

**CITY OF LAUREL
MUNICIPAL DOCKET
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MAY 8, 2018 ITEM NO. 45

ITEM TITLE: POLICY

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

CONTACT PERSON/TELEPHONE: CINDY PITTS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY
CLERK (x6404)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Consider adopting AN ORDER FOR TAX EXEMPTION ON AD VALOREM FOR
HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.

EXHIBITS FOR REVIEW

RESOLUTION _____ ORDINANCE _____ CONTRACT _____ MINUTES _____

PLAN MAPS _____ ORDER X OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SUBMITTAL AUTHORIZATION: COUNCILPERSON _____ MAYOR jm CAO _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: MOTION BY Thaxton SECONDED BY Wheat

COUNCIL VOTE:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAINING	ABSENT
JASON CAPERS, WARD 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
TONY WHEAT, WARD 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
TONY THAXTON, WARD 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
GEORGE CARMICHAEL, WARD 4	_____	_____	_____	_____
STACY COMEGYS, WARD 5	_____	_____	_____	_____
TRAVERES COMEGYS, WARD 6	_____	_____	_____	_____
ANTHONY PAGE, WARD 7	_____	_____	_____	_____

ACTION TAKEN:

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
FOR AN INITIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AS
AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ.,
MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 AS AMENDED

There came on for hearing this day before the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, the sworn application of Howard Industries, Inc., for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", of all of its tangible property used in connection with and necessary to the operation of said Howard Industries, Inc., industrial plant in the City of Laurel, Second Judicial District, Jones County, Mississippi, under provisions of Section 27-31-101, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, as amended and other pertinent statutes; the Mayor and Council having considered same and being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:

I.

That Howard Industries, Inc., is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and is presently doing business in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi.

II.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is now operating as a manufacturing industry within Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, which factory is a bona fide expanded enterprise of public utility within the meaning of Section 27-31-101 et seq., and related sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is eligible for the initial exemption granted by the above mentioned section by specific enumeration, namely "manufacturing, processors and refineries".

III.

That Howard Industries, Inc., commenced its operation pursuant to a contract made and entered into on the 19th day of January 1968, amended on the 15th day of August, 1968, amended on the 29th day of August, 1972, and amended on the 21st day of August, 1978, by and between the City of Laurel, Mississippi, Jones County, Mississippi, the Laurel Airport Board, Laurel Industrial Committee of 100 and Howard Industries, Inc., and pursuant to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 663 issued by the Mississippi Board of Economic Development of the State of Mississippi, and that by and under the terms and provisions of said contract, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, and Jones County, Mississippi, agreed, as an added inducement and part of the consideration for the petitioner's covenants therein, upon petition by this "Company for exemption from ad valorem and other taxes upon any property owned by Company, that City and Board, and each of them, will grant to Company such tax exemptions to the full extent and for the maximum period now authorized by law and approved by the Agricultural and Industrial Board.

IV.

That the petitioner has added additional equipment which was completed during 2017, within the meaning of the applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, and that the granting to Howard Industries, Inc., of such initial exemption from ad valorem taxation for ten (10) years, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies" is authorized by Section 27-31-101 through 27-31-117, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as last amended.

V.

That Howard Industries, Inc., is a manufacturing concern manufacturing electrical transformers. That all of the tangible property will be used for said manufacturing purposes and that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference incorporated herein is a description of said tangible property owned by Howard Industries, Inc., with a statement of the true values thereof in the amount of \$4,100,072.00.

VI.

That Howard Industries, Inc. further requests an initial exemption on raw materials and work in progress pursuant to Section 27-31-101 et seq. and on finished goods pursuant to Section 27-31-7 in such amounts as shall be reported on the personal property assessment form filed annually by the petitioner. For calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00, work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, all is shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission, that the application of Howard Industries, Inc., for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, be and it is hereby granted, and that all the property described in said application, and exhibited thereto, in the amount of \$4,100,072.00 and raw materials, work in progress and finished goods in such amounts as shall be reported in the personal property assessment form filed annually by Howard Industries, Inc., which for calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00, work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, and finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, be and it is hereby initially exempted from all ad valorem taxation except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxation for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018, and concluding December 31, 2027.

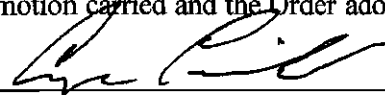
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Order, in triplicate, to the State Tax Commission, thereby signifying the desire of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, that said Board shall approve its action as herein set forth.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the above Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:


Yeas: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page
Nays: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 8th day of May, A.D., 2018.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTESTED TO AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
ON 5-10-18



CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED (☒) DATE: 5-10-18

VETOED () DATE: _____



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JONES

I, Mary Ann Hess City Clerk, City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order duly adopted by the Mayor
and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, at a Regular meeting of said
Council held in Laurel, Mississippi, on this the 8th day of May, 2018.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 11th day of May, 2018.

(SEAL)



Mary Ann Hess
City Clerk

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Howard Industries, Inc., prays that this application for an initial tax exemption be received and filed, and that upon a hearing hereof the said application may be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, and that subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi, it be granted an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies" on all of its tangible property used in or necessary to the operation of its enterprise in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted this the 26th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.

By *Richard Yoder*

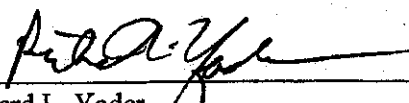
Assistant Secretary

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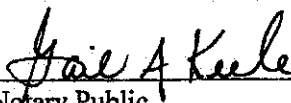
COUNTY OF JONES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named RICHARD L. YODER, who, being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that he is Assistant Secretary of HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., a Mississippi corporation, and that as such Assistant Secretary for said corporation he is duly authorized to make this

affidavit on its behalf and in its name, and that all of the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation are true and correct as therein stated.


Richard L. Yoder

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 26th day of April, 2018.


