

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

To: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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From: City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117



Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption

Project Title:

Cabrillo Business Park (CBP) Lot 19 Google R&D Facility (Case No. 25-0001-PCR)

Project Applicant:

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Project Location (Address and APN):

6701 Discovery Drive (formerly 355 Coromar Drive), Goleta CA 93117; APN/Parcel ID: 073-610-036

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project ("Project") will develop the currently vacant 7.6-acre Lot 19 of the Cabrillo Business Park (CBP), located at 6701 Discovery Drive (formerly 355 Coromar Drive), with a new research and development (R&D) facility (Project). The R&D facility is comprised of three (3) new buildings and related site improvements. The main R&D building, Building A, is comprised of 98,847 SF (net) with two stories and third-story mezzanine elements, located in the central portion of the Project site. Building A is supported by Building B, a single-story mechanical/electrical building (not occupied), and Building C, a three level 231-space parking structure. A portion of the first floor of the parking structure (Building C) is devoted to employee amenity uses, including a fitness room, showers/restrooms, bicycle, miscellaneous storage areas, and utility areas (5,383 SF, net). The total net building floor area of the Project is 104,230 SF. The Project also includes screened yard areas that contain ground-mounted electrical/mechanical equipment, above ground tanks to store helium, nitrogen, and back up fuel supplies, and other outdoor storage needs. The Project site is developed with an existing stormwater detention basin at the southern (rear) portion of the site. The Project does not propose any modifications to the existing detention basin area. The Project will serve as the primary research and development location to build, test, refine, and improve prototype quantum computing machines that will one day be manufactured for use by end-users to facilitate new processes and solutions across different industries and platforms.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:

Director of Planning and Environmental Review of the City of Goleta

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:

Kathleen Popovec, Google, LLC, 650-273-0980, kpopovec@google.com

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: *(Insert Type(s) and Section Number(s))*
- ☒ Other Statutory Exemption: (Public Resources Code section 21080.69)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt:

The Project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.69. Public Resources Code section 21080.69 exempts from environmental review "a project that consists exclusively of a facility for advanced manufacturing, as defined in Section 26003, if the project is located on a site zoned exclusively for industrial uses" ("Advanced Manufacturing Exemption"). Advanced manufacturing includes "manufacturing processes that improve existing or create entirely new materials, products, and processes through the use of science, engineering, or information technologies, high-precision tools and methods, a high-performance workforce, and innovative business or organizational models" utilizing advanced materials, microelectronics and nanoelectronics, integrated computational materials engineering, or additive manufacturing, among other things. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21080.69, 26003(a)(1)(A).) This definition includes systems that result from substantive advancement, whether incremental or breakthrough, beyond the current industry standard, in the production of materials and products. (*Id.*, § 26003(a)(1)(B)(i).) These advancements include improvements in manufacturing processes and systems that are often referred to as "smart" or "intelligent" manufacturing systems, which integrate computational predictability and operational efficiency. (*Id.*)

The Project qualifies for the Advanced Manufacturing Exemption because the processes and production surrounding quantum computing fall squarely under the umbrella of "advanced manufacturing". The research and development envisioned for the Project will be creating new processes through its study of quantum error correction with the ultimate goal of building a scaled-up quantum computer. This process will be conducted through the use of "science, engineering, or information technologies, high-precision tools and methods, a high-performance workforce." (Pub. Resources Code, § 26003(a)(1)(A).) Moreover, the Project is proposed on a site designated for industrial uses. Thus, the Project falls under the Advanced Manufacturing Exemption and no environmental review is required.

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Signature

Title

Date

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If filed by the applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
☐Yes ☐No

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083 and 211110, Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152.1, Public Resources Code