NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works

Environmental Services Unit **Attn: Samantha Mayer**

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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION

21108 OR 21152

Project Name: GILLESPIE FIELD – FIFTH AMENDMENT TO INDUSTRIAL LEASE WITH VERIDIAM,

INC. FOR SCHEDULED RENT ADJUSTMENT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION

(DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: Gillespie Field Airport located in the City of El Cajon within San Diego County, California

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports

1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020

Project Description: The proposed action is to approve the fifth amendment to an existing aviation ground lease

with Veridiam, Inc. for a scheduled rent adjustment. The amendment will increase monthly rent to reflect market rates, as negotiated and agreed to by the parties based on appraisals. The action is related to continued leasing and operation by an existing leasehold, involving no expansion of the leasehold's premises, and allowing continued use of premises that are

restricted to aircraft repair, storage, and other aviation-related uses.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Abbott, Airports Director Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: May 1, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego <u>Board of Supervisors</u> has approved the above-described project on <u>5/1/24</u> (03) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- ☑ Categorical Exemption: Sec. G 15301 Existing Facilities
- $\hfill\Box$ Declared Emergency: Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- ☐ Emergency Project: Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- ☐ General: Sec. C.
- ☐ Ministerial: Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- $\hfill\square$ Preliminary Review: Sec. G
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the lead agency's determination." The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing use. The proposed action involves approval of an amendment to an aviation ground lease with no proposed changes in use from what currently exists. The proposed action relates to the continued leasing and operation of existing uses, involving no or negligible expansion of use, and is, accordingly, exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _______ Telephone: <u>(858) 288-5740</u>

Name (Print). VVOeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible <u>after</u> project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.