for the enforcement of this Agreement, and it shall not be necessary in any such suit, action, or proceeding to make the Issuer a party thereto.

Section 4.07. Refunding of Bonds. After the issuance of any Bonds, the Issuer shall not refund any of the Bonds or change or modify the Bonds in any way, except as provided for in the Indenture, without the prior written approval of the Authorized Company Representative; nor shall the Issuer redeem any Bonds prior to their scheduled maturities except upon the request of the Authorized Company Representative, unless such redemption is required by the Indenture.

ARTICLE V. ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act; and
- (d) the Company shall receive an Opinion of Nationally Recognized Bond Counsel that such grant, sale or lease does not have an adverse affect upon the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. (a) The Company releases the Issuer, its officers, directors, and employees (the "Indemnified Parties") from, and the Indemnified Parties shall not be liable for, and the Company agrees and shall protect, indemnify, defend, and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from, any and all liability, cost, expense, damage, or loss of whatever nature (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, litigation and court costs, amounts paid in settlement, and amounts paid to discharge judgments) directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, in connection with, or related to (i) the issuance, offering, sale, delivery, payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon, or redemption of the Bonds, the provisions and rate of interest on the Bonds, the Bond Resolution, the Indenture, and this Agreement and the obligations imposed on the Issuer hereby and thereby; or the design, construction, installation, operation, use, occupancy, maintenance, or ownership of the Project; (ii) any written statements or representations made or given by the Company or any of its officers or employees, to the Indemnified Parties, the Trustee, or any underwriters or purchasers of any of the Bonds, with respect to the Issuer, the Company, the Project, or the Bonds or the offer or issuance thereof, including, but not limited to, statements or representations of facts, financial information, or corporate affairs; (iii) damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project; (iv) any loss or damage incurred by the Issuer as a result of breach by the Company of the provisions of Section 5.3 hereof, and (v) any action required to be taken by the Issuer under this Agreement, the Bond Resolution, or the Indenture. The provisions shall remain and be in full force and effect even if any such liability, cost, expense, damage, or loss or claim therefor by any person, directly or indirectly results from, arises out of, or rel

- (b) The Company will indemnify and hold the Trustee, its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Trustee.
- (c) The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

- (d) In case any actions or proceedings are brought against an Indemnified Party or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event within 15 days of receipt of service) give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its consent.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Trustee for its gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith or an Indemnified Party for its willful misconduct or bad faith.
- (f) The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law and the foregoing indemnification survives beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or the payment of the Bonds.
- Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion From Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the ninetieth day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company and (b) the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound-up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall, as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self-insurance.

Section 5.07. Recordation. The Company agrees that it will record and file any such instruments as may be required from time to time to be recorded or filed, in such manner and in such places as from time to time may be required by law in order fully to preserve and protect the rights, lien and security of the Owners of the Bonds and the rights and security of the Trustee hereunder and under the Indenture.

Section 5.08. Qualification in Texas. The Company warrants that it is and throughout the term of this Agreement it will continue to be a corporation duly qualified to do business in the State of Texas.

ARTICLE VI.

OPTIONS: PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay Installment Sale Payments and terminate its obligations under Section 4.01 of this Agreement, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article IV or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture. The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option to Prepay Loan. Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall, upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

(a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;

- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;
- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or
 - (d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 3.05, 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 3.05, 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise) shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to Title 6, Texas Property Code, or applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture, after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.

Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.

Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 8.09. Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A CONTRACT MADE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE AND FOR ALL PURPOSES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.

Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives. Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.

Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

GULF COAST WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

/s/ J. M. Schultz

Chairman

James A. Matthews, Jr. Secretary

[SEAL]

Attest:

By:

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO U.S. STEEL 2011 BOND AMORTIZATION AGREEMENT]

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John J. Quaid
Title: Vice President & Treasurer

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LOAN AGREEMENT

between

OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

as Issuer

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$21,800,000 State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project)

Dated as of November 1, 2011

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between the OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a body corporate and politic existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio (the "State") and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 6121, Ohio Revised Code, as enacted and amended pursuant to Section 13 of Article VII and other provisions of the Ohio Constitution (the "Act"), the Issuer is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to do or cause to be done all the acts and things herein or in the Indenture, as defined herein, provided or required to be done by it, to issue the Bonds, as defined herein, and to loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Company (which had assumed the obligation for the hereinafter-defined Refunded Bonds from Marathon Oil Corporation, formerly known as USX Corporation, and the successor by merger to the previously existing USX Corporation, from which the Company separated on December 31, 2001), for the purpose of refunding the outstanding State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1999 (the "Refunded Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to refund the State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1977 Series (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1977 Bonds") and the State of Ohio Customized Purchase Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1986 (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1986 Bonds") which 1977 and 1986 Bonds were issued to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, equipment and installation of certain water pollution control facilities in order to better ensure compliance with environmental standards, and which has and will promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has determined to issue and sell its Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$21,800,000 pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds to be issued under the Indenture do not constitute a debt, or a pledge of the faith and credit, of the Issuer, or the State or of any political subdivision thereof, and the owners thereof have no right to have taxes levied by the State or the taxing authority of any political subdivision of the State, for the payment of the principal thereof or any premium or interest thereon, but such Bonds are payable solely from revenues pledged for their payment; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.
- "Agreement" means this Loan Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "Bonds" means the Issuer's \$21,800,000 State of Ohio Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).
- "Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.
- "Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
- "Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Ohio Water Development Authority 480 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215 Attention: Chief Engineer Facsimile: (614) 644–9964

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219–4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management

Facsimile: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Facsimile: (412) 236-0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means the 1977 Bonds and the 1986 Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment, if any, remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds. At the date of this Agreement, the Company does not own or operate any of the Project Facilities.

