

Operating Agreement

Sustaino LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company

THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT of Sustaino LLC (the "Company") is entered into as of the date set forth on the signature page of this Agreement by each of the Members listed on Exhibit A of this Agreement.

A. The Members have formed the Company as a North Carolina limited liability company under the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act. The purpose of the Company is to conduct any lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the state of North Carolina. The Members hereby adopt and approve the articles of organization of the Company filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

B. The Members enter into this Agreement to provide for the governance of the Company and the conduct of its business, and to specify their relative rights and obligations.

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings specified in this Article 1 or elsewhere in this Agreement and if not so specified, have the meanings set forth in the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act.

"Agreement" means this Operating Agreement of the Company, as may be amended from time to time.

"Capital Account" means, with respect to any Member, an account consisting of such Member's Capital Contribution, (1) increased by such Member's allocated share of income and gain, (2) decreased by such Member's share of losses and deductions, (3) decreased by any distributions made by the Company to such Member, and (4) otherwise adjusted as required in accordance with applicable tax laws.

"Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Member, the total value of (1) cash and the fair market value of property other than cash and (2) services that are contributed and/or agreed to be contributed to the Company by such Member, as listed on Exhibit A, as may be updated from time to time according to the terms of this Agreement.

"Exhibit" means a document attached to this Agreement labeled as "Exhibit A," "Exhibit B," and so forth, as such document may be amended, updated, or replaced from time to time according to the terms of this Agreement.

"Member" means each Person who acquires Membership Interest pursuant to this Agreement. The Members are listed on Exhibit A, as may be updated from time to time according to the terms of this Agreement. Each Member has the rights and obligations specified in this Agreement.

"Membership Interest" means the entire ownership interest of a Member in the Company at any particular time, including the right to any and all benefits to which a Member may be entitled as provided in this Agreement and under the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act, together with the obligations of the Member to comply with all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"Ownership Interest" means the Percentage Interest or Units, as applicable, based on the manner in which relative ownership of the Company is divided.

"Percentage Interest" means the percentage of ownership in the Company that, with respect to each Member, entitles the Member to a Membership Interest and is expressed as either:

- A. If ownership in the Company is expressed in terms of percentage, the percentage set forth opposite the name of each Member on Exhibit A, as may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to this Agreement; or
- B. If ownership in the Company is expressed in Units, the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of:
 - (1) the number of Units owned by the Member (expressed as "MU" in the equation below) divided by

- (2) the total number of Units owned by all of the Members of the Company (expressed as "TU" in the equation below).

$$\text{Percentage Interest} = \frac{MU}{TU}$$

"Person" means an individual (natural person), partnership, limited partnership, trust, estate, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity, whether domestic or foreign.

"Units" mean, if ownership in the Company is expressed in Units, units of ownership in the Company, that, with respect to each Member, entitles the Member to a Membership Interest which, if applicable, is expressed as the number of Units set forth opposite the name of each Member on Exhibit A, as may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2: CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS, ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, CAPITAL ACCOUNTS AND LIMITED LIABILITY

2.1 Initial Capital Contributions. The names of all Members and each of their respective addresses, initial Capital Contributions, and Ownership Interests must be set forth on Exhibit A. Each Member has made or agrees to make the initial Capital Contribution set forth next to such Member's name on Exhibit A to become a Member of the Company.

2.2 Subsequent Capital Contributions. Members are not obligated to make additional Capital Contributions unless unanimously agreed by all the Members. If subsequent Capital Contributions are unanimously agreed by all the Members in a consent in writing, the Members may make such additional Capital Contributions on a pro rata basis in accordance with each Member's respective Percentage Interest or as otherwise unanimously agreed by the Members.

2.3 Additional Members.

A. With the exception of a transfer of interest (1) governed by Article 7 of this Agreement or (2) otherwise expressly authorized by this Agreement, additional Persons may become Members of the Company and be issued additional Ownership Interests only if approved by and on terms determined by a unanimous written agreement signed by all of the existing Members.

B. Before a Person may be admitted as a Member of the Company, that Person must sign and deliver to the Company the documents and instruments, in the form and containing the information required by the Company, that the Members deem necessary or desirable. Membership Interests of new Members will be allocated according to the terms of this Agreement.

