## LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443 (225) 925-6291

IN THE MATTER OF:	) CASE NO.: 2008-77
ERIC C. GREEN, P.E.	)
RESPONDENT	)
REST OT DETAIL	)
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## **CONSENT ORDER**

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Secretary, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Eric C. Green, P.E. [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE – 32906. Green Engineering Consulting is not licensed, nor has it ever been licensed, in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, and therefore it is not now, nor has it ever been, authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering 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 practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana under the business name "Green Engineering Consulting". The information, documents and subsequent investigation disclosed that in 2008 Respondent, using the business name "Green Engineering Consulting", may have performed engineering work in Louisiana and prepared, sealed and submitted to a client in Louisiana an engineering report relative to the foundation design and post-construction performance of the Caddo/Bossier Port Commission's Transit Warehouse located in Shreveport, Louisiana. "Green Engineering Consulting" is the business name of Respondent's sole proprietorship.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(C), requires that a non-firm individual proprietorship be licensed as an engineering firm if it does not bear the full name of the licensed owner. 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§2301(C), 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. 37:700(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(C) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) Green Engineering Consulting has never been licensed to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana, (b) in 2008 Respondent practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana using the business name "Green Engineering Consulting" and (c) "Green Engineering Consulting" is the business name of Respondent's sole proprietorship.

By letter dated August 3, 2009, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), to wit LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(C), relative to the failure of a licensed professional to separately license his non-firm individual proprietorship that does not bear his full name.

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 his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees (a) to pay a fine of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars and administrative costs of five hundred twenty two and 99/100 (\$522.99) dollars, (b) to immediately cease and desist doing business under the name "Green Engineering Consulting" in the State of Louisiana until such time as that business is duly licensed as a firm by the Board, (c) to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination and (d) to the publishing 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 to violations of the referenced statutes and/or rules regarding the licensure of non-firm individual proprietorships that do not bear the full name of the owner who is a licensed professional. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been

advised of his 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 his own behalf, and he hereby waives this right and his right to appeal; and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law.

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

Respondent hereby represents (a) that he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) that he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person or entity whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) that 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:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a fine of one thousand (\$1,000.00) 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 twenty two and 99/100 (\$522.99) 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 doing business under the name "Green Engineering Consulting" in the State of Louisiana until such time as that business is duly licensed as a firm by the Board; and
- 4. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination with a score of 90% or higher and return it to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; 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 <u>Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal</u>, 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 from further participation, consideration or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATED 9/22/2009

BY: Adul A Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Secretary

DATED 12 Aug 09

ERIC C. GREEN, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of Eric C. Green, P.E.

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