Notary Public

My commission expires:

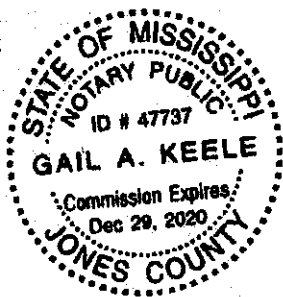


EXHIBIT "A"

**HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
SUMMARY OF 2018 REQUESTED TAX EXEMPTIONS
TRANSFORMER DIVISION**

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

Plant Equipment	\$ 3,914,764.00
Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094.00
Special Tools	\$ 67,198.00
Technical Equipment	\$ <u>17,015.00</u>
TOTAL EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE	\$ <u>4,100,072.00</u>

INVENTORIES

Raw Materials (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$46,334,023.00</u>
Work in Progress (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$20,537,758.00</u>
Finished Goods (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$32,487,101.00</u>

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
TRANSFORMER PLANT
ADDITIONS FOR YEAR 2017

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

	<u>VALUE</u>
Plant Equipment	\$ 3,914,764
Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094
Special Tools	\$ 67,198
Office Equipment	\$
Technical Equipment	\$ 17,015
Total Equipment Placed in Service	<u>\$ 4,100,072</u>

INVENTORIES

Raw Materials (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 46,334,023</u>
Work in Progress (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 20,537,758</u>
Finished Goods (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 32,487,101</u>

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

				PLANT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE	COST	
61102608	61	CONVERSION OF CW7 CMPTR HI PJ 580	20517 \$	28,827.78	
61102609	61	TENSIONER CW7 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.01	
61104703	61	CONVERSION OF CW 9 HI PJ 617	70217 \$	26,107.44	
61170206	61	TENSIONER CW 21 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.01	
61208801	61	TENSIONER CW 32 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.02	
61209802	61	REBUILD #12 100HP GULF STATE ENGINEERI	50517 \$	13,338.51	
61533701	61	CONVERT CW 151 HI PJ 600	70217 \$	19,631.29	
61635201	61	CONVERT CW 176 HI PJ 600	70217 \$	19,631.29	
61703601	61	LASER VACUUM PUMP HI PJ 691	43017 \$	6,961.87	
61714301	61	LASER VACCUM PUMP HI PJ 667	70217 \$	9,588.92	
61724700	61	REGULATOR TEST STATION HI PJ 564	20517 \$	1,149,930.90	
61724800	61	ROLLERBED FOR REGULATOR HI PJ 644	20517 \$	6,361.61	
61725000	61	LARGE LINE OIL SHAKER HI PJ 397	20517 \$	23,146.60	
61725700	61	ANNEALING OVEN & INSTALL HI PJ 539	20717 \$	281,661.54	
61725800	61	ROLLERS FOR CONT OVEN 5 HI PJ 618	20517 \$	11,461.87	
61725900	61	REGULATOR STAND PROD HI PJ 542	20717 \$	14,105.66	
61726000	61	STEEL THICKNESS VERF SYS HI PJ 549	20517 \$	8,167.01	
61726100	61	LASER STEEL STORAGE CONVEYOR HI PJ 552	20517 \$	24,952.07	
61726400	61	QTY 3 BALL TRSF TABLES HI PJ 574	20717 \$	7,115.06	
61726500	61	QTY 2 SMART WIRE FEEDERS HI PJ 590	20517 \$	10,170.58	
61726700	61	CONVEYOR SKIDS HI PJ 594	20517 \$	15,795.34	
61726800	61	WEAR PARTS FOR ATC HI PJ 596	20517 \$	34,452.93	
61726900	61	5 TON CHAIN HOIST W/ HI PJ 603	20717 \$	11,030.89	
61727000	61	120 FT GRAVITY CONVEYOR HI PJ 647	20517 \$	12,102.04	
61727100	61	3 TON OVERHEAD CRANE HI PJ 647	20517 \$	17,415.14	
61727200	61	TANKSHIP LEAKTEST CONVYR HI PJ 653	20517 \$	23,032.60	
61727300	61	AIR COMPARTMNT BUGGIES HI PJ 654	20517 \$	11,626.31	
61727400	61	LACING TABLES FOR SM LINE 1A HI PJ 605	20517 \$	26,735.04	
61727900	61	VACUUM PUMPS & BOOSTRS HI PJ 619	20517 \$	40,379.08	
61728000	61	POWERED ROLLER CONVEYOR HI PJ 622	20517 \$	26,937.46	
61729000	61	7.5 TON BRIDGE CRANE HI PJ 645	20517 \$	25,458.52	
61729100	61	(2)7.5HP INDSTL CABINET SAW HI PJ 648	20517 \$	12,512.78	
61729300	61	POWDER PAINT FILTRATION HI PJ 651	20517 \$	13,257.57	
61729400	61	CINCINNATI 4312 MECH HI PJ 658	20517 \$	47,563.47	
61729500	61	2 TON CHAIN HOIST TANK HI PJ 660	20517 \$	8,725.87	
61729700	61	TORQUE WRENCHES HI PJ 669	20517 \$	6,199.50	
61729900	61	SCHLEUNIGER WIRE CUTTING HI PJ 690	20517 \$	7,099.93	
61730000	61	ADDITION TO OLD POLE VAC CHAMBER HI PJ 680	20517 \$	232,199.00	
61730100	61	VACUM CHAMBER ROLLERBED HI PJ 680	20517 \$	157,719.79	
61730200	61	LEIFIELD LATHE HERITAGE GLOBAL PART	21317 \$	8,206.90	
61730300	61	OIL FILLED VOLTAGE TSFMR INST TRANS EQUIPMENT	30917 \$	8,046.92	
61730400	61	BIG MOTOR 400HZ BIDADOO AUCTION SVCS	31017 \$	4,429.80	
61730500	61	OVEN UPGRADE - REPLACE STUART C IRBY	22717 \$	5,613.00	
61730700	61	TANKSHOP LEAKTEST HI PJ 488	43017 \$	19,217.94	
61731000	61	TOP FOR 3 STAGE WASHERS HI PJ 611	43017 \$	23,616.33	
61731100	61	BARCODE SCANNERS HI PJ 626	43017 \$	20,951.52	
61731500	61	LINCOLN POWERWAVE WELDERS HI PJ 655	43017 \$	25,311.93	
61731700	61	HYDRAULIC SWEDGE PRESS & HI PJ 684	43017 \$	6,496.00	
61731800	61	RACKS FOR PAPER STORAGE HI PJ 698	43017 \$	5,810.94	
61731900	61	ROLLER BALL TABLE HI PJ 702	43017 \$	5,671.79	
61732000	61	POWERED ALUMINUM HI PJ 703	43017 \$	11,709.79	
61732100	61	WARCO PAPER FOLDER HI PJ 704	43017 \$	6,982.49	
61732200	61	CHILLER S/N 47B0735 AEC INC	61517 \$	11,900.05	
61732300	61	AUTOMATED WELDING HI PJ 354	70217 \$	29,957.41	
61732400	61	FLIP TABLE HI PJ 378	70217 \$	21,782.25	
61732500	61	ROLLER BED WITH TURN HI PJ 378	70217 \$	32,755.26	
61732600	61	WELD EQUIP WITH HI PJ 378	70217 \$	27,350.64	
61732700	61	TOPCOAT PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 401	70217 \$	591,202.65	
61732800	61	PARKING STAND WELDING HI PJ 453	70217 \$	48,265.76	
61732900	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	28,207.18	
61733000	61	AMADA 25 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	14,933.21	
61733100	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	51,436.62	
61733200	61	MINSTER 6.56 TON BACK HI PJ 526 / PEAVY	70217 \$	18,251.70	
61733300	61	250 HP ROTARY SCREW A/C HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	29,866.43	
61733400	61	SHELDON LATHE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	3,318.49	
61733500	61	MICROMASTER SURFACE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	1,659.25	
61733600	61	LIFT ATTACHMENTS AND HI PJ 613	70217 \$	15,427.20	
61733800	61	POWER AND FREE TROLLEYS HI PJ 646	70217 \$	35,646.29	
61733900	61	LASER BELLOWS (RESONATOR HI PJ 649	70217 \$	29,912.73	
61734100	61	DRYOFF BLOWER SYSTEM HI PJ 657	70217 \$	32,361.04	