2.4 Capital Accounts. Individual Capital Accounts must be maintained for each Member, unless (a) there is only one Member of the Company and (b) the Company is exempt according to applicable tax laws. Capital Accounts must be maintained in accordance with all applicable tax laws.

2.5 Interest. No interest will be paid by the Company or otherwise on Capital Contributions or on the balance of a Member's Capital Account.

2.6 Limited Liability; No Authority. A Member will not be bound by, or be personally liable for, the expenses, liabilities, debts, contracts, or obligations of the Company, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or as required by the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act. Unless expressly provided in this Agreement, no Member, acting alone, has any authority to undertake or assume any obligation, debt, or responsibility, or otherwise act on behalf of, the Company or any other Member.

ARTICLE 3: ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

3.1 Allocations. Unless otherwise agreed to by the unanimous consent of the Members any income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit of the Company will be allocated for accounting and tax purposes on a pro rata basis in proportion to the respective Percentage Interest held by each Member and in compliance with applicable tax laws.

3.2 Distributions. The Company will have the right to make distributions of cash and property to the Members on a pro rata basis in proportion to the respective Percentage Interest held by each Member. The timing and amount of distributions will be determined by the Members in accordance with the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act.

3.3 Limitations on Distributions. The Company must not make a distribution to a Member if, after giving effect to the distribution:

A. The Company would be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business; or

B. The fair value of the Company's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, if the Company were to be dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of Members, if any, whose preferential rights are superior to those of the Members receiving the distribution.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT

4.1 Management.

A. **Generally.** Subject to the terms of this Agreement and the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act, the business and affairs of the Company will be managed by the Members.

B. **Approval and Action.** Unless greater or other authorization is required pursuant to this Agreement or under the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act for the Company to engage in an activity or transaction, all activities or transactions must be approved by the Members, to constitute the act of the Company or serve to bind the Company. With such approval, the signature of any Members authorized to sign on behalf of the Company is sufficient to bind the Company with respect to the matter or matters so approved. Without such approval, no Members acting alone may bind the Company to any agreement with or obligation to any third party or represent or claim to have the ability to so bind the Company.

C. **Certain Decisions Requiring Greater Authorization.** Notwithstanding clause B above, the following matters require unanimous approval of the Members in a consent in writing to constitute an act of the Company:

- (i) A material change in the purposes or the nature of the Company's business;
- (ii) With the exception of a transfer of interest governed by Article 7 of this Agreement, the admission of a new Member or a change in any Member's Membership Interest, Ownership Interest, Percentage Interest, or Voting Interest in any manner other than in accordance with this Agreement;
- (iii) The merger of the Company with any other entity or the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; and

- (iv) The amendment of this Agreement.

4.2 Officers. The Members are authorized to appoint one or more officers from time to time. The officers will have the titles, the authority, exercise the powers, and perform the duties that the Members determine from time to time. Each officer will continue to perform and hold office until such time as (a) the officer's successor is chosen and appointed by the Members; or (b) the officer is dismissed or terminated by the Members, which termination will be subject to applicable law and, if an effective employment agreement exists between the officer and the Company, the employment agreement. Subject to applicable law and the employment agreement (if any), each officer will serve at the direction of Members, and may be terminated, at any time and for any reason, by the Members.

ARTICLE 5: ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING

5.1 Accounts. The Company must maintain complete accounting records of the Company's business, including a full and accurate record of each Company transaction. The records must be kept at the Company's principal executive office and must be open to inspection and copying by Members during normal business hours upon reasonable notice by the Members wishing to inspect or copy the records or their authorized representatives, for purposes reasonably related to the Membership Interest of such Members. The costs of inspection and copying will be borne by the respective Member.

5.2 Records. The Members will keep or cause the Company to keep the following business records.

- (i) An up to date list of the Members, each of their respective full legal names, last known business or residence address, Capital Contributions, the amount and terms of any agreed upon future Capital Contributions, and Ownership Interests, and Voting Interests;
- (ii) A copy of the Company's federal, state, and local tax information and income tax returns and reports, if any, for the six most recent taxable years;
- (iii) A copy of the articles of organization of the Company, as may be amended from time to time ("Articles of Organization"); and

- (iv) An original signed copy, which may include counterpart signatures, of this Agreement, and any amendments to this Agreement, signed by all then-current Members.

