

Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate

Issued under authority of Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended. Filing is mandatory.

INSTRUCTIONS: File the completed application and the required attachments with the clerk of the local government unit. If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form, call 517-335-7491.

To be completed by Clerk of Local Government Unit	
Signature of Clerk	▶ Date Received by Local Unit
STC Use Only	
▶ Application Number	▶ Date Received by STC

APPLICANT INFORMATION
All boxes must be completed.

▶ 1a. Company Name (Applicant must be the occupant/operator of the facility) Cascade Die Casting Group, Inc.		▶ 1b. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code - Sec. 2(10) (4 or 6 Digit Code) 3363	
▶ 1c. Facility Address (City, State, ZIP Code) (real and/or personal property location) 9983 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, MI 49345		▶ 1d. City/Township/Village (indicate which) Sparta	▶ 1e. County Kent
▶ 2. Type of Approval Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New (Sec. 2(5)) <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Speculative Building (Sec. 3(8)) <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation (Sec. 3(6)) <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Development (Sec. 2(10)) <input type="checkbox"/> Increase/Amendment		▶ 3a. School District where facility is located Sparta Area Schools	▶ 3b. School Code 41240
		▶ 4. Amount of years requested for exemption (1-12 Years) 12 years	

5. Per section 5, the application shall contain or be accompanied by a general description of the facility and a general description of the proposed use of the facility, the general nature and extent of the restoration, replacement, or construction to be undertaken, a descriptive list of the equipment that will be part of the facility. Attach additional page(s) if more room is needed.

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6a. Cost of land and building improvements (excluding cost of land)	▶ \$1,288,845
* Attach list of improvements and associated costs. * Also attach a copy of building permit if project has already begun.	
6b. Cost of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures	▶ _____
* Attach itemized listing with month, day and year of beginning of installation, plus total	
6c. Total Project Costs	▶ \$1,288,845
* Round Costs to Nearest Dollar	
Total of Real & Personal Costs	

7. Indicate the time schedule for start and finish of construction and equipment installation. Projects must be completed within a two year period of the effective date of the certificate unless otherwise approved by the STC.

	<u>Begin Date (M/D/Y)</u>	<u>End Date (M/D/Y)</u>	
Real Property Improvements	▶ <u>04/24/2023</u>	<u>09/30/2023</u>	▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Leased
Personal Property Improvements	▶ _____	_____	▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Leased

▶ 8. Are State Education Taxes reduced or abated by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)? If yes, applicant must attach a signed MEDC Letter of Commitment to receive this exemption. Yes No

▶ 9. No. of existing jobs at this facility that will be retained as a result of this project. 149	▶ 10. No. of new jobs at this facility expected to create within 2 years of completion. 16
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11. Rehabilitation applications only: Complete a, b and c of this section. You must attach the assessor's statement of SEV for the entire plant rehabilitation district and obsolescence statement for property. The Taxable Value (TV) data below must be as of December 31 of the year prior to the rehabilitation.

a. TV of Real Property (excluding land)	_____
b. TV of Personal Property (excluding inventory)	_____
c. Total TV	_____

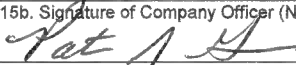
▶ 12a. Check the type of District the facility is located in:
 Industrial Development District Plant Rehabilitation District

▶ 12b. Date district was established by local government unit (contact local unit) 04/02/1988	▶ 12c. Is this application for a speculative building (Sec. 3(8))? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION - complete all boxes.

The undersigned, authorized officer of the company making this application certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, no information contained herein or in the attachments hereto is false in any way and that all are truly descriptive of the industrial property for which this application is being submitted.

It is further certified that the undersigned is familiar with the provisions of P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, being Sections 207.551 to 207.572, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, (s)he has complied or will be able to comply with all of the requirements thereof which are prerequisite to the approval of the application by the local unit of government and the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate by the State Tax Commission.

