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MORTGAGE
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Saratoga Farms, LLC

Grantee:

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Legal Description:

See Exhibit "A"

MORTGAGE

THIS MORTGAGE is made between **SARATOGA FARMS, LLC** ("Mortgagor") and **BULL RUN HOLDINGS, LLC** ("Mortgagee").

1. **Grant of Mortgage and Security Interest.** Mortgagor hereby sells, conveys and mortgages unto Mortgagee, and grants a security interest to Mortgagee in all of Mortgagor's right, title and interest in and to the real estate legally described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto (the "Land") and all improvements at any time hereafter constructed or placed upon the Land (the "Improvements"), including all hereditament, easements, appurtenances, riparian rights, mineral rights, water rights, rights in and to the lands lying in streets, alleys and roads adjoining the land, estates and other rights and interests now or hereafter belonging to or in any way pertaining to the Land (the Land and the Improvements collectively called the "Mortgaged Property").

2. **Obligations.** This Mortgage secures the payment of the loan made by Mortgagee to **STEVE BRUERE** ("Borrower") evidenced by a Promissory Note dated September 11, 2025, in the principal amount of **\$500,000.00** (the "Obligations").

3. **Representations and Warranties of Mortgagor.** Mortgagor represents, warrants and covenants to Mortgagee that (i) Mortgagor holds clear title to the Mortgaged Property and title in fee simple in the Land; (ii) Mortgagor has the right, power and authority to execute this Mortgage and to mortgage, and grant a security interest in the Mortgaged Property; and (iii) the Mortgaged Property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except for real estate taxes not yet delinquent and the mortgage granted by Mortgage to First Trust & Savings Bank (the "First Mortgage"). This Mortgage is expressly junior to the First Mortgage. Mortgagor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, risks, liabilities and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) arising from or related to any breach of the foregoing certification.

4. **Payment and Performance of the Obligations.** Borrower will pay all amounts payable under the Obligations in accordance with the terms of the Obligations when and as due and will timely perform all other obligations of Borrower under the Obligations. The provisions of the Obligations are hereby incorporated by reference into this Mortgage as if fully set forth herein.

5. **Taxes.** Mortgagor shall pay each installment of all taxes and special assessments of every kind, now or hereafter levied against the Mortgaged Property before the same become delinquent, without notice or demand, and shall deliver to Mortgagee proof of such payment within fifteen (15) days after the date in which such tax or assessment becomes delinquent.

6. **Compliance with Laws.** Mortgagor shall comply with all present and future statutes, laws, rules, orders, regulations and ordinances affecting the Mortgaged Property, any part thereof or the use thereof.

7. **Care of Property.** Mortgagor shall take good care of the Mortgaged Property; shall keep the Improvements now or later placed upon the Mortgaged Property in good and reasonable repair and shall not injure, destroy or remove the Improvements during the term of this Mortgage.

8. Insurance.

a. **Risks to be Insured.** Mortgagor, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain insurance on Mortgaged Property against loss by fire, extended coverage perils and such other hazards as Mortgagee may from time to time require, such insurance to have a "Replacement Cost" endorsement attached thereto, with the amount of the insurance at least equal to the balance of the Obligations. At Mortgagor's option, such policy may have a coinsurance clause of not less than 100% of replacement cost provided the policy contains an appropriate form of cost escalation endorsement. Mortgagor will at its sole cost and expense, from time to time, and at any time at the request of Mortgagee, provide Mortgagee with evidence satisfactory to Mortgagee of the replacement cost of Mortgaged Property. Mortgagor will maintain such other insurance as Mortgagee may reasonably require.

b. **Policy Provisions.** All insurance policies and renewals thereof maintained by Mortgagor pursuant to this Mortgage shall be written by an insurance carrier satisfactory to Mortgagee, be payable to the parties as their interest may appear, contain a standard or union-type loss payable clause in favor of Mortgagee, contain an agreement of the insurer that it will not amend, modify or cancel the policy except after thirty (30) days prior written notice to Mortgagee, and be reasonably satisfactory to Mortgagee in all other respects.