"Refunded Bonds" shall have the meaning given in the first recital hereof.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee to Chase Manhattan Trust Company, National Association, as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Regulatory Agreement" means that certain Tax Regulatory Agreement and No Arbitrage Certificate in respect of the Bonds and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and any permitted amendments or supplements thereto.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer; and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed, for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the times of issuance of the Prior Bonds, and at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax—exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds.
- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture, and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the trust indenture and the loan agreement securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Clearing Fund, the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$63,700.00 and the Issuer's counsel fee in the amount of not to exceed \$22,000, including disbursements, on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Refunded Bonds, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor:

- (a) The reasonable and documented out—of—pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(c) of the Indenture.

- Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever including, without limitation, any defense (other than payment), set off, recoupment or counterclaim which the Company may have or assert against the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person.
- Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:
 - (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
 - (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
 - (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

- (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and
- (e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer's Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. [Reserved.]

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company will indemnify and hold the Issuer and Trustee, their members, officers and employees, and the State of Ohio, including its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Underwriter, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuer or Trustee.

The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

In case any actions or proceedings are brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event, within 15 days of receipt of service), give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company and only to the extent of that prejudice. If the Company shall not have employed counsel to have charge of the defense of the action or proceeding, or if the Issuer shall have concluded reasonably that there may be a defense available to it which is in conflict with those available to the Company or the Trustee, (a) the company shall not have the right to direct the defense of the action, claim or proceeding on behalf of the Issuer and (b) legal and other expenses incurred by the Issuer (including without limitation, to the extent permitted by law, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) shall be borne by the Company.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for its gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion from Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the 90^h day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound—up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Operation of Project Facilities. The Company acknowledges and agrees that, although it no longer owns, possesses or controls the Project Facilities, as between itself and the Issuer, the Company will be responsible for the failure of the Project Facilities to be operated and maintained, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable law, except to the extent the enforcement or applicability of a given law is being contested in good faith, provided, however, nothing herein shall constitute a representation or warranty that the Project Facilities can meet the applicable effluent limitations or water quality standards.

The Authority recognizes and agrees that operation of any portion of the Project Facilities which is functionally independent of other portions of the Project Facilities may be discontinued or suspended for any period during which (a) operation thereof is no longer required to comply with applicable law or would cause a violation of applicable law, (b) the Issuer approves such discontinuance or suspension, (c) such discontinuance or suspension is necessary for routine maintenance and repair of the Projects or (d) the use of the industrial facility served by such portion of the Project Facilities is discontinued or suspended and such discontinuance or suspension renders continued operation of such portion of the Project Facilities unnecessary in order to comply with applicable law.

Section 5.06. Reports and Audits. The Company shall as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.07. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self—insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article IV or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option To Prepay Loan Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

(a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;

- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;
- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or
 - (d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise), shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.

Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns subject to the limitations in Sections 4.05 and 5.04 hereof.

Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.

- Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.
- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.
- Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives. Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.
- Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.
- Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: /s/ Steve Grossman
Executive Director

ATTEST:

/s/ Scott L. Campbell

Secretary/Treasurer

[SEAL]

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John J. Quaid

Title: Vice President & Treasurer

[Signature page to U.S. Steel Loan Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

Haverhill Project

The facilities acquired, constructed and installed at the Haverhill Plant of the Company consisted of the following: Haverhill Plant–Phenol Facility waste water control facilities were expanded to accommodate larger flows. Additions to the facilities included additional oil skimming, a new holding basin, additional filtering capacity, increased pumping capacity and a second deep well for disposal of waste water.

Lorain Project

The facilities acquired, constructed and installed at the Lorain Plant of the Company consisted of the following:

Lorain–Blast Furnaces–Water Quality Control. The water quality control facilities included piping to separate non-contact cooling water from process water. The non-contact cooling water is discharged to the river through outfalls 003 and 004. The water from the blast furnace gas coolers and the gas drip legs of all five furnaces is pumped directly to cooling towers for recirculation. Process water from the blast furnace gas scrubbers for Nos. 1, 2 and 5 blast furnaces is discharged to a new classifier for removal of coarse solids and pumped to a splitter box located near No. 4 furnace. The splitter box also receives the process water directly from the scrubbers from Nos. 3 and 4 blast furnaces. Water treatment chemicals are added to promote the settling of suspended solids. The flow then is split between the existing clarifier (70' diameter) and a new clarifier (100' diameter). Clarifier overflow is pumped to the hot well, where it combines with the unclarified water from the gas coolers, is pumped over a cooling tower into a cold well, and is recycled to the blast furnace process water systems.

The sludge from the clarifier is pumped to a new thickener. The overflow from the thickener is returned to the splitter box ahead of the clarifier. The sludge from the thickener underflow is pumped to the new vacuum filter for dewatering before disposal.

Blowdown is required in the blast furnace recycle system. Part of this blowdown water is used as makeup for the slag quench recycle system, and part is piped to the coke plant as makeup in the coke quench sump. Any remaining blowdown water is discharged to the river without further treatment.

(2) **Lorain–Waste Pickle Liquor Disposal**. The former waste pickle liquor drain line was intercepted and a new section of drain line installed. A sump, with pumps, was provided to collect the waste pickle liquor, which is pumped to two new above-ground storage tanks. A truck-loading station was provided adjacent to the storage tanks. The waste pickle liquor is hauled away from the plant in tank trucks for disposal by a licensed disposal contractor.

| (3) | Lorain-Blooming Mill Diversion Sewer. A | new sump and pump station was installed to collect the scale pit effluent. | From this sump the process water is |
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| pumped to an exist | ing sewer which flows to the pipe mill lagoon. | The Blooming Mill process water commingles with other process waters | s, all of which receive treatment in the |
| existing pipe mill la | agoon. | | |

(4) **Lorain–Rounds Caster Water Pollution Control**. The treatment system was provided to treat, cool and return process water to the caster. The major components include scale pit settling basin, oil skimmer, clarifiers, pressure filters, chemical feed system, vacuum filters, surge and hold tanks, evaporative cooler, two-cell cooling tower, pumps, valves and piping.

