## LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 8550 UNITED PLAZA BLVD., SUITE 903 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443 (225) 925-6291

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## **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 C.P.S. Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. [hereinafter "Respondent"], by and through its duly authorized undersigned representative, hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional land surveying firm, number VF-358. At all times material hereto, Timothy L. Collins, PLS was listed as a supervising professional for the respondent during a time when his land surveyor license, number PLS-4752, was expired.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and/or documents which suggested that the Respondent may have committed violations of the Board's laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that after Mr. Collins' land surveyor license expired on September 30, 2023; and Respondent (a) has failed to designate a qualified supervising professional, (b) has continued to practice and/or offer to practice land surveying on at least twenty-seven (27) projects in Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2305A(1), require each professional surveying firm to designate a supervising professional who is qualified to perform land surveying services. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2305A(1), 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. 37:698(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:698(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2305A(1) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) at all times material hereto Respondent was licensed in Louisiana as a professional land surveying firm, (b) at all times material hereto Mr. Collins' license in Louisiana as a professional land surveyor was expired, (c) after Mr. Collins' license expired, Respondent failed to designate a qualified supervising professional and Respondent has continued to practice and/or offer to practice land surveying on at least twenty-seven (27) projects in Louisiana with a supervising professional with an expired professional license.

By letter dated April 15, 2025, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated (a) La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2305A(1), relative to a professional land surveying with a professional with an expired license serving as supervising professional.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary 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 Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$3,750.00) Dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Ninety Five and 68/100 (\$495.68) Dollars, (c) to cease and desist using the words "Land Surveying or any derivative thereof in the firm name; 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 an informal conference, 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. Respondent hereby waives these rights 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 an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board,
to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on 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 Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100
   (\$3,750.00) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
- Respondent shall pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Ninety Five and
   68/100 (\$495.68) 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 in Louisiana and shall cease and desist using the word "land surveying" or any derivative thereof in its name or any form of business activity in Louisiana.
- 4. To do so, Respondent must, within 30 day of the effective date of the approval of this consent order, amend its Certificate of Authority to reflect only that is provides or offers to provide and must apply for a firm name change with LAPELS; and
- 5. 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

6. 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: June 16, 2025

BY: DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

C.P.S ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, INC., Respondent

DATE: 4/30/2025 BY: Wengue W. My PC

Witnesses to the signature of

C.P.S Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc.

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