c. **Delivery of Policy or Certificate.** If requested by Mortgagee, Mortgagor will deliver to Mortgagee original policies evidencing the insurance which is required under this Mortgage. Upon request of Mortgagee, Mortgagor shall promptly furnish to Mortgagee all renewal notices, renewal policies, and evidence of payment.

d. **Assignment of Policy.** If the Mortgaged Property is sold at a foreclosure sale or if Mortgagee shall acquire title to the Mortgaged Property, Mortgagee shall have all of the right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to any insurance policies required hereunder, and the unearned premiums thereon, and in and to the proceeds thereof resulting from any damage to the Mortgaged Property prior to such sale or acquisition.

e. **Notice of Damage or Destruction; Adjusting Loss.** If the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof shall be damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, Mortgagor will, within five (5) calendar days after the occurrence of such damage or destruction, give written notice thereof to the insurance carrier and to Mortgagee and will not adjust any damage or loss which is estimated by Mortgagors in good faith to exceed \$25,000 unless Mortgagee shall have joined in or concurred with such adjustment; but if there has been no adjustment of any such damage or loss within four (4) months from the date of occurrence thereof and if an Event of Default shall exist at the end of such four (4) month period or at any time thereafter, Mortgagee may alone make proof of loss, adjust and compromise any claim under the policies, and appear in and prosecute any action arising from such policies. In connection therewith, Mortgagor does hereby irrevocably authorize, empower and appoint Mortgagee as attorney-in-fact for Mortgagor (which appointment is coupled with an interest) to do any and all of the foregoing in the name and on behalf of Mortgagor.

f. **Application of Insurance Proceeds.** All sums paid under any insurance policy required by this Mortgage shall be paid to Mortgagee, which shall, at its option, apply the same (after first deducting therefrom Mortgagee's expenses incurred in collecting the same including but not

limited to reasonable attorney's fees) to the reduction of the Obligations or to the payment of the restoration, repair, replacement or rebuilding of Mortgaged Property that is damaged or destroyed in such manner as Mortgagee shall determine and secondly to the reduction of the Obligations. Any application of insurance proceeds to principal of the Obligations shall not extend or postpone the due date of the installments payable under the Obligations or change the amount of such installments.

g. Reimbursement of Mortgagee's Expenses. Mortgagor shall promptly reimburse Mortgagee upon demand for all of Mortgagee's expenses incurred in connection with the collection of the insurance proceeds, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, and all such expenses shall be additional amounts secured by this Mortgage.

9. Inspection. Mortgagee, and its agents, shall have the right at all reasonable times, to enter upon the Mortgaged Property for the purpose of inspecting the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof. Mortgagee shall, however, have no duty to make such inspection. Any inspection of the Mortgaged Property by Mortgagee shall be entirely for its benefit and Mortgagor shall in no way rely or claim reliance thereon.

10. Protection of Mortgagee's Security. Subject to the rights of Mortgagor under paragraph 8 hereof, if Mortgagor fails to perform any of the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage or if any action or proceeding is commenced which affects the Mortgaged Property or the interest of the Mortgagee therein, or the title thereto, then Mortgagee, at Mortgagee's option, may perform such covenants and agreements, defend against or investigate such action or proceeding, and take such other action as Mortgagee deems necessary to protect Mortgagee's interest. Any amounts or expenses disbursed or incurred by Mortgagee in good faith pursuant to this paragraph with interest thereon at the rate of 18% per annum, shall become an Obligation of Mortgagor secured by this Mortgage. Such amounts advanced or disbursed by Mortgagee hereunder shall be immediately due and payable by Mortgagor unless Mortgagor and Mortgagee agree in writing to other terms of repayment. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall require Mortgagee to incur any expense or do any act hereunder, and Mortgagee shall not be liable to Mortgagor for any damage or claims arising out of action taken by Mortgagee pursuant to this paragraph.

11. Condemnation. Mortgagor shall give Mortgagee prompt notice of any action, actual or threatened, in condemnation or eminent domain and hereby assign, transfer and set over to Mortgagee the entire proceeds of any award or claim for damages for all or any part of the Mortgaged Property taken or damaged under the power of eminent domain or condemnation. Mortgagee is hereby authorized to intervene in any such action in the names of Mortgagors, to compromise and settle any such action or claim, and to collect and receive from the condemning authorities and give proper receipts and acquittances for such proceeds. Any expenses incurred by Mortgagee in intervening in such action or compromising and settling such action or claim, or collecting such proceeds shall be reimbursed to Mortgagee first out of the proceeds. The remaining proceeds or any part thereof shall be applied to reduction of that portion of the Obligations then most remotely to be paid, whether due or not, or to the restoration or repair of the Mortgaged Property, the choice of application to be solely at the discretion of Mortgagee.