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EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

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EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
61734300	61	LIFT TABLES TANK SHOP HI PJ 670	70217	\$	26,786.90	
61734600	61	FLANGE CRIMP TOOLS HI PJ 678	70217	\$	6,516.52	
61734800	61	CANTILEVER STYLED STORAGE HI PJ 689	70217	\$	22,813.79	
61734900	61	PLASMA CUTTING TABLES HI PJ 707	70217	\$	5,671.84	
61735100	61	POWERED CONVEYOR FROM HI PJ 713	70217	\$	9,381.93	
61735200	61	USED PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 715	70217	\$	185,273.03	
61735600	61	COIL STORAGE CRATES HI PJ 725	70217	\$	21,575.16	
61735800	61	CONTINUOUS OVEN MODIFIATION CHANCELOR INC	70517	\$	12,135.40	
61736200	61	WINDER REALIGNMENTS MULTIPLE UNITS	20517	\$	26,866.00	
61736300	61	GUIDE & TENSIONER MODIFICATION Multiple Units HI PJ 699	43017	\$	18,679.95	

TOTAL \$ 3,914,764.33

					FORK LIFT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
65290000	65	YALE MPE080-VG LIFT DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	22817	\$	9,617.13	
65290100	65	HYSTER LIFT B60ZAC DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	11717	\$	6,572.13	
65290200	65	8FGCU25 5K LBS LIFT LILLY COMPANY	31617	\$	9,845.50	
65290500	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290600	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290700	65	UNIT 110 TRANSMISSION INDUS SVCS OF LAUREL	50217	\$	11,653.91	
65291000	65	6000 LB TOYOTA LILLY COMPANY	92117	\$	15,072.75	
65291100	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	6,636.98	
65291200	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	7,466.61	

TOTAL \$ 101,094.31

					SPECIAL TOOLS	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
67860500	67	DOOR ROD GUIDE DIE HI PJ 483	20517	\$	10,455.94	
67860600	67	DOOR STOP ROD #2 HI PJ 688	20517	\$	6,795.43	
67860700	67	AMADA PRESSBRAKE TOOLING HI PJ 554	20517	\$	11,820.70	
67860800	67	SILL DIE HI PJ 624	20517	\$	15,225.00	
67860900	67	CONTROL BOX COVER DIE HI PJ 629	20517	\$	9,135.00	
67861000	67	HORN PRESS DIE HI PJ 668	20517	\$	13,766.02	

TOTAL \$ 67,198.09

					TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
63944200	63	HP DESIGNJET PRINTER T2530 HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	30817	\$	9,448.05	
63945100	63	REFURBISHED TOUGHBOOKS HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	72617	\$	7,567.04	

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That the petitioner has added additional equipment which was completed during 2017, within the meaning of the applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, and that the granting to Howard Industries, Inc., of such initial exemption from ad valorem taxation for ten (10) years, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies" is authorized by Section 27-31-101 through 27-31-117, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as last amended.

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That Howard Industries, Inc., is a manufacturing concern manufacturing electrical transformers. That all of the tangible property will be used for said manufacturing purposes and that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference incorporated herein is a description of said tangible property owned by Howard Industries, Inc., with a statement of the true values thereof in the amount of \$4,100,072.00.

VI.

That Howard Industries, Inc. further requests an initial exemption on raw materials and work in progress pursuant to Section 27-31-101 et seq. and on finished goods pursuant to Section 27-31-7 in such amounts as shall be reported on the personal property assessment form filed annually by the petitioner. For calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00, work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, all is shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission, that the application of Howard Industries, Inc., for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, be and it is hereby granted, and that all the property described in said application, and exhibited thereto, in the amount of \$4,100,072.00 and raw materials, work in progress and finished goods in such amounts as shall be reported in the personal property assessment form filed annually by Howard Industries, Inc., which for calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00, work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, and finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, be and it is hereby initially exempted from all ad valorem taxation except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxation for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018, and concluding December 31, 2027.

