DATED 80 June 2023

GREAT LAKES UK LIMITED

- and -

HCC INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY PLC

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THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(WORKS) BOND

relating to land at Bicester Hotel Golf & Spa, Chesterton, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX26 1TE

NO/57273_A

Anita Bradley
Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer
Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
New Road
Oxford OX1 1ND

THIS BOND dated the

80

day of June

20[]23

MADE BETWEEN

- (1) GREAT LAKES UK LIMITED (company no.11722403) whose registered office is at Suite 1 3rd Floor 11-12 St James's Square London SW1Y 4LB ("the Developer")
 - (2) HCC INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY PLC (Company number 01575839) whose registered office is at 1 Aldgate, London, EC3N 1RE ("the Surety")
 - (3) THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall New Road Oxford
 OX1 1ND ("the Council")

Preliminary and Definitions

- 1. By an Agreement ("the Agreement") of 6th March 2023 between the Developer and the Council and others the Developer is under obligation to execute and complete in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement certain works in connection with development of land at Bicester Hotel Golf & Spa, Chesterton, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX26 1TE ("the Works")
- 2. "The Bond Sum" means the sum of One million four hundred and forty thousand pounds (£1,440,000.00)

NOW THIS DEED WITNESETH as follows:-

- The Developer and the Surety are jointly and severally bound to the Council for the Bond Sum
- 2. If the Developer shall duly perform and observe all the terms provisions conditions and stipulations of the Agreement on its part to be performed and observed according to the true purport intent and meaning thereof or if on default by the Developer the Surety shall satisfy and discharge the established

and ascertained damages sustained by the Council up to the amount of the Bond Sum then this Bond shall be null and void **BUT OTHERWISE** this Bond shall be and remain in full force and effect

- 3. Any claim hereunder shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the Solicitor to the Council that the amount claimed represents the amount payable and such statement shall be conclusive evidence (and admissible as such) that any sums stated therein are properly due and payable to the Council. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing none of the following shall be required:-
 - 3.1 the Council being obliged to make any enquiry of the Developer or the Surety
 - 3.2 the need to take any legal action against the Developer
 - 3.3 any proof of default or liability on the part of the Developer
- 4. The Surety shall within 14 days after service of any claim pay the Council the sum specified in such claim and shall not be entitled to delay or withhold payment for any reason notwithstanding any objection by the Developer or any other party provided always that the maximum aggregate liability of the Surety does not exceed the Bond Sum
- 5. The Council may make as many separate claims under this Bond as it considers appropriate provided that they shall not exceed in aggregate the Bond Sum
- 6. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 5 the obligations of the Surety under this Bond shall not be affected by any act, omission or matter which might (but for this clause) operate to release or discharge such obligations in whole or in part, including without limitation:

- 6.2 any variation of or amendment to the Agreement (and references to the Agreement in this Bond shall be references to the Agreement as so varied or amended from time to time) or in the extent or nature of the Works;
- 6.3 any obligation on the part of the Developer being void;
- 6.4 the bankruptcy, liquidation or insolvency of the Developer or the presentation of a petition for the making of an administration order in respect of the Developer or the making of any such order or the appointment of (or giving of notice to appoint) an administrator in respect of the Developer;
- 6.5 any thing or matter that would or might have discharged or affected any liability if the Surety's obligation under this Bond had been secondary rather than primary
- 7. This deed gives no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 but this does not affect any rights which are available apart from that Act
- 8. This Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising in connection with this Bond.
- This Bond shall be reduced and as applicable discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement

THIS BOND has been executed as a deed and is delivered the day and year first before written



Executed as a **deed** by **GREAT LAKES UK LIMITED** acting by SPIRITED PROJECTS
LIMITED acting under the authority of the company pursuant to a power of attorney dated 18 April 2023 in the presence of:



Signature of authorised signatory



(print name)

Witness		
Signature:		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Print name:	EDWARD	IRVING
Print address1 Finsbury Circus		
	EC2M 7SH	

Name (print)

RYAN GRANT O'NEILL