12. **Events of Default.** Each of the following occurrences shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

a. Mortgagor shall default in the due observance or performance of or breach its agreement contained hereof, default in the due observance or performance of or breach any other covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed pursuant to the terms of this Mortgage.

b. Mortgagor shall make an assignment for the benefits of its creditors, or a petition shall be filed by or against Mortgagor under the United States Bankruptcy Code or Mortgagor shall seek or consent to or acquiesce in the appointment of any trustee, receiver or liquidator of a material part of its properties or of the Mortgaged Property or shall not, within thirty (30) days after the appointment of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of any material part of its properties or of the Mortgaged Property, have such appointment vacated.

c. A judgment, writ or warrant of attachment or execution, or similar process shall be entered and become a lien on or be issued or levied against the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof which is not released, vacated or fully bonded within thirty (30) days after its entry, issue or levy.

d. An event of default, however defined, shall occur under any other mortgage, assignment or other security document constituting a lien on the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof.

13. **Acceleration; Foreclosure.** Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default and at any time thereafter while such Event of Default exists, Mortgagee may, at its option, after such notice as may be required by law, exercise one or more of the following rights and remedies (and any other rights and remedies available to it):

a. Mortgagee may declare immediately due and payable all Obligations secured by this Mortgage, and the same shall thereupon be immediately due and payable, without further notice or demand.

b. Mortgagee shall have and may exercise with respect to any personal property, all the rights and remedies accorded upon default to a secured party under the Iowa Uniform Commercial Code. If notice to Mortgagor of intended disposition of such property is required by law in a particular instance, such notice shall be deemed commercially reasonable if given to Mortgagor at least ten (10) days prior to the date of intended disposition.

c. Mortgagee may (and is hereby authorized and empowered to) foreclose this Mortgage in accordance with the law of the State of Iowa, and at any time after the commencement of an action in foreclosure, or during the period of redemption, the court having jurisdiction of the case shall at the request of Mortgagee appoint a receiver to take immediate possession of the Mortgaged Property and of the Revenues and Income accruing therefrom, and to rent or cultivate the same as he may deem best for the interest of all parties concerned, and such receiver shall be liable to account to Mortgagor only for the net profits, after application of rents, issues and profits upon the costs and expenses of the receivership and foreclosure and upon the Obligations.

14. Redemption. It is agreed that if this Mortgage covers less than ten (10) acres of land, and in the event of the foreclosure of this Mortgage and sale of the property by sheriff's sale in such foreclosure proceedings, the time of one year for redemption from said sale provided by the statutes of the State of Iowa shall be reduced to six (6) months provided the Mortgagee, in such action files an election to waive any deficiency judgment against Mortgagor which may arise out of the foreclosure proceedings; all to be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code. If the redemption period is so reduced, for the first three (3) months after sale such right of redemption shall be exclusive to the Mortgagor, and the time periods in Sections 628.5, 628.15 and 628.16 of the Iowa Code shall be reduced to four (4) months.

It is further agreed that the period of redemption after a foreclosure of this Mortgage shall be reduced to sixty (60) days if all of the three following contingencies develop: (1) The real estate is less than ten (10) acres in size; (2) the Court finds affirmatively that the said real estate has been abandoned by the owners and those persons personally liable under this Mortgage at the time of such foreclosure; and (3) Mortgagee in such action files an election to waive any deficiency judgment against Mortgagor or its successors in interest in such action. If the redemption period is so reduced, Mortgagor or its successors in interest or the owner shall have the exclusive right to redeem for the first thirty (30) days after such sale, and the time provided for redemption by creditors as provided in Sections 628.5, 628.15 and 628.16 of the Iowa Code shall be reduced to forty (40) days. Entry of appearance by pleading or docket entry by or on behalf of Mortgagor shall be a presumption that the property is not abandoned. Any such redemption period shall be consistent with all of the provisions of Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit or otherwise affect any other redemption provisions contained in Chapter 628 of the Iowa Code.