LOAN AGREEMENT

between

OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

as Issuer

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$10,160,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project) Dated as of November 1, 2011

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Issuer"), a body both corporate and politic organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio (the "State"), acting through its duly appointed board, duly organized and validly existing under and by virtue of Chapter 3706, Ohio Revised Code, as supplemented and amended (the "Act") and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article I):

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Act, the Issuer is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to do or cause to be done all the acts and things herein or in the Indenture, as defined herein, provided or required to be done by it, to issue the Bonds, as defined herein, and to loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Company (which had assumed the obligation for the hereinafter-defined Refunded Bonds from Marathon Oil Corporation, formerly known as USX Corporation, and the successor by merger to the previously existing USX Corporation, from which the Company separated on December 31, 2001), for the purpose of refinancing the \$10,160,000 outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1995 (the "Refunded Bonds"), which Refunded Bonds were issued to refund the Issuer's State of Ohio Floating Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1980 Series A (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1980 A Bonds") and the Issuer's State of Ohio Floating Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1980 Series B (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1980 B Bonds") proceeds of which 1980 A Bonds and 1980 B Bonds were used to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of certain air quality facilities (the "Project"), which facilities are generally described in Exhibit A hereof (the "Project Facilities"), in order to better ensure compliance with environmental standards, and which financing will promote the economic welfare of the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has determined to issue and sell its Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,160,000 pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.

"Agreement" means this Loan Agreement as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's \$10,160,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).

"Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.

"Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

Ohio Air Quality Development Authority 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1718 Columbus, Ohio 43215-5910 Attention: Todd Nein, Interim Executive Director Telephone: (614) 224-3383 Email: Todd.Nein@aqda.state.oh.us

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219–4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management

Facsimile: (412) 433–4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Attention. Corporate Trust Administrat

Facsimile: (412) 236–0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means the 1980 A Bonds and the 1980 B Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment, if any, remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds. At the date of this Agreement, the Company does not own or operate any of the Project Facilities.

"Refunded Bonds" shall have the meaning given in the first recital hereof.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee to PNC Bank, National Association, as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Regulatory Agreement" means that certain Tax Regulatory Agreement and No Arbitrage Certificate in respect of the Bonds and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and any permitted amendments or supplements thereto.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article I and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed, for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.
- (d) At the times of issuance of the Prior Bonds, and at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax-exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds.
- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities. The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture, and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the trust indenture and the loan agreement securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds. If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Clearing Fund, the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$73,300.00, including disbursements, on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Refunded Bonds, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor.

- (a) The reasonable and documented out—of—pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption. The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(c) of the Indenture.

- Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever.
- Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:
 - (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
 - (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
 - (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and
 - (e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer's Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company will indemnify and hold the Issuer and Trustee, their members, officers and employees, and the State of Ohio, including its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Underwriter, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuer or Trustee.

The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

In case any actions or proceedings are brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event, within 15 days of receipt of service), give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its written consent.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion from Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the 90^h day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations. The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company and (b) the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound—up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self—insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article IX of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article IX of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article IV or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture. The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option To Prepay Loan. Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

- a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;
- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;
- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or
 - (d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise), shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

- Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.
- Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.
- Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.
- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.

Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives. Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.

Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: /s/ Todd Nein

Name: Todd Nein

Interim Executive Director

ATTEST:

/s/ Jeff Jacobson

Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

/s/ John J. Quaid By:

John J. Quaid Vice President and Treasurer

[Signature page to U.S. Steel Loan Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

The facilities below were refinanced in whole or in part by the following bonds.

\$10,160,000 Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project) Refunding Series of 1995

1. Lorain Air Pollution Control for No. 3 Blast Furnace

This Project included the installation of facilities for casthouse emissions control at the No. 3 blast furnace including a combination of "non-capture" system of runner covers and flame suppression. Two separate control systems were installed to serve the No. 3 blast furnace, with emissions from the casthouse of furnace No. 3 directed to a 400,000 cfm baghouse. The system generally consists of a hood at the casthouse to capture fumes from tapping holes, skimmers, iron runners and spouts, and ductwork connecting to a high ratio baghouse equipped with multiple fans to assure continuous, "fail safe" operations and discharging through individual exhaust ducts or louvers. A wet rotary pelletizer was also included to agglomerate the collected dust for transport and disposal. The system was designed to provide "whole casthouse" evacuation at the rate of one (1) air change per minute.

2. <u>Lorain BOP Shop Emission Controls</u>

The installation of a roof canopy collection system to control emissions at the BOP Shop.

3. <u>Lorain BOP Desulfurization ACO</u>

The BOP desulfurization air pollution control facility consisted of two baghouse dust collector systems, including motorized dust collector hoods, control room, exhaust fan and stack, which control particulate emissions associated with the desulfurization of hot metal and slag skimming operations. In addition, a small fabric filter was installed in the reagent bulk storage silo. This unit collects particulates from the air used for pneumatic conveying of materials from rail cars or trucks to the bulk silo.

4. <u>Haverhill Boiler Emission Controls</u>

The air pollution control facility installed at the Haverhill Plant included a suction-type baghouse and a pneumatic system. The suction-type baghouse services the two boilers at the oxo alcohol plant by collecting particulates presently discharged into the atmosphere in combination with waste gases. The pneumatic system moves the collected dust to an existing dust silo.

AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF SALE

between

THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD (ALABAMA)

as Issuer

and

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

\$17,120,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project) Dated as of November 1, 2011

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AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF SALE

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF SALE (this "Agreement") made and entered into as of November 1, 2011, by and between THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD (ALABAMA) (the "Issuer"), a public body corporate and politic duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama (the "State"), acting through its duly appointed board, duly organized and validly existing under and by virtue of Act No. 648 enacted at the 1949 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama (Code of Alabama 1975 § 11-54-80, et seq., as amended) (the "Act") and UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly qualified to own property and transact business in the State (the "Company"), under the following circumstances summarized in the following recitals (capitalized terms not defined in the recitals being used therein as defined in Article 1):