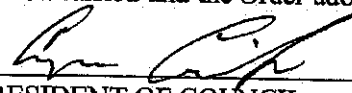
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Order, in triplicate, to the State Tax Commission, thereby signifying the desire of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, that said Board shall approve its action as herein set forth.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the above Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

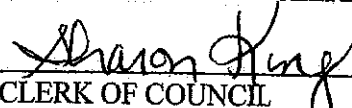
Yeas: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page
Nays: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 8th day of May, A.D., 2018.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

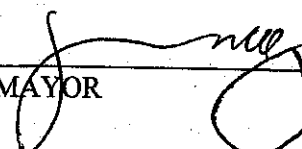
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ON 5-10-18



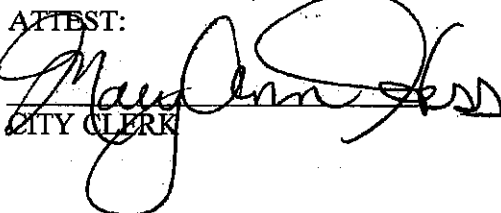
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APPROVED (☒) DATE: 5-10-18

VETOED (☐) DATE: _____



MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JONES

I, May Ann Hess, City Clerk, City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order duly adopted by the Mayor
and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, at a Regular meeting of said
Council held in Laurel, Mississippi, on this the 8th day of May, 2018.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 11th day of May, 2018.

May Ann Hess
City Clerk

(SEAL)



BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LAUREL, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR
INITIAL EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A PERIOD
OF TEN YEARS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ.,
MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

Howard Industries, Inc., a Mississippi corporation domiciled in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, authorized and doing business under the laws of the State of Mississippi, hereby respectfully makes application for initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", on tangible property used in or necessary to its operation in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, as set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in support thereof respectfully presents the following facts, to wit:

I.

That Howard Industries, Inc., is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and is presently doing business in Laurel and Jones County, Mississippi.

II.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is now operating as a manufacturing industry within Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, which factory is a bona fide expanded enterprise of public utility within the meaning of Section 27-31-101 et seq., and related sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is eligible for the initial exemption granted by the above mentioned section by specific enumeration, namely "manufacturing, processors and refineries".

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IV.

That the undersigned petitioner has added additional equipment which was completed during 2016, within the meaning of the applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, and that the granting to Howard Industries, Inc., of such initial exemption from ad valorem taxation for ten (10) years, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and "mandated municipal levies" is authorized by Section 27-31-101 through 27-31-117, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as last amended.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Howard Industries, Inc., prays that this application for an initial tax exemption be received and filed, and that upon a hearing hereof the said application may be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, and that subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi, it be granted an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies" on all of its tangible property used in or necessary to the operation of its enterprise in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted this the 26th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.

By *Richard Yoder*

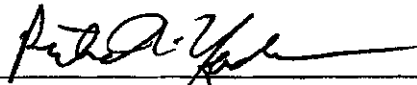
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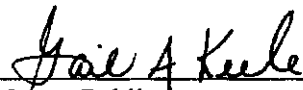
COUNTY OF JONES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named RICHARD L. YODER, who, being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that he is Assistant Secretary of HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., a Mississippi corporation, and that as such Assistant Secretary for said corporation he is duly authorized to make this

affidavit on its behalf and in its name, and that all of the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation are true and correct as therein stated.


Richard L. Yoder

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 26th day of April, 2018.


Notary Public

My commission expires:



EXHIBIT "A"

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC. SUMMARY OF 2018 REQUESTED TAX EXEMPTIONS TRANSFORMER DIVISION

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

Plant Equipment	\$ 3,914,764.00
Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094.00
Special Tools	\$ 67,198.00
Technical Equipment	\$ 17,015.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE	<u>\$ 4,100,072.00</u>

INVENTORIES

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HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
TRANSFORMER PLANT
ADDITIONS FOR YEAR 2017

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

	<u>VALUE</u>
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Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094
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Office Equipment	\$ -
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HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