15. Attorneys' Fees. Mortgagor shall pay on demand all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Mortgagee in enforcing or protecting its rights and remedies hereunder, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses.

16. Forbearance not a Waiver, Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No delay by Mortgagee in exercising any right or remedy provided herein or otherwise afforded by law or equity shall be deemed a waiver of or preclude the exercise of such right or remedy, and no waiver by Mortgagee of any particular provisions of this Mortgage shall be deemed effective unless in writing signed by Mortgagee. All such rights and remedies provided for herein or which Mortgagee or the holder of the Obligations may have otherwise, at law or in equity, shall be distinct, separate and cumulative and may be exercised concurrently, independently or successively in any order whatsoever, and as often as the occasion therefor arises.

17. Notices. All notices required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, sent certified or registered, addressed as follows:

Mortgagor: Saratoga Farms, LLC
12119 Stratford Drive, Suite B
Clive, Iowa 50325

Mortgagee: Bull Run Holdings, LLC
6150 Village View Drive, Suite 110
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

or to such other address or person as hereafter designated in writing by the applicable party in the manner provided in this paragraph for the giving of notices.

18. Severability. In the event any portion of this Mortgage shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in whole or in part, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be valid and enforceable and if, for any reason, a court finds that any provision of this Mortgage is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable as written, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid, legal and enforceable then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited.

19. Further Assurances. At any time and from time to time until payment in full of the Obligations, Mortgagor will, at the request of Mortgagee, promptly execute and deliver to Mortgagee such additional instruments as may be reasonably required to further evidence the lien of this Mortgage and to further protect the security interest of Mortgagee with respect to the Mortgaged Property, including, but not limited to, additional security agreements, financing statements and continuation statements. Any expenses incurred by Mortgagee in connection with the recordation of any such instruments shall become additional Obligations of Mortgagor secured by this Mortgage. Such amounts shall be immediately due and payable by Mortgagor to Mortgagee.

20. Successors and Assigns bound; Number; Gender; Agents; Captions. The rights, covenants and agreements contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties. Words and phrases contained herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as masculine, feminine or neuter gender according to the contexts. The captions and headings of the paragraphs of this Mortgage are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions hereof.

21. Governing Law. This Mortgage shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.

22. Release of Rights of Dower, Homestead and Distributive Share. Each of the undersigned hereby relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead and distributive share in and to the Mortgaged Property and waives all rights of exemption as to any of the Mortgaged Property.

23. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Copies of Debt Instrument. Mortgagor hereby acknowledges the receipt of a copy of this Mortgage together with a copy of each promissory note secured hereby.

Dated: September 11, 2025.

SARATOGA FARMS, LLC

By: Steve Bruere
Steve Bruere, Manager

STATE OF IOWA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Dallas)

This record was acknowledged before me on September 9, 2025, by Steve Bruere as Manager of Saratoga Farms, LLC.

By: Eric Bohnenkamp
Notary Public

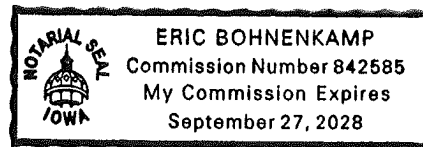


EXHIBIT A
Legal Description

An undivided 45% interest in the following described real estate:

Parcel 'E' located in the Southeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 13, Township 77 North, Range 27 West of the 5th P.M., and the West Half of Government Lot 3 and the West Half of Government Lot 4 of Section 18, Township 77 North, Range 26 West of the 5th P.M., Madison County, Iowa, containing 101.143 acres, as shown in Amended Plat of Survey filed in Book 2024, Page 1915 on August 9, 2024, in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Iowa.

An undivided 45% interest in the following described real estate:

Parcel 'F' located in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 77 North, Range 27 West of the 5th P.M., and part of the West Half of Government Lot 3 of Section 18 Township 77 North, Range 26 West of the 5th P.M., Madison County, Iowa, containing 96.903 acres, as shown in Plat of Survey filed in Book 2024, Page 2516 on October 14, 2024, in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Iowa.