



# Opinion of Counsel

**Re: Tax Lease (Contract Number 001-70034296) (the "Lease") between City of Minot, ND ("Lessee") and Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation ("Lessor")**

Sir/Madam:

I am an attorney for Lessee, and in that capacity I am familiar with the above-referenced transaction, the Lease, and all other documents pertaining to the Lease (the Lease and such other documents pertaining to the Lease being referred to as the "Lease Agreements").

Based on my examination of these and such other documents, records and papers and matters of fact and laws as I deemed to be relevant and necessary as the basis for my opinion set forth below, upon which opinion Lessor and any subsequent assignee of Lessor's interest may rely, it is my opinion that:

1. Lessee is a fully constituted political subdivision or agency duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of North Dakota (the "State"), and is authorized by such Constitution and laws (i) to enter into the transaction contemplated by the Lease Agreements and (ii) to carry out its obligations thereunder.
2. The Lease Agreements (i) have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Lessee and (ii) constitute valid, legal and binding obligations and agreements of Lessee, enforceable against Lessee in accordance with their terms, assuming due authorization and execution thereof by Lessor.
3. No further approval, license, consent, authorization or withholding of objections is required from any federal, state or local governmental authority with respect to the entering into or performance by Lessee of the Lease Agreements and the transactions contemplated by the Lease Agreements.
4. Lessee has sufficient appropriations or other funds available to pay all amounts due under the Lease Agreements for the current fiscal year.
5. The entering into and performance of the Lease Agreements will not (i) conflict with, or constitute a breach or violation of, any judgment, consent decree, order, law, regulation, bond, indenture or lease applicable to Lessee, or (ii) result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of, any lien, charge, security interest or other encumbrance upon any assets of Lessee or the Units (as defined in the Lease) pursuant to any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan, credit agreement or other instrument to which Lessee is a party, or by which it or its assets may be bound.
6. No litigation or proceeding is pending or, to the best of my knowledge, threatened to, or which may, (a) restrain or enjoin the execution, delivery or performance by Lessee of the Lease Agreements, (b) in any way contest the validity of the Lease Agreements, (c) contest or question (i) the creation or existence of Lessee or its governing body or (ii) the authority or ability of Lessee to execute or deliver the Lease Agreements or to comply with or perform its obligations under the Lease Agreements. There is no litigation or proceeding pending or, to the best of my knowledge, threatened that seeks to or could restrain or enjoin Lessee from annually appropriating sufficient funds to pay the Lease Payments (as defined in the Lease) or other amounts contemplated by the Lease Agreements. In addition, I am not aware of any facts or circumstances which would give rise to any litigation or proceeding described in this paragraph.
7. The Units are personal property and, when subjected to use by Lessee, will not be or become fixtures under the laws of the State.
8. The authorization, approval and execution of the Lease Agreements, and all other proceedings related to the transactions contemplated by the Lease Agreements, have been performed in accordance with all applicable open meeting, public records, public bidding and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State.
9. The appropriation of moneys to pay the Lease Payments coming due under the Lease and any other amounts contemplated by the Lease Agreements does not and will not result in the violation of any constitutional, statutory or other limitation relating to the manner, form or amount of indebtedness which may be incurred by Lessee.

**SIGNATURE**

Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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