				PLANT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE	COST	
61102608	61	CONVERSION OF CW7 CMPTR HI PJ 580	20517	\$	28,827.78
61102609	61	TENSIONER CW7 HI PJ 582	20517	\$	3,787.01
61104703	61	CONVERSION OF CW 9 HI PJ 617	70217	\$	26,107.44
61170206	61	TENSIONER CW 21 HI PJ 582	20517	\$	3,787.01
61208801	61	TENSIONER CW 32 HI PJ 582	20517	\$	3,787.02
61209802	61	REBUILD #12 100HP GULF STATE ENGINEERI	50517	\$	13,338.51
61533701	61	CONVERT CW 151 HI PJ 600	70217	\$	19,631.29
61635201	61	CONVERT CW 176 HI PJ 600	70217	\$	19,631.29
61703601	61	LASER VACUUM PUMP HI PJ 691	43017	\$	6,961.87
61714301	61	LASER VACCUM PUMP HI PJ 667	70217	\$	9,588.92
61724700	61	REGULATOR TEST STATION HI PJ 564	20517	\$	1,149,930.90
61724800	61	ROLLERBED FOR REGULATOR HI PJ 644	20517	\$	6,361.61
61725000	61	LARGE LINE OIL SHAKER HI PJ 397	20517	\$	23,146.60
61725700	61	ANNEALING OVEN & INSTALL HI PJ 539	20717	\$	281,661.54
61725800	61	ROLLERS FOR CONT OVEN 5 HI PJ 618	20517	\$	11,461.87
61725900	61	REGULATOR STAND PROD HI PJ 542	20717	\$	14,105.66
61726000	61	STEEL THICKNESS VERF SYS HI PJ 549	20517	\$	8,167.01
61726100	61	LASER STEEL STORAGE CONVEYOR HI PJ 552	20517	\$	24,952.07
61726400	61	QTY 3 BALL TRSF TABLES HI PJ 574	20717	\$	7,115.06
61726500	61	QTY 2 SMART WIRE FEEDERS HI PJ 590	20517	\$	10,170.58
61726700	61	CONVEYOR SKIDS HI PJ 594	20517	\$	15,795.34
61726800	61	WEAR PARTS FOR ATC HI PJ 596	20517	\$	34,452.93
61726900	61	5 TON CHAIN HOIST W/ HI PJ 603	20717	\$	11,030.89
61727000	61	120 FT GRAVITY CONVEYOR HI PJ 647	20517	\$	12,102.04
61727100	61	3 TON OVERHEAD CRANE HI PJ 647	20517	\$	17,415.14
61727200	61	TANKSHIP LEAKTEST CONVYR HI PJ 653	20517	\$	23,032.60
61727300	61	AIR COMPARTMNT BUGGIES HI PJ 654	20517	\$	11,626.31
61727400	61	LACING TABLES FOR SM LINE 1A HI PJ 605	20517	\$	26,735.04
61727900	61	VACUUM PUMPS & BOOSTRS HI PJ 619	20517	\$	40,379.08
61728000	61	POWERED ROLLER CONVEYOR HI PJ 622	20517	\$	26,937.46
61729000	61	7.5 TON BRIDGE CRANE HI PJ 645	20517	\$	25,458.52
61729100	61	(2)7.5HP INDSTL CABINET SAW HI PJ 648	20517	\$	12,512.78
61729300	61	POWDER PAINT FILTRATION HI PJ 651	20517	\$	13,257.57
61729400	61	CINCINNATI 4312 MECH HI PJ 658	20517	\$	47,563.47
61729500	61	2 TON CHAIN HOIST TANK HI PJ 660	20517	\$	8,725.87
61729700	61	TORQUE WRENCHES HI PJ 669	20517	\$	6,199.50
61729900	61	SCHLEUNIGER WIRE CUTTING HI PJ 690	20517	\$	7,099.93
61730000	61	ADDITION TO OLD POLE VAC CHAMBER HI PJ 680	20517	\$	232,199.00
61730100	61	VACUM CHAMBER ROLLERBED HI PJ 680	20517	\$	157,719.79
61730200	61	LEIFIELD LATHE HERITAGE GLOBAL PART	21317	\$	8,206.90
61730300	61	OIL FILLED VOLTAGE TSFMR INST TRANS EQUIPMENT	30917	\$	8,046.92
61730400	61	BIG MOTOR 400HZ BIDADOO AUCTION SVCS	31017	\$	4,429.80
61730500	61	OVEN UPGRADE - REPLACE STUART CIRBY	22717	\$	5,613.00
61730700	61	TANKSHOP LEAKTEST HI PJ 488	43017	\$	19,217.94
61731000	61	TOP FOR 3 STAGE WASHERS HI PJ 611	43017	\$	23,616.33
61731100	61	BARCODE SCANNERS HI PJ 626	43017	\$	20,951.52
61731500	61	LINCOLN POWERWAVE WELDERS HI PJ 655	43017	\$	25,311.93
61731700	61	HYDRAULIC SWEDGE PRESS & HI PJ 684	43017	\$	6,496.00
61731800	61	RACKS FOR PAPER STORAGE HI PJ 698	43017	\$	5,810.94
61731900	61	ROLLER BALL TABLE HI PJ 702	43017	\$	5,671.79
61732000	61	POWERED ALUMINUM HI PJ 703	43017	\$	11,709.79
61732100	61	WARCO PAPER FOLDER HI PJ 704	43017	\$	6,982.49
61732200	61	CHILLER S/N 47B0735 AEC INC	61517	\$	11,900.05
61732300	61	AUTOMATED WELDING HI PJ 354	70217	\$	29,957.41
61732400	61	FLIP TABLE HI PJ 378	70217	\$	21,782.25
61732500	61	ROLLER BED WITH TURN HI PJ 378	70217	\$	32,755.26
61732600	61	WELD EQUIP WITH HI PJ 378	70217	\$	27,350.64
61732700	61	TOPCOAT PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 401	70217	\$	591,202.65
61732800	61	PARKING STAND WELDING HI PJ 453	70217	\$	48,265.76
61732900	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	28,207.18
61733000	61	AMADA 25 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	14,933.21
61733100	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	51,436.62
61733200	61	MINSTER 6.56 TON BACK HI PJ 526 /PEAVY	70217	\$	18,251.70
61733300	61	250 HP ROTARY SCREW A/C HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	29,866.43
61733400	61	SHELDON LATHE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	3,318.49
61733500	61	MICROMASTER SURFACE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	1,659.25
61733600	61	LIFT ATTACHMENTS AND HI PJ 613	70217	\$	15,427.20
61733800	61	POWER AND FREE TROLLEYS HI PJ 646	70217	\$	35,646.29
61733900	61	LASER BELLOWS (RESONATOR HI PJ 649	70217	\$	29,912.73
61734100	61	DRYOFF BLOWER SYSTEM HI PJ 657	70217	\$	32,361.04

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

					PLANT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
61734300	61	LIFT TABLES TANK SHOP HI PJ 670	70217	\$	26,786.90	
61734600	61	FLANGE CRIMP TOOLS HI PJ 678	70217	\$	6,516.52	
61734800	61	CANTILEVER STYLED STORAGE HI PJ 689	70217	\$	22,813.79	
61734900	61	PLASMA CUTTING TABLES HI PJ 707	70217	\$	5,671.84	
61735100	61	POWERED CONVEYOR FROM HI PJ 713	70217	\$	9,381.93	
61735200	61	USED PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 715	70217	\$	185,273.03	
61735600	61	COIL STORAGE CRATES HI PJ 725	70217	\$	21,575.16	
61735800	61	CONTINUOUS OVEN MODIFIATION CHANCELOR INC	70517	\$	12,135.40	
61736200	61	WINDER REALIGNMENTS MULTIPLE UNITS	20517	\$	26,866.00	
61736300	61	GUIDE & TENSIONER MODIFICATION Multiple Units HI PJ 699	43017	\$	18,679.95	

TOTAL

\$ 3,914,764.33

					FORK LIFT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
65290000	65	YALE MPE080-VG LIFT DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	22817	\$	9,617.13	
65290100	65	HYSTER LIFT B60ZAC DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	11717	\$	6,572.13	
65290200	65	8FGCU25 5K LBS LIFT LILLY COMPANY	31617	\$	9,845.50	
65290500	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290600	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290700	65	UNIT 110 TRANSMISSION INDUS SVCS OF LAUREL	50217	\$	11,653.91	
65291000	65	6000 LB TOYOTA LILLY COMPANY	92117	\$	15,072.75	
65291100	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	6,636.98	
65291200	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	7,466.61	

