Exhibit A

AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE AND RELEASE OF GUARANTORS MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND LOAN CITY OF DULUTH AND ST PAPER

THIS AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE, AND RELEASE OF GUARANTORS ("Amendment and Release") entered into this ______ day of January, 2024, is by and between the CITY OF DULUTH, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota ("Lender"); and ST PAPER 1 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Borrower"); SOFIDEL AMERICA CORP, a Florida corporation ("Sofidel"); TAK INVESTMENTS, INC., a Delaware corporation; and SHARAD TAK, an individual residing in the State of Florida with an address at 3101 S. Ocean Drive, Unit 2708, Hollywood, Florida, 33019 (together Tak Investments, Inc. and Sharad Tak are "Guarantors").

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2022, Lender and Borrower entered into a Minnesota Investment Fund Ioan ("MIF Loan") agreement ("MIF Loan Agreement") (City Contract Number 24414) and associated Promissory Note dated October 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Borrower wishes to sell to Sofidel its property at 100 North Central Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota, where the Project (as that term is defined in the MIF Loan Agreement) funded by the MIF Loan is located; and

WHEREAS, Sofidel wishes to assume the responsibilities of Borrower for the MIF Loan Agreement and the associated Promissory Note; and

WHEREAS, Borrower has not yet completed all the compliance requirements of the MIF Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the security and guaranty requirements of the MIF Loan Agreement, Tak Investments executed a Guaranty Agreement dated October 5, 2022, in favor of Lender, and Sharad Tak executed a Guaranty Agreement dated, October 5, 2022, in favor of Lender (together "Guaranties"); and

WHEREAS, Lender supports the sale to Sofidel and the release of Tak Investments and Sharad Tak as Guarantors for the MIF Loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to the following:

- 1. To amend the MIF Loan Agreement to substitute "Sofidel America Corp." for "ST Paper 1 LLC" In every instance where reference is made in the MIF Loan Agreement to "ST Paper 1, LLC" thereby making Sofidel America Corp. the "Borrower" as that term is used in the MIF Loan Agreement.
- Amend Section 9.15 of the MIF Loan Agreement to delete the following: ST Paper 1, LLC ATTN: Sharad Tak

9201 Corporate Blvd. Suite 420 Rockville, MD 20850 And insert the following at the same location: 300 Welsh Road ATTN: Luigi Lazzareschi Building One Second Floor Horsham, PA 19044

- 3. To amend the Promissory Note to substitute "Sofidel America Corp." for "ST Paper 1 LLC" In every instance where reference is made in the Promissory Note to "ST Paper 1, LLC" thereby making Sofidel America Corp. the "Borrower" as that term is used in the Promissory Note.
- 4. Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the MIF Loan Agreement and Promissory Note remain in full force and effect.
- 5. To release Tak Investments, Inc. from all payment and other obligations under the Guaranty Agreement dated October 5, 2022.
- 6. To release Sharad Tak from all payment and other obligations under the Guaranty Agreement dated, October 5, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands the day and date shown below.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

CITY OF DULUTH, a Minnesota municipal corporation

Ву: _____

Roger Reinert, Mayor

Attest:_____

Ian Johnson, City Clerk

Date Attested:_____

Ву:____

Josh Bailey, City Auditor

Approved as to form:

By:___

Jessica Fralich, City Attorney

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2024, by Roger Reinert, the Mayor of the City of Duluth, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, for and on behalf of the municipal corporation.

ST PAPER 1 LLC,

A Delaware limited liability company

Ву: _____

Name: _____

lts: _____

STATE OF)
) ss
COUNTY OF	_)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2024, by ______, the ______ of ST Paper 1 LLC, a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, for and on behalf of the company.

SOFIDEL AMERICA CORP, A Florida corporation

Ву:_____

Name: _____

lts: _____

STATE OF)
) ss
COUNTY OF)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2024, by ______, the ______ of Sofidel America Corp, a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, for and on behalf of the company.

TAK INVESTMENTS INC., A Delaware corporation

Ву:_____

Name: _____

lts: _____

STATE OF)
) ss
COUNTY OF)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2024, by ______, the ______ of Tak Investments Inc., a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware, for and on behalf of the company.

SHARAD TAK, an individual residing in the State of Florida with an address at 3101 S. Ocean Drive, Unit 2708 Hollywood, Florida, 33019

Ву:_____

SHARAD TAK

STATE OF)
) ss
COUNTY OF)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2024, by Sharad Tak.

Notary Public

This instrument was drafted by:

Jean Coleman Attorney for the Duluth Economic Development Authority 440 City Hall Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 730-5283