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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO. 2016-56
C3E GEOMATICS LLC)	
RESPONDENT)	
)	

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and C3E Geomatics LLC [hereinafter "Respondent"], by and through its duly authorized undersigned representative, hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional land surveying firm and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice land surveying in the State of Louisiana.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed that since at least July 2016 Respondent has (a) admittedly offered to provide land surveying services in Louisiana, including offering to provide land surveying services on a project for Beau Box Commercial Real Estate in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (b) represented on its website that it offers "quality surveying services at competitive rates" and "surveying services for a variety of professionals" and that its "main surveying services" include "topographic surveys", "boundary surveys", "ALTA/NSPS land title survey", "division of property", "construction staking", "asbuilt surveys", "flood certificates", "lot stake outs", "slab surveys" and "no work affidavits", (c) represented on its *Facebook* page that it offers "land surveying services throughout south Louisiana" and "fast, reliable, high-quality surveying and 3D modeling for machine control services" and that it is "becoming Baton Rouge's leader in land surveying", (d) conducted business in Louisiana and (e) maintained an office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), prohibit the practicing of and/or offering to practice land surveying and the use of the words "land surveyor", "land surveying" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:700(H) permits the Board to take enforcement action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), La. R.S. 37:700(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that Respondent has never been licensed to practice and/or offer to land surveying in Louisiana and since at least July 2016 Respondent has admittedly offered to practice land surveying and used the words "survey", "surveying", "land surveying" and modifications or derivatives thereof to describe its business activities and services in Louisiana without proper licensure.

By letter dated February 20, 2018, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), relative to offering to practice land surveying and using the words "land surveyor", "land surveying" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further enforcement action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of its own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to (a) pay a fine of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of five hundred six and 58/100 (\$506.58) dollars, (c) immediately cease and desist practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying and using the words "survey", "surveyor", "surveying" or any modification or derivative thereof in referring to itself or in

describing or promoting its business, activities or services in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board and (d) the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that its conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that it will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth.

Respondent has been advised of its right to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in its own behalf, it hereby waives this right and its right to appeal, and it states affirmatively that it has been afforded all administrative remedies due it under the law. Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order,
Respondent does hereby waive its right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of
evidence and witnesses in its behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and
to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that (a) it fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) it has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with it by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

Respondent shall pay a fine of one thousand five-hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of five hundred six and 58/100 (\$506.58) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying and using the words "survey", "surveyor", "surveying" or any modification or derivative thereof in referring to itself or in describing or promoting its business, activities or services in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board; and

This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and

This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

> LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 4/10/18

BY: ODNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

C3E GEOMATICS LLC, Respondent

DATE: 3/11/18

Witnesses to the signature of C3E Geomatics LLC

Print Name: Kelly Land

Print Name: Ph + Pfaff

Approved by:

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