TOTAL

\$ 101,094.31

					SPECIAL TOOLS	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
67860500	67	DOOR ROD GUIDE DIE HI PJ 483	20517	\$	10,455.94	
67860600	67	DOOR STOP ROD #2 HI PJ 688	20517	\$	6,795.43	
67860700	67	AMADA PRESSBRAKE TOOLING HI PJ 554	20517	\$	11,820.70	
67860800	67	SILL DIE HI PJ 624	20517	\$	15,225.00	
67860900	67	CONTROL BOX COVER DIE HI PJ 629	20517	\$	9,135.00	
67861000	67	HORN PRESS DIE HI PJ 668	20517	\$	13,766.02	

TOTAL

\$ 67,198.09

					TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
63944200	63	HP DESIGNJET PRINTER T2530 HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	30817	\$	9,448.05	
63945100	63	REFURBISHED TOUGHBOOKS HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	72617	\$	7,567.04	

TOTAL

\$ 17,015.09

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
FOR AN INITIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AS
AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ.,
MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 AS AMENDED

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission, that the application of Howard Industries, Inc., for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, be and it is hereby granted, and that all the property described in said application, and exhibited thereto, in the amount of \$4,100,072.00 and raw materials, work in progress and finished goods in such amounts as shall be reported in the personal property assessment form filed annually by Howard Industries, Inc., which for calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00, work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, and finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, be and it is hereby initially exempted from all ad valorem taxation except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxation for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018, and concluding December 31, 2027.

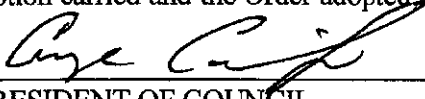
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Order, in triplicate, to the State Tax Commission, thereby signifying the desire of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, that said Board shall approve its action as herein set forth.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Thaxton, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the above Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

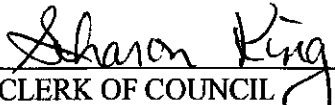
Yeas: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page
Nays: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 8th day of May, A.D., 2018.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

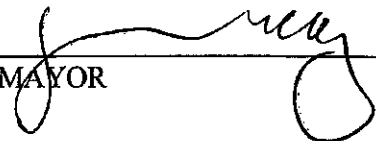
ATTESTED TO AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
ON 5-10-18.



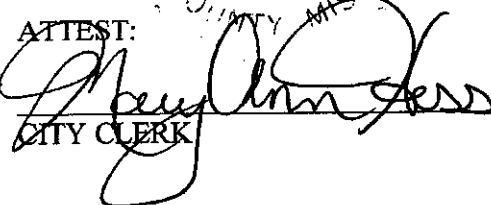
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APPROVED (☒) DATE: 5-10-18

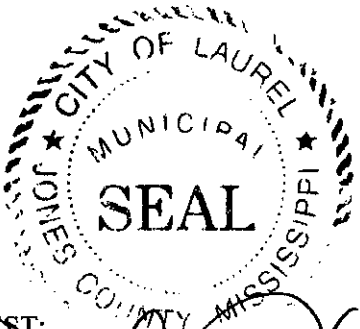
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MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK



The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "CITY OF LAUREL" at the top and "JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI" at the bottom, separated by stars. The inner circle contains the word "MUNICIPAL" at the top and "SEAL" in the center.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JONES

I, Mary Ann Hess, City Clerk, City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order duly adopted by the Mayor
and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, at a Regular meeting of said
Council held in Laurel, Mississippi, on this the 8th day of May, 2018.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 11th day of May, 2018.



Mary Ann Hess
City Clerk

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LAUREL, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR
INITIAL EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A PERIOD
OF TEN YEARS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101, ET SEQ.,
MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

Howard Industries, Inc., a Mississippi corporation domiciled in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, authorized and doing business under the laws of the State of Mississippi, hereby respectfully makes application for initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies", on tangible property used in or necessary to its operation in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, as set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in support thereof respectfully presents the following facts, to wit:

I.

That Howard Industries, Inc., is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and is presently doing business in Laurel and Jones County, Mississippi.

II.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is now operating as a manufacturing industry within Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, which factory is a bona fide expanded enterprise of public utility within the meaning of Section 27-31-101 et seq., and related sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is eligible for the initial exemption granted by the above mentioned section by specific enumeration, namely "manufacturing, processors and refineries".

III.

That Howard Industries, Inc., has commenced its operations pursuant to a contract made and entered into on the 19th day of January, 1968, amended on the 15th day of August, 1968,

amended on the 29th day of August, 1972, and amended on the 21st day of August, 1978, by and between the City of Laurel, Mississippi, Jones County, Mississippi, the Laurel Airport Board, Laurel Industrial Committee of 100, and Howard Industries, Inc., and pursuant to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 663 issued by the Mississippi Board of Economic Development of the State of Mississippi and that by and under the terms and provisions of said contract, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, and Jones County, Mississippi, agreed, as an added inducement and part of the consideration for this petitioner's covenants therein, upon petition by this "Company for exemption from ad valorem and other taxes upon any property owned by Company, that City and Board, and each of them, will grant to Company such tax exemptions to the full extent and for the maximum period now authorized by law and approved by the Agricultural and Industrial Board..."

IV.

That the undersigned petitioner has added additional equipment which was completed during 2016, within the meaning of the applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, and that the granting to Howard Industries, Inc., of such initial exemption from ad valorem taxation for ten (10) years, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and "mandated municipal levies" is authorized by Section 27-31-101 through 27-31-117, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as last amended.

V.

That Howard Industries, Inc., is a manufacturing concern manufacturing electrical transformers. That all of the tangible property will be used for said manufacturing purposes and that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference incorporated herein is a description of said tangible property owned by Howard Industries, Inc., with a statement of the true values thereof in the amount of \$4,100,072.00.

That Howard Industries, Inc. further requests an initial exemption on raw materials and work in progress pursuant to Section 27-31-101 et seq. and on finished goods pursuant to Section 27-31-7 in such amounts as shall be reported on the personal property assessment form filed annually by the petitioner. For calendar year 2017, raw materials had a true value of \$46,334,023.00 work in progress had a true value of \$20,537,758.00, finished goods had a true value of \$32,487,101.00, all as shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Howard Industries, Inc., prays that this application for an initial tax exemption be received and filed, and that upon a hearing hereof the said application may be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, and that subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi, it be granted an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation and ad valorem taxes for school district purposes and "mandated municipal levies" on all of its tangible property used in or necessary to the operation of its enterprise in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted this the 26th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.