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Act, the Issuer is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to do or cause to be done all the acts and things herein or in the Indenture, as defined herein, provided or required to be done by it, to issue the Bonds, as defined herein, and to loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Company, (which had assumed the obligation for the hereinafter-defined Refunded Bonds from Marathon Oil Corporation, formerly known as USX Corporation, and the successor by merger to the previously existing USX Corporation, from which the Company separated on December 31, 2001), for the purpose of refinancing the \$6,175,000 outstanding aggregate principal amount of The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama) Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Project), Refunding Series of 1995 (the "Series 1995 Bonds") and the \$10,945,000 outstanding aggregate principal amount of The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama) Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Projects), Refunding Series of 1998 (the "Series 1998 Bonds", and together with the Series 1995 Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"), which Series 1995 Bonds were issued to refund the Issuer's Floating Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1980 Series B (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1980 Bonds") and which Series 1998 Bonds were issued to refund the Issuer's Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds, 1977 Series A (United States Steel Corporation Project) (the "1978 Bonds") proceeds of which 1980 Bonds, 1977 Bonds and 1978 Bonds were used to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of certain air and water pollution control facilities (the "Project"), which facilities are generally described in Exhibit A hereof (the "Project Facilities"), in order to better ensure compliance with environmental standards, and which financing will promote the economic welfare of the State; and; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer has determined to issue and sell its Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$17,120,000 pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of November 1, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), for the purposes described therein and has determined to enter into this Agreement and secure the Bonds by the pledge and assignment of Installment Payments to be made hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Company has also agreed under this Agreement to pay, or cause to be paid, when due certain expenses and other costs incurred by the Issuer and the Trustee in connection with this Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things have been done and performed which are necessary to make the Bonds, when executed and delivered by the Issuer, the legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer in accordance with the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the respective representations and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto, recognizing that under the Act this Agreement shall not in any way obligate the State or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, to raise any money by taxation or use other public moneys for any purpose in relation to the Project or Project Facilities and that neither the State nor any agency or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Issuer, shall pay or promise to pay any debt or meet any financial obligation to any Person at any time in relation to the Project or the Project Facilities, except from moneys received or to be received under the provisions of this Agreement or derived from the exercise of the rights of the Issuer hereunder, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, or by reference to another document, the words and terms set forth in Section 1.02 shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the content or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. In addition, all capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

Section 1.02. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Additional Payments" means payments due hereunder in addition to the Installment Payments.
- "Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Agreement of Sale as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "Bonds" means the Issuer's \$17,120,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (United States Steel Corporation Project).
- "Event of Default" means any of the events described as an Event of Default in Section 7.01.
- "Indenture" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Loan" means the loan of Bond proceeds from the Issuer to the Company as provided in Section 4.01.

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the Issuer:

The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama) c/o Calvin D. Biggers, Esq. 4412 Gary Ave
Fairfield, Alabama 35064
Attention: Calvin Biggers
Cell 205-259-9239
Office 205-307-5342

Email: calvinbiggers@gmail.com

(b) As to the Company:

United States Steel Corporation Room 1311 600 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219–4776

Attention: Assistant Treasurer-Finance and Risk Management

Facsimile: (412) 433-4765

(c) As to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259 Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Facsimile: (412) 236–0870

or such additional or different address, notice of which is given under Section 8.03.

"Person" or words importing persons mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means the 1977 Bonds, the 1978 Bonds and the 1980 Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project" means the refinancing of the costs of the Project Facilities through the current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, as defined in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Project Facilities" means, generally, the pollution control facilities financed or refinanced from the proceeds of the Prior Bonds, which were refunded from the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds, as such Project Facilities are listed and described in Exhibit A hereto, and may also be limited, when appropriate in the context, to those specific capital assets and equipment, if any, remaining in the ownership of the Company and in the physical state, condition and manner of operation existing on the date of issuance of the Bonds. [At the date of this Agreement, the Company does not own or operate any of the Project Facilities].

"Refunded Bonds" shall have the meaning given in the first recital hereof.

"Refunded Bonds Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee to PNC Bank, National Association, as trustee for the Refunded Bonds.

"Tax Regulatory Agreement" means that certain Tax Regulatory Agreement and No Arbitrage Certificate in respect of the Bonds and dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, and any permitted amendments or supplements thereto.

All other terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Indenture have the same meanings assigned them in the Indenture unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Section 1.03. Interpretation. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the capitalized terms defined in this Article 1 and in the Indenture, for all purposes of this Agreement and all agreements supplemental hereto, have the meanings hereby ascribed to them. Such terms, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall be read and understood in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Act. Words or phrases importing the masculine gender shall be read and understood to include the feminine and neuter genders and those importing number shall include singular or plural, both as appropriate to the context.

Any reference herein to the Issuer, to its board or to any designated officer includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section, provision or chapter of the laws of the State or to any statute of the United States of America includes that section, provision or chapter or statute as amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time; provided, that no such amendment, modification or similar change shall apply solely by reason of this provision, if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Issuer, the Bondholders, the Trustee or the Company under this Agreement.

Section 1.04. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS

Section 2.01. Representations and Covenants of Issuer. The Issuer represents that (a) it is duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act; (b) it has duly accomplished all conditions necessary to be accomplished by it prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (c) it is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State which would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement, the Indenture or the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (d) it is empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (e) it has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement; (f) to the best of its knowledge and belief, based upon the application submitted by the Company, and other representations made, information presented and testimony given by the Company, the Bonds will further the public purposes of the Act and of the Issuer; and (g) it will do all things in its power in order to maintain its existence or assure the assumption of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Tax Regulatory Agreement by any successor public body.

Section 2.02. Representations and Covenants of Company. The Company represents and covenants that:

- (a) It is a corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company is qualified to do business in the State.
- (b) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by those documents; such execution, delivery and performance does not, and will not, violate any provision of law applicable to the Company or the Company's articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws or other corporate charter or similar instrument each as may be amended, and does not, and will not, conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement have, by proper action, been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and all steps necessary have been taken to constitute this Agreement and the Tax Regulatory Agreement valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- (c) Each of the Project Facilities was, at the time originally placed in service, a "pollution control facility" used in whole or in part to control, reduce, abate or prevent, air, noise, water or general environmental pollution, and was designed to meet applicable federal, state and local requirements for the control of air or water pollution in effect at or about the time the Prior Bonds were issued. The Project Facilities were constructed, for no significant purpose other than the control of air or water pollution, and not principally designed to result in any increase in production or capacity, or in a material extension of the useful life of a manufacturing or production facility or a part thereof that is owned, operated or used by the Company.