13a. Preparer Name Spencer Schultze	13b. Telephone Number (616) 281-1660	13c. Fax Number (616) 281-1720	13d. E-mail Address sschultze@cascade-cdc.com
14a. Name of Contact Person Spencer Schultze	14b. Telephone Number (616) 281-1660	14c. Fax Number (616) 281-1720	14d. E-mail Address sschultze@cascade-cdc.com
▶ 15a. Name of Company Officer (No Authorized Agents) Patrick J. Greene			
15b. Signature of Company Officer (No Authorized Agents) 		15c. Fax Number (616) 281-1720	15d. Date 08/31/2023
▶ 15e. Mailing Address (Street, City, State, ZIP Code) 7441 S Division		15f. Telephone Number (616) 281-1660	15g. E-mail Address pgreene@cascade-cdc.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION & CERTIFICATION - complete all boxes.

This section must be completed by the clerk of the local governing unit before submitting application to the State Tax Commission. Check items on file at the Local Unit and those included with the submittal.

▶ 16. Action taken by local government unit <input type="checkbox"/> Abatement Approved for _____ Yrs Real (1-12), _____ Yrs Pers (1-12) After Completion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (Include Resolution Denying)		16b. The State Tax Commission Requires the following documents be filed for an administratively complete application: Check or Indicate N/A if Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Original Application plus attachments, and one complete copy <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Resolution establishing district <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Resolution approving/denying application. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Letter of Agreement (Signed by local unit and applicant) <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Affidavit of Fees (Signed by local unit and applicant) <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Building Permit for real improvements if project has already begun <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Equipment List with dates of beginning of installation <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Form 3222 (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Speculative building resolution and affidavits (if applicable)	
16a. Documents Required to be on file with the Local Unit Check or Indicate N/A if Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Notice to the public prior to hearing establishing a district. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Notice to taxing authorities of opportunity for a hearing. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. List of taxing authorities notified for district and application action. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Lease Agreement showing applicants tax liability.			
16c. School Code			
17. Name of Local Government Body		▶ 18. Date of Resolution Approving/Denying this Application	

Attached hereto is an original application and all documents listed in 16b. I also certify that all documents listed in 16a are on file at the local unit for inspection at any time, and that any leases show sufficient tax liability.

19a. Signature of Clerk	19b. Name of Clerk	19c. E-mail Address
19d. Clerk's Mailing Address (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)		
19e. Telephone Number	19f. Fax Number	

State Tax Commission Rule Number 57: Complete applications approved by the local unit and received by the State Tax Commission by October 31 each year will be acted upon by December 31. Applications received after October 31 may be acted upon in the following year.

For faster service, email the completed application and additional required documentation to PTE@michigan.gov.

An additional submission option is to mail the completed application and required documents to:

Michigan Department of Treasury
State Tax Commission
PO Box 30471
Lansing, MI 48909

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▶ LUCI Code	▶ Begin Date Real	▶ Begin Date Personal	▶ End Date Real	▶ End Date Personal

Instruction for Completing Form 1012, Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Application

The completed original application form 1012 and all required attachments, **MUST** be filed with the clerk of the local unit of government where the facility is or will be located. Complete applications must be received by the State Tax Commission by October 31 to ensure processing and certification for the following tax year. Applications received after the October 31 deadline will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

Please note that attachments listed on the application in number 16a are to be retained by the local unit of government, and attachments listed in number 16b are to be included with the application when forwarding to the State Tax Commission (STC).

(Before commencement of a project the local unit of government must establish a district, or the applicant must request in writing a district be established, in order to qualify for an IFT abatement. Applications and attachments must be received by the local unit of government **within six months of commencement of project.**)

The following information is required on separate documents attached to form 1012 by the applicant and provided to the local unit of government (city, township or village). (Providing an accurate school district where the facility is located is vital.):

1. Legal description of the real property on which the facility is or will be located. Also provide property identification number if available.
2. Personal Property Requirements: Complete list of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures which will be used in the facility. The list should include description, **beginning date of installation** or expected installation by **month/day/year**, and costs or expected costs (see sample). Detail listing of machinery and equipment **must match amount shown** on question 6b of the application. Personal property applications must have attached a certified statement/affidavit as proof of the beginning date of installation (see sample).
3. Real Property Requirements: Proof of date the construction started (groundbreaking). Applicant must include one of the following if the project has already begun; building permit, footings inspection report, or certified statement/affidavit from contractor indicating exact date of commencement.
4. Complete copy of lease agreement as executed, if applicable, verifying lessee (applicant) has direct ad

valorem real and/or personal property tax liability. The applicant must have real and/or personal property tax liability to qualify for an IFT abatement on leased property. If applying for a real property tax exemption on leased property, the lease must run the full length of time the abatement is granted by the local unit of government. Tax liability for leased property should be determined before sending to the STC.