5.3 Income Tax Returns. Within 45 days after the end of each taxable year, the Company will use its best efforts to send each of the Members all information necessary for the Members to complete their federal and state tax information, returns, and reports and a copy of the Company's federal, state, and local tax information or income tax returns and reports for such year.

5.4 Subchapter S Election. The Company may, upon unanimous consent of the Members, elect to be treated for income tax purposes as an S Corporation. This designation may be changed as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code Section 1362(d) and applicable Regulations.

5.5 Tax Matters Member. Anytime the Company is required to designate or select a tax matters partner or partnership representative, pursuant to Section 6223 of the Internal Revenue Code and any regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service, the Members must designate one of the Members as the tax matters partner or partnership representative of the Company and keep such designation in effect at all times.

5.6 Banking. All funds of the Company must be deposited in one or more bank accounts in the name of the Company with one or more recognized financial institutions. The Members are authorized to establish such accounts and complete, sign, and deliver any banking resolutions reasonably required by the respective financial institutions in order to establish an account.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP – VOTING AND MEETINGS

6.1 Members and Voting Rights. The Members have the right and power to vote on all matters with respect to which the Articles of Organization, this Agreement, or the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act requires or permits. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement (for example, in Section 4.1(c)) or required under the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act, the vote of the Members holding at least a majority of the Voting Interest of the Company is required to approve or carry out an action.

6.2 Meetings of Members. Annual, regular, or special meetings of the Members are not required but may be held at such time and place as the Members deem

necessary or desirable for the reasonable management of the Company. A written notice setting forth the date, time, and location of a meeting must be sent within a reasonable period of time before the date of the meeting to each Member entitled to vote at the meeting. A Member may waive notice of a meeting by sending a signed waiver to the Company's principal executive office or as otherwise provided in the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act. In any instance in which the approval of the Members is required under this Agreement, such approval may be obtained in any manner permitted by the North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act, including by conference call or similar communications equipment. Any action that could be taken at a meeting may be approved by a consent in writing that describes the action to be taken and is signed by Members holding the minimum Voting Interest required to approve the action. If any action is taken without a meeting and without unanimous written consent of the Members, notice of such action must be sent to each Member that did not consent to the action.

ARTICLE 7: WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

7.1 Withdrawal. Members may withdraw from the Company prior to the dissolution and winding up of the Company (a) by transferring or assigning all of their respective Membership Interests pursuant to Section 7.2 below, or (b) if all of the Members unanimously agree in a written consent. Subject to the provisions of Article 3, a Member who withdraws pursuant to this Section 7.1 will be entitled to a distribution from the Company in an amount equal to such Member's Capital Account.

7.2 Restrictions on Transfer; Admission of Transferee. A Member may not transfer any Membership Interests, whether now owned or later acquired, unless all Members holding all of the Percentage Interests not subject to transfer consent to such transfer. A person may acquire Membership Interests directly from the Company upon the written consent of all Members. A Person that acquires Membership Interests in accordance with this Section 7.2 will be admitted as a Member of the Company only after the requirements of Section 2.3(b) are complied with in full.


ARTICLE 8: DISSOLUTION

8.1 Dissolution. The Company will be dissolved upon the first to occur of the following events:

- (i) The unanimous agreement of all Members in a consent in writing to dissolve the Company;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed or caused to be executed this Operating Agreement and do each hereby represent and warrant that their respective signatory, whose signature appears below, has been and is, on the date of this Agreement, duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

Dated: 10/1/2021



Signature of Jyothi Prakash Buchireddy



Signature of Neeraja Dasari Lokanadham

EXHIBIT A
MEMBERS

The Members of the Company and their respective addresses, Capital Contributions, and Ownership Interests are set forth below. The Members agree to keep this Exhibit A current and updated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 7.1, 7.2, and 10.1.

Members

**Capital
Contribution**

**Percentage
Interest**

Jyothi Prakash Buchireddy
Address:
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~~50%~~ 82% *J.P. Prakash*
[Eighty Two Percent] 10/1/2021

Neeraja Dasari Lokanadham
Address:
134, Oak Haven Ln.
Apex, North Carolina 27523

~~50%~~ 18% * *D.L. Neeraja*
[Eighteen Percent] 10/1/2021