- (d) At the times of issuance of the Prior Bonds, and at the time of issuance of the Refunded Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto, the Company has complied with all applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all applicable regulations, rulings and successor laws necessary to ensure the continuing tax–exempt status of such Prior Bonds and of the Refunded Bonds.
- (e) All of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used exclusively to retire the Refunded Bonds within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Bonds. None of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide working capital or pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (f) Each one and all of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in the Tax Regulatory Agreement, as executed and delivered simultaneously with this Agreement, are true and correct.
- (g) The Company will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and recognizes that the Issuer is not an "obligated person" within the meaning of said Rule.

ARTICLE III

COMPLETION OF PROJECT FACILITIES; ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Section 3.01. Completion of Project Facilities. The Company represents that the acquisition and/or construction of the Project Facilities have been completed and that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Prior Bonds and the Refunded Bonds used to refund the Prior Bonds, including any investment thereof, were expended in accordance with the provisions of all bond authorization, security and tax regulatory agreements and/or certificates executed in respect of all such bonds, including the Refunded Bonds, and in respect of the installation, operation or use of the Project Facilities and the refunding of the Prior Bonds.

Section 3.02. Issuance of Bonds; Application of Proceeds. To provide funds for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will issue, sell and deliver the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Indenture in the aggregate principal amount, will bear interest at the rate or rates, will mature and will be subject to redemption as set forth therein. The Company hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Indenture, and the Bonds, and the terms and conditions under which the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee and deposited as follows (a) a sum equal to accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Bond Fund and (b) the balance shall be deposited in the Clearing Fund.

Disbursements of moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be made by the Trustee in order to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds pursuant to written instructions delivered by the Company to the Trustee and to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, provided, in all events, all moneys in the Clearing Fund shall be fully disbursed for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on or before 90 days following the date of issuance of the Bonds. Upon deposit of adequate funds with the Refunded Bonds Trustee, the Company shall be permitted to seek a release of the lien of any and all documents providing for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including particularly the trust indenture and the loan agreement securing the same, and may seek repayment of any unrequired funds on deposit in the Clearing Fund, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Indenture.

Section 3.03. Company Required to Provide Additional Moneys in Event Moneys Insufficient to Redeem Refunded Bonds. If moneys disbursed from the Clearing Fund to the Refunded Bonds Trustee are not sufficient to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds, the Company shall, nonetheless, not later than the date fixed for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pay to the Refunded Bonds Trustee, in immediately available funds, any such additional moneys as shall be needed, including, without limitation, amounts for interest accrued to that date, from its own funds to defease or redeem the Refunded Bonds. The Company shall not be entitled to any reimbursement therefor from the Issuer, the Trustee or any Holder; nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution or postponement of the Installment Payments as a consequence of such payment. The Company acknowledges and agrees that there is no implied or express warranty by the Issuer that the proceeds of the Bonds will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3.04. Investment of Fund Moneys. At the written direction of the Authorized Company Representative, any moneys held in the Clearing Fund, the Bond Fund and the Rebate Fund shall be invested or reinvested by the Trustee in Eligible Investments. Each of the Issuer and the Company hereby covenants that it will restrict any investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of an appropriate officer, employee or agent of or consultant to the Company for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the Company on the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds regarding the amount and use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facts, estimates and circumstances on which those expectations are based.

The Company agrees that at no time shall any funds constituting gross proceeds of the Bonds be used in any manner to cause or result in a prohibited payment under applicable regulations pertaining to, or in any other fashion as would constitute failure of compliance with, Section 148 of the Code.

If there is any amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code or Section 5.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall pay such amount to the Trustee for deposit to the Rebate Fund created under Section 5.03 of the Indenture, who will submit the payment to the United States.

Section 3.05. Issuer's Fees. The Company will pay the Issuer's closing fee in the amount of \$20,000 and the Issuer's counsel fee in the amount of \$10,000, including disbursements, on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Company will also pay any other administrative expenses incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Refunded Bonds, and any such additional fees and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by the Issuer or the Trustee in connection with inquiring into, or enforcing, the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder, within 30 days of receipt of a statement from the Issuer requesting payment of such amount.

ARTICLE IV

LOAN BY ISSUER; REPAYMENT OF LOAN INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Section 4.01. Loan of Proceeds; Installment Payments. The Issuer agrees, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, to lend to the Company the proceeds received by the Issuer from the sale of the Bonds. Such proceeds shall be disbursed to or on behalf of the Company as provided in Section 3.02.

On each date on which any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds shall become due (whether at maturity, or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise), the Company will pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, in immediately available funds, an amount which, together with other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture and available therefor, will enable the Trustee to make such payment in full in a timely manner ("Installment Payments").

In furtherance of the foregoing, so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all amounts required to prevent any deficiency or default in any payment with respect to the Bonds, including any deficiency caused by an act or failure to act by the Trustee, the Company, the Issuer or any other Person.

The Issuer assigns all amounts payable under this Section by the Company to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture for the benefit of the Bondholders. The Company assents to such assignment. Accordingly, the Company will pay directly to the Trustee at its designated office all payments payable by the Company pursuant to this Section.

Section 4.02. Additional Payments. The Company will also pay the following upon demand after receipt of a bill therefor.

- (a) The reasonable and documented out—of—pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of the Issuer incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds, and the making of any amendment or supplement thereto, including, but not limited to: (i) those described in Section 3.05 (which includes, among other fees and expenses, the fees and expenses associated with the initial drafting, execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Bonds), (ii) those described in Section 7.04 and (iii) any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02; and
- (b) The fees and expenses of the Trustee under the Indenture, including reasonable attorneys' fees of the Trustee for any services rendered by it under the Indenture, including those described in Section 7.04, and any other payments or indemnification required under Section 5.02, such fees, expenses and payments to be paid directly to the Trustee for its own account as and when such fees and expenses become due and payable.