By *Richard Yoder*

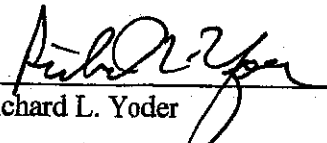
Assistant Secretary

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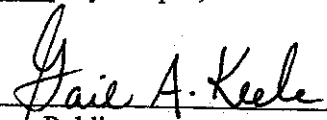
COUNTY OF JONES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named RICHARD L. YODER, who, being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that he is Assistant Secretary of HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC., a Mississippi corporation, and that as such Assistant Secretary for said corporation he is duly authorized to make this

affidavit on its behalf and in its name, and that all of the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application for an initial exemption from ad valorem taxation are true and correct as therein stated.


Richard L. Yoder

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 26th day of April, 2018.


Notary Public

My commission expires:

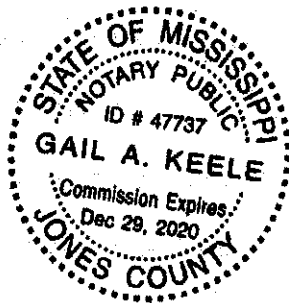


EXHIBIT "A"

**HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
SUMMARY OF 2018 REQUESTED TAX EXEMPTIONS
TRANSFORMER DIVISION**

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

Plant Equipment	\$ 3,914,764.00
Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094.00
Special Tools	\$ 67,198.00
Technical Equipment	<u>\$ 17,015.00</u>
TOTAL EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE	<u>\$ 4,100,072.00</u>

INVENTORIES

Raw Materials (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$46,334,023.00</u>
Work in Progress (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$20,537,758.00</u>
Finished Goods (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$32,487,101.00</u>

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
TRANSFORMER PLANT
ADDITIONS FOR YEAR 2017

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS

	<u>VALUE</u>
Plant Equipment	\$ 3,914,764
Fork Lifts	\$ 101,094
Special Tools	\$ 67,198
Office Equipment	\$
Technical Equipment	\$ 17,015
Total Equipment Placed in Service	<u>\$ 4,100,072</u>

INVENTORIES

Raw Materials (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 46,334,023</u>
Work in Progress (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 20,537,758</u>
Finished Goods (2017 calendar year true value)	<u>\$ 32,487,101</u>

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

			PLANT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE	COST
61102608	61	CONVERSION OF CW7 CMPTR HI PJ 580	20517 \$	28,827.78
61102609	61	TENSIONER CW7 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.01
61104703	61	CONVERSION OF CW 9 HI PJ 617	70217 \$	26,107.44
61170206	61	TENSIONER CW 21 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.01
61208801	61	TENSIONER CW 32 HI PJ 582	20517 \$	3,787.02
61209802	61	REBUILD #12 100HP GULF STATE ENGINEER	50517 \$	13,338.51
61533701	61	CONVERT CW 151 HI PJ 600	70217 \$	19,631.29
61635201	61	CONVERT CW 176 HI PJ 600	70217 \$	19,631.29
61703601	61	LASER VACUUM PUMP HI PJ 691	43017 \$	6,961.87
61714301	61	LASER VACUUM PUMP HI PJ 667	70217 \$	9,588.92
61724700	61	REGULATOR TEST STATION HI PJ 564	20517 \$	1,149,930.90
61724800	61	ROLLERBED FOR REGULATOR HI PJ 644	20517 \$	6,361.61
61725000	61	LARGE LINE OIL SHAKER HI PJ 397	20517 \$	23,146.60
61725700	61	ANNEALING OVEN & INSTALL HI PJ 539	20717 \$	281,661.54
61725800	61	ROLLERS FOR CONT OVEN 5 HI PJ 618	20517 \$	11,461.87
61725900	61	REGULATOR STAND PROD HI PJ 542	20717 \$	14,105.66
61726000	61	STEEL THICKNESS VERF SYS HI PJ 549	20517 \$	8,167.01
61726100	61	LASER STEEL STORAGE CONVEYOR HI PJ 552	20517 \$	24,952.07
61726400	61	QTY 3 BALL TRSF TABLES HI PJ 574	20717 \$	7,115.06
61726500	61	QTY 2 SMART WIRE FEEDERS HI PJ 590	20517 \$	10,170.58
61726700	61	CONVEYOR SKIDS HI PJ 594	20517 \$	15,795.34
61726800	61	WEAR PARTS FOR ATC HI PJ 596	20517 \$	34,452.93
61726900	61	5 TON CHAIN HOIST W/ HI PJ 603	20717 \$	11,030.89
61727000	61	120 FT GRAVITY CONVEYOR HI PJ 647	20517 \$	12,102.04
61727100	61	3 TON OVERHEAD CRANE HI PJ 647	20517 \$	17,415.14
61727200	61	TANKSHIP LEAKTEST CONVYR HI PJ 653	20517 \$	23,032.60
61727300	61	AIR COMPARTMNT BUGGIES HI PJ 654	20517 \$	11,626.31
61727400	61	LACING TABLES FOR SM LINE 1A HI PJ 605	20517 \$	26,735.04
61727900	61	VACUUM PUMPS & BOOSTRS HI PJ 619	20517 \$	40,379.08
61728000	61	POWERED ROLLER CONVEYOR HI PJ 622	20517 \$	26,937.46
61729000	61	7.5 TON BRIDGE CRANE HI PJ 645	20517 \$	25,458.52
61729100	61	(2)7.5HP INDSTL CABINET SAW HI PJ 648	20517 \$	12,512.78
61729300	61	POWDER PAINT FILTRATION HI PJ 651	20517 \$	13,257.57
61729400	61	CINCINNATI 4312 MECH HI PJ 658	20517 \$	47,563.47
61729500	61	2 TON CHAIN HOIST TANK HI PJ 660	20517 \$	8,725.87
61729700	61	TORQUE WRENCHES HI PJ 669	20517 \$	6,199.50
61729900	61	SCHLEUNIGER WIRE CUTTING HI PJ 690	20517 \$	7,099.93
61730000	61	ADDITION TO OLD POLE VAC CHAMBER HI PJ 680	20517 \$	232,199.00
61730100	61	VACUM CHAMBER ROLLERBED HI PJ 680	20517 \$	157,719.79
61730200	61	LEIFIELD LATHE HERITAGE GLOBAL PART	21317 \$	8,206.90
61730300	61	OIL FILLED VOLTAGE TSFMR INST TRANS EQUIPMENT	30917 \$	8,046.92
61730400	61	BIG MOTOR 400HZ BIDADOO AUCTION SVCS	31017 \$	4,429.80
61730500	61	OVEN UPGRADE - REPLACE STUART CIRBY	22717 \$	5,613.00
61730700	61	TANKSHOP LEAKTEST HI PJ 488	43017 \$	19,217.94
61731000	61	TOP FOR 3 STAGE WASHERS HI PJ 611	43017 \$	23,616.33
61731100	61	BARCODE SCANNERS HI PJ 626	43017 \$	20,951.52
61731500	61	LINCOLN POWERWAVE WELDERS HI PJ 655	43017 \$	25,311.93
61731700	61	HYDRAULIC SWEDGE PRESS & HI PJ 684	43017 \$	6,496.00
61731800	61	RACKS FOR PAPER STORAGE HI PJ 698	43017 \$	5,810.94
61731900	61	ROLLER BALL TABLE HI PJ 702	43017 \$	5,671.79
61732000	61	POWERED ALUMINUM HI PJ 703	43017 \$	11,709.79
61732100	61	WARCO PAPER FOLDER HI PJ 704	43017 \$	6,982.49
61732200	61	CHILLER S/N 47B0735 AEC INC	61517 \$	11,900.05
61732300	61	AUTOMATED WELDING HI PJ 354	70217 \$	29,957.41
61732400	61	FLIP TABLE HI PJ 378	70217 \$	21,782.25
61732500	61	ROLLER BED WITH TURN HI PJ 378	70217 \$	32,755.26
61732600	61	WELD EQUIP WITH HI PJ 378	70217 \$	27,350.64
61732700	61	TOPCOAT PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 401	70217 \$	591,202.65
61732800	61	PARKING STAND WELDING HI PJ 453	70217 \$	48,265.76
61732900	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	28,207.18
61733000	61	AMADA 25 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	14,933.21
61733100	61	AMADA 80 TON PRESS HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	51,436.62
61733200	61	MINSTER 6.56 TON BACK HI PJ 526 / PEAVY	70217 \$	18,251.70
61733300	61	250 HP ROTARY SCREW A/C HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	29,866.43
61733400	61	SHELDON LATHE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	3,318.49
61733500	61	MICROMASTER SURFACE HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217 \$	1,659.25
61733600	61	LIFT ATTACHMENTS AND HI PJ 613	70217 \$	15,427.20
61733800	61	POWER AND FREE TROLLEYS HI PJ 646	70217 \$	35,646.29
61733900	61	LASER BELLOWS (RESONATOR HI PJ 649	70217 \$	29,912.73
61734100	61	DRYOFF BLOWER SYSTEM HI PJ 657	70217 \$	32,361.04

HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
EQUIPMENT PLACED IN SERVICE - LAUREL
FOR YEAR 2017

					PLANT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
61734300	61	LIFT TABLES TANK SHOP HI PJ 670	70217	\$	26,786.90	
61734600	61	FLANGE CRIMP TOOLS HI PJ 678	70217	\$	6,516.52	
61734800	61	CANTILEVER STYLED STORAGE HI PJ 689	70217	\$	22,813.79	
61734900	61	PLASMA CUTTING TABLES HI PJ 707	70217	\$	5,671.84	
61735100	61	POWERED CONVEYOR FROM HI PJ 713	70217	\$	9,381.93	
61735200	61	USED PAINT ROBOT HI PJ 715	70217	\$	185,273.03	
61735600	61	COIL STORAGE CRATES HI PJ 725	70217	\$	21,575.16	
61735800	61	CONTINUOUS OVEN MODIFIATION CHANCELOR INC	70517	\$	12,135.40	
61736200	61	WINDER REALIGNMENTS MULTIPLE UNITS	20517	\$	26,866.00	
61736300	61	GUIDE & TENSIONER MODIFICATION Multiple Units HI PJ 699	43017	\$	18,679.95	

TOTAL \$ 3,914,764.33

					FORK LIFT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
65290000	65	YALE MPE080-VG LIFT DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	22817	\$	9,617.13	
65290100	65	HYSTER LIFT B60ZAC DEEP SOUTH EQUIPMENT	11717	\$	6,572.13	
65290200	65	8FGCU25 5K LBS LIFT LILLY COMPANY	31617	\$	9,845.50	
65290500	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290600	65	TOYOTA 8FGCU15 LILLY COMPANY	51917	\$	17,114.65	
65290700	65	UNIT 110 TRANSMISSION INDUS SVCS OF LAUREL	50217	\$	11,653.91	
65291000	65	6000 LB TOYOTA LILLY COMPANY	92117	\$	15,072.75	
65291100	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	6,636.98	
65291200	65	NISSAN 5000 LBS LIFT HI PJ 526/PEAVY	70217	\$	7,466.61	

TOTAL \$ 101,094.31

					SPECIAL TOOLS	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
67860500	67	DOOR ROD GUIDE DIE HI PJ 483	20517	\$	10,455.94	
67860600	67	DOOR STOP ROD #2 HI PJ 688	20517	\$	6,795.43	
67860700	67	AMADA PRESSBRAKE TOOLING HI PJ 554	20517	\$	11,820.70	
67860800	67	SILL DIE HI PJ 624	20517	\$	15,225.00	
67860900	67	CONTROL BOX COVER DIE HI PJ 629	20517	\$	9,135.00	
67861000	67	HORN PRESS DIE HI PJ 668	20517	\$	13,766.02	

TOTAL \$ 67,198.09

					TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	
EQUIP#	class	DESC	DATE		COST	
63944200	63	HP DESIGNJET PRINTER T2530 HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	30817	\$	9,448.05	
63945100	63	REFURBISHED TOUGHBOOKS HOWARD TECH SOLUTION	72617	\$	7,567.04	

TOTAL \$ 17,015.09