The following information is required of the local unit of government: [Please note that only items 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 below are forwarded to the State Tax Commission with the application, along with items 2 & 3 from above. The original is required by the STC. The remaining items are to be retained at the local unit of government for future reference. **(The local unit must verify that the school district listed on all IFT applications is correct.)**]

1. A copy of the notice to the general public and the certified notice to the property owners concerning the establishment of the district.
2. **Certified copy of the resolution establishing the Industrial Development District (IDD) or Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD), which includes a legal description of the district (see sample). If the district was not established prior to the commencement of construction, the local unit shall include a certified copy or date stamped copy of the written request to establish the district.**
3. Copy of the notice and the certified letters to the taxing authorities regarding the hearing to approve the application.
4. **Certified copy of the resolution approving the application. The resolution must include the number of years the local unit is granting the abatement and the statement “the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of (governmental unit), or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in (governmental unit – see sample).**
5. **Letter of Agreement (signed by the local unit of government and the applicant per P.A. 334 of 1993 (see sample)).**
6. **Affidavit of Fees (signed by the local unit of government and the applicant), (Bulletin 3, January 16, 1998). This statement may be**

incorporated into the Letter of Agreement (see sample).

7. Treasury Form 3222 (if applicable - *Fiscal Statement for Tax Abatement Request.*)

The following information is required for rehabilitation applications in addition to the above requirements:

1. A listing of existing machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures which will be replaced or renovated. This listing should include description, beginning date of installation or expected installation by month/day/year, and costs or expected costs.
2. A rehabilitation application must include a statement from the Assessor showing the taxable valuation of the plant rehabilitation district, separately stated for real property (EXCLUDING LAND) and personal property. Attach a statement from the assessor indicating the obsolescence of the property being rehabilitated.

The following information is required for speculative building applications in addition to the above requirements:

1. A certified copy of the resolution to establish a speculative building.
2. A statement of non-occupancy from the owner and the assessor.

Please refer to the following Web site for P.A. 198 of 1974: www.legislature.mi.gov/. For more information and Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.michigan.gov/propertytaxexemptions.

Legal Description: 410527226037 N 584.43 FT OF E 456.87 FT OF NE 1/4 ALSO N 189.75 FT OF W 236.13 FT OF E 693.0 FT OF NE 1/4 EX E 50 FT & EX N 33 FT OF REMAINDER * SEC 27 T9N R12W 6.00 A. SPLIT/COMBINED ON 02/03/2015 FROM 41-05-27-226-021, 41-05-27-226-019;

Project Narrative: The project expands our existing ~77k sf die casting facility by adding a brand new employee cafe/break room, truck docks, and metal storage area. Cascade has engaged Pioneer Construction, Inc. to coordinate and complete this expansion project. The cafe/break room is being added to improve the employee experience at Cascade, and the truck docks and metal storage additions will facilitate improved operating efficiency, safety, and utilization of remaining plant footprint.

How Project Creates / Protects Jobs: The talent market in West Michigan is as tight / competitive as ever, and the addition of an attractive and functional employee break room supports our commitment to making Cascade an employer of choice and allows us to attract and retain employees to keep the operations staffed. The new metal storage space supports our upcoming addition of a fourth melting furnace, which will be needed to handle a planned increase in production and sales. Similarly, the added truck dock will allow us to make better, safer use of our plant and to utilize the existing loading dock area for improved material handling and product flow. In connection with these additions and the production and sales capacity that they will create, we are expecting to add up to 30 full-time jobs over the next three years. In addition to the real property additions, we are investing in equipment over the next several years to support these same objectives, and we are confidentially working with The Right Place and the MEDC to attain grant funding for putting such investment into our Sparta facility as opposed to our North Carolina facility.

Why Requesting IFT?: The IFT was implemented to enable renovation and expansion of aging facilities, which aligns directly with the scope of our project. We are investing significant capital into our Sparta location and doing so is protecting and creating jobs, so we feel that a commitment from state and local government to support this activity is worthwhile.