The Company further agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of the Issuer incurred after the initial issuance of the Bonds in the preparation of any responses, reproduction of any documentation or participation in any inquiries, investigations or audits from any Person solely or primarily in connection with the Bonds, including without limitation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities Exchange Commission or other governmental agency.

Section 4.03. Deposit of Moneys in Bond Fund; Moneys for Purchase and Redemption. The Company may at any time deposit moneys in the Bond Fund, without premium or penalty, to be held by the Trustee for application to Installment Payments not yet due and payable, and the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall accept such deposits when tendered by the Company. Such deposits shall be credited against the Installment Payments, or any portion thereof, in the order of their due dates. In addition, the Company may at any time deliver moneys to the Trustee in addition to such deposits with written instructions to the Trustee to use such moneys for the purpose of making open market purchases of Bonds. Such deposits or such delivery of moneys for Bond purchases shall not in any way alter or suspend the obligations of the Company under this Agreement during the term hereof as provided in Section 8.01.

In addition, the Company may deliver moneys to the Trustee for use for optional redemption of Bonds pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and shall deliver moneys to the Trustee for mandatory redemption of Bonds as required by Section 4.02(c) of the Indenture.

Section 4.04. Obligations Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 and to perform its other agreements contained herein shall be absolute and unconditional, and the Company shall make such payments without abatement, diminution or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstances whatsoever.

Section 4.05. Assignment by Company. Rights granted to the Company under this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Company without the necessity of obtaining the consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, subject, however, to each of the following conditions:

- (a) unless waived by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Company shall notify the Issuer and the Trustee in writing of the identity of any assignee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such assignment;
- (b) no assignment shall relieve the Company from primary liability hereunder for its obligations hereunder, and the Company shall continue to remain primarily liable for the payment of the Installment Payments and Additional Payments and for performance and observance of the agreements on its part herein provided to be performed and observed by it;
- (c) any assignment from the Company must retain for the Company such rights and interests as will permit it to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

- (d) the Company shall, within 30 days after execution thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Issuer and the Trustee a true and complete copy of each such assignment; and
- (e) any assignment from the Company shall not materially impair fulfillment of the purposes to be accomplished by operation of the Project Facilities as a project, the financing of which is permitted under the Act.

Section 4.06. Assignment by Issuer. The Issuer will assign its rights under and interest to this Agreement (except for Unassigned Issuer's Rights) to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture as security for the payment of the Bonds. Otherwise, the Issuer will not sell, assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under or interest in this Agreement nor create or permit to exist any lien, encumbrance or security interest thereon.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

Section 5.01. Lease, Sale or Grant of Use by Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.03, the Company may lease, sell or grant the right to occupy and use the remaining Project Facilities, in whole or in part, to others, provided that:

- (a) no such grant, sale or lease shall relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Company shall retain such rights and interests as will permit it to comply with its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (c) no such grant, sale or lease shall impair the purposes of the Act.

Section 5.02. Indemnification of Issuer and Trustee. The Company will indemnify and hold the Issuer and Trustee, their members, officers and employees, and the State of Alabama, including its members, officers and employees, free and harmless from any loss, claim, damage, tax, penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs arising out of, or in any way relating to, the execution or performance of the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Underwriter, the Issuer and the Company or any other documents in connection therewith, or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities (including without limitation any loss, claim, damage, tax penalty, liability, disbursement, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses or court costs asserted or arising under any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order or decree regulating or relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or material), or the Bonds, including the issuance or sale of the Bonds, or failure to issue or sell the Bonds, actions taken under the Bonds, the Indenture, this Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other documents in connection therewith or any other cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities, except in any case as a result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuer or Trustee.

The Company may, at its cost and in its name or in the name of the Issuer, prosecute or take any other action involving third persons which the Company deems necessary in order to ensure or protect the Company's rights under this Agreement; in such event, the Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Company, but at the sole expense of the Company.

In case any actions or proceedings are brought against the Issuer or the Trustee in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, the party seeking indemnity shall promptly (but in any event, within 15 days of receipt of service), give notice of that action or proceeding to the Company enclosing copies of all papers served, and the Company upon receipt of that notice shall have the obligation and the right to assume the defense of the action or proceeding; provided, that failure of a party to give that notice shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Section unless that failure materially prejudices the defense of the action or proceeding by the Company. At its own expense, an indemnified party may employ separate counsel and participate in the defense. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement made without its written consent.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Issuer or the Trustee for their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The foregoing indemnification is intended to and shall include the indemnification of all affected officials, directors, trustees, officers and employees of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. That indemnification is intended to and shall be enforceable by the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively, to the full extent permitted by law and the foregoing indemnification shall survive beyond the termination or discharge of the Indenture or payment of the Bonds.

Section 5.03. Company Not to Adversely Affect Exclusion from Gross Income of Interest on Bonds. The Company hereby represents that it has taken and caused to be taken, and covenants that it will take and cause to be taken, all actions that may be required of it, alone or in conjunction with the Issuer, for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and represents that it has not taken or permitted to be taken on its behalf, and covenants that it will not take or permit to be taken on its behalf, any action that would adversely affect such excludability under the provisions of the Code.

The Company also covenants that it will restrict the investment and reinvestment and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary so that the Bonds will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code.

The Company hereby covenants that on or before the 90th day following the date any of the Project Facilities are no longer being operated as qualifying exempt facilities under the Code (unless such facilities have simply ceased to be operated), or such later date as provided in the Indenture, the Company shall cause a related amount of Bonds to be redeemed pursuant to the Mandatory Redemption provision of the Bonds.

Section 5.04. Company to Maintain its Existence; Mergers or Consolidations. The Company covenants that it will not merge or consolidate with any other legal entity or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, except that the Company may merge or consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any other legal entity, provided that (a) the Company shall be the continuing legal entity or the successor legal entity (if other than the Company) shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a state thereof, qualified to do business in the State and such legal entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the Installment Payments hereunder in order to ensure timely and proper payment of the principal of and interest on all the Bonds, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all the covenants and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by the Company and (b) the Company or such successor legal entity, as the case may be, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance of any such covenant or condition and no event which with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.01 shall have occurred and be continuing.

In case any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor legal entity of the obligations under this Agreement and on the Bonds in accordance with the foregoing, such successor legal entity shall succeed to and be substituted for the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a party hereto, and the Company shall thereupon be relieved of any further obligations or liabilities hereunder and upon the Bonds and the Company as the predecessor legal entity may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound-up or liquidated.

Section 5.05. Reports and Audits. The Company shall as soon as practicable but in no event later than six months after the end of each of its fiscal years, file with the Trustee and the Issuer, audited financial statements of the Company prepared as of the end of such fiscal year; provided that the Company may satisfy this requirement by its filing of such information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (www.emma.msrb.org) in accordance with their respective filing requirements.

Section 5.06. Insurance. The Company shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance covering such risks and in such amounts as is customarily carried by similar industries as the Company, and which insurance may be, in whole or in part, self—insurance.

ARTICLE VI

OPTIONS; PREPAYMENT OF LOAN

Section 6.01. Options to Terminate. The Company shall have, and is hereby granted, an option to prepay and terminate the Loan, upon satisfaction of the following conditions at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture): (a) in accordance with Article 1X of the Indenture, by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit in the funds established under the Indenture and available therefor, will be sufficient to pay, retire and, pursuant to the Indenture, redeem all the outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal of and interest to maturity or the earliest applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's fees and expenses due hereunder or under the Indenture), and in case of redemption making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, (b) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination and (c) by making full payment of Additional Payments due under Section 4.02; thereafter such termination shall forthwith become effective.

Any prepayment pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall either comply with the provisions of Article 1X of the Indenture or result in redemption of the Bonds within 90 days of the date of prepayment. Nothing contained in this Section 6.01 shall prevent the payment of part of any of the Bonds pursuant to Article 1V or Section 9.02 of the Indenture.

Section 6.02. Option to Prepay Upon Extraordinary Optional Redemption Under Indenture. The Company shall also have the option, upon the occurrence of certain extraordinary circumstances described therein, to prepay the loan in whole or in part upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 4.02(b)(i) of the Indenture.

Section 6.03. Actions by Issuer. At the request of the Company or the Trustee, the Issuer shall take all steps required of it under the applicable provisions of the Indenture or the Bonds to effect the redemption of all or a portion of the Bonds pursuant to this Article VI; provided that, in such event, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer for its reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in complying with such request.

Section 6.04. Release on Exercise of Option To Prepay Loan. Upon the payment of all amounts due hereunder pursuant to any option to prepay the loan granted in this Agreement, the Issuer shall upon receipt of the prepayment, deliver to the Company, if necessary, a release from the Trustee of the lien of the Indenture.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 7.01. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an Event of Default:

- (a) The Company shall fail to pay the amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 or 4.02 on the date specified therein;
- (b) Failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in Section 7.01(a), (other than certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding various matters relating to the tax status of the Bonds) for a period of 60 days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied shall have been given to the Company by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an Event of Default if corrective action is instituted by the Company within the applicable period and is being diligently pursued until the default is corrected;

- (c) The dissolution or liquidation of the Company or the voluntary initiation by the Company of any proceeding under any federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment of debt or any other form of debtor relief, or the initiation against the Company of any such proceeding which shall remain undismissed for 60 days, or failure by the Company to promptly have discharged any execution, garnishment or attachment of such consequence as would materially impair the ability of the Company to carry on its operations, or assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors, or the entry by the Company into an agreement of composition with creditors or the failure generally by the Company to pay its debts as they become due; or
 - d) The occurrence of an Event of Default as defined in the Indenture.

Any declaration of default under subparagraph (c) and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration will be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Section 7.02. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be existing, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) if acceleration of the principal amount of the Bonds has been declared pursuant to Section 7.03 of the Indenture, the Issuer or the Trustee shall declare all Installment Payments to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Trustee may pursue all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts then due and thereafter to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the Company under those instruments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be obligated to take any step that in its reasonable opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to the Trustee at no cost or expense to it. Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken under this Section (except for amounts payable directly to the Issuer or the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.02, 5.02 or 7.04) shall be paid into the Bond Fund and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture or, if the Outstanding Bonds have been paid and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall be paid as provided in Section 9.01 of the Indenture for transfers of remaining amounts in the Bond Fund.

The provisions of this Section are subject to the further limitation that the rescission by the Trustee of its declaration that all of the Bonds are immediately due and payable also shall constitute an annulment of any corresponding declaration made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and a waiver and rescission of the consequences of that declaration and of the Event of Default with respect to which that declaration has been made, provided that no such waiver or rescission shall extend to or affect any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 7.03. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Issuer or the Trustee by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, now or hereafter existing at law, in equity or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Issuer or the Trustee to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made herein.

Section 7.04. Agreement to Pay Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default should occur and the Issuer or the Trustee should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due thereunder, the Company shall reimburse the Issuer and the Trustee, as applicable, from the reasonable expenses so incurred upon demand.

Section 7.05. No Waiver. No failure by the Issuer or the Trustee to insist upon the performance by the Company of any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver of their right to performance and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Company to observe or comply with any provision hereof.

Section 7.06. Notice of Default. The Company shall notify the Trustee immediately and in writing if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.01. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of issuance of the Bonds until such time as all of the Bonds shall have been fully paid (or provision made for such payment) pursuant to the Indenture and all other sums payable by the Company under this Agreement shall have been paid, except for obligations of the Company under Section 4.02, 5.02 and 7.04, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, any payment of any or all of the Bonds or any discharge of the Indenture, if Bonds are redeemed pursuant to the mandatory redemption upon determination of taxability, the Company shall pay all additional amounts required to be paid under Section 4.01 of the Indenture at the time provided therein.

Section 8.02. Amounts Remaining in Funds. Any amounts in the Bond Fund remaining unclaimed by the Holders of Bonds (whether at stated maturity, by redemption or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund requirements or otherwise), shall be deemed to belong, and shall be paid, to the proper party pursuant to applicable escheat laws. Further, any other amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Clearing Fund and any other special fund for accounts created under this Agreement or the Indenture after all of the outstanding Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged under the provisions of the Indenture and all other amounts required to be paid under this Agreement and the Indenture have been paid, shall be paid to the Company to the extent that those moneys are in excess of the amounts necessary to effect the payment and discharge of the outstanding Bonds.

Section 8.03. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when received or upon refusal of delivery at the applicable Notice Address. The Issuer, the Company or the Trustee may, by providing written notice to each other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

Section 8.04. Extent of Covenants of Issuer; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations and agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or the Indenture shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No such covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation or agreement of any present or future member, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in other than his official capacity, and no official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof or by reason of the covenants, obligations or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement or in the Indenture.

Section 8.05. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Issuer, the Company and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

Section 8.06. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds and prior to all conditions provided for in the Indenture for release of the Indenture having been met, this Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Indenture, as applicable.

Section 8.07. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 8.08. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained herein. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

- Section 8.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.
- Section 8.10. Further Assurances and Corrective Instruments. The Issuer and the Company agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for the further assurance, correction or performance of the expressed intention of this Agreement.
- **Section 8.11. Issuer and Company Representatives.** Whenever under the provisions of this Agreement the approval of the Issuer or the Company is required or the Issuer or the Company is required to take some action at the request of the other, such approval or such request shall be given for the Issuer by a Designated Officer and for the Company by an Authorized Company Representative. The Trustee shall be authorized to act on any such approval or request.
- Section 8.12. Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Officers and Directors. No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any agreement supplemental hereto, or in the Bonds, or because of any indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, or against any stockholder, member, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any predecessor or, subject to Section 5.04, successor legal entity, either directly or through the Company or any predecessor or successor legal entity, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance of the Bonds by the Holders thereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance of the Bonds.
- Section 8.13. Section Headings. The table of contents and headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof. References to article and section numbers are references to articles and sections in this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date hereinbefore written.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD (ALABAMA)

/s/ Bobby Palmore By:

Bobby Palmore Name:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Otis Smith

Secretary

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

/s/ John J. Quaid By:

John J. Quaid

Vice President and Treasurer

[Signature page to U.S. Steel Loan Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT FACILITIES

The facilities below were refinanced in whole or in part by the following Refunded Bonds.

\$6,175,000
The Industrial Development Board
of the City of Fairfield (Alabama)
Variable Rate Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds
(USX Corporation Projects)
Refunding Series of 1995

Air Pollution Control for No. 8 Blast Furnace

A casthouse emission control system was installed for the No. 8 blast furnace at the Fairfield Works. It included a 300,000 cfm baghouse dust collector with localized control, with hoods installed over each taphole, skimmer and iron spout, and designed to limit filterable particulate emissions from the baghouse to no more than 0.010 gr/scid.

2. <u>Concord Mining Preparation Plant Installed WOC Facilities</u>

Water quality control facilities were installed at the Concord Mine preparation plant for collection, treatment and disposal of surface waters from the refuse disposal area. Such facilities included three (3) collection ponds, pumps and pipe lies, a surge-equalization basin, a water treatment facility (consisting primarily of a clarification unit, a neutralization chamber and a sludge dewatering unit), access roads and power lines. Also included were facilities for removal of coal fines from the reservoir and for the prevention of the discharge of coal fines to the reservoir, such facilities included dredging, pumping, dewatering and disposal equipment.

The facilities below were refinanced in whole or in part by the following Refunded Bonds.

\$10,945,000
The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fairfield (Alabama)
Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (USX Corporation Projects)
Refunding Series of 1998

The Project Facilities financed with the Series 1998 Bonds consist generally of the following air and/or water pollution control facilities to be installed at the Corporations Fairfield Works near the City of Fairfield in Jefferson County, Alabama:

(1) The following air quality control facilities for Sinter Lines 1, 2 and 3:

- (a) Extension of hoods over existing discharge chutes to collect the dust caused by hot sinter dropping onto the chutes and also upon impact at the discharge of the railroad car; and
- (b) A fabric filter dust collector and duct system for the hot-line conveyors to pick up the dust generated at the conveyors, the oscillating conveyors and vibrating fees.
- (2) The following air quality control facilities for Sinter Line No. 4:
 - (a) the dismantling of the present dust collector, and the replacement thereof with a new fabric filter type dust collector and duct system; and
 - (b) a fabric filter type dust collector and duct system in the area of the cooler discharge.
- (3) New water cooled doors for the "C," "X" and "U" Q-Bop Furnaces, and the modifications of air seals and furnace enclosures.
- (4) The following portions of a pushing emission control system for No. 9 Coke Oven Battery:
 - (a) two (2) new single spot (hooded) quench cars;
 - (b) a fume collection duct with mechanical gates to transport fume from coke guide hood and quench car to a new fabric filter type gas cleaner located at one end of the battery; and
 - (c) modifications to the coal charging cars on No. 9 Coke Oven Battery to control emissions during charging.
- (5) A new pumping station necessary piping for No. 2 Coke Battery to convey the blow-down waster water from the coal preheat scrubbers and coal charging scrubbers to the existing biological waste water treatment facility for treatment prior to discharge.
- (6) An evacuated hot car system for the No. 2 coke oven battery, said system to consist principally of a special quench car, propulsion unit, gas cleaning system and an enclosed coke guide.
- (7) Air quality control facilities for the No. 4 sinter line, said facilities to consist principally of a new section for an existing electrostatic precipitator, new inlet breeching and certain auxiliary equipment.

A mixer fume control system consisting of a dust collector, emission collection hoods, inter-connecting ductwork and exhaust fan to collect fugitive emissions that occur when molten iron is poured into or out of the North hot metal mixer in the Q-BOP Shop