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BOARD SUSPENDS P.S. REGISTRATION AND REVOKES COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Mark T. Jones, P.S., Executive Director, Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, announced today that, at its September 8, 2004 Board meeting, the Board suspended **Douglas P. Martin's** Professional Surveyor registration for two years and revoked the Certificate of Authorization of his company **American Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.**

The State Board takes action within its power to protect the public against the dangers arising out of the incompetent and illegal practice of the professions of engineering and surveying. The practice of engineering and surveying is a privilege, as opposed to a right, and each person who holds a certificate of registration from the Board must maintain integrity and high standards of skills and practice in the professions of engineering and surveying.

On May 25, 2004 the Board, through its Hearing Officer, conducted an adjudication hearing concerning an allegation that Douglas P. Martin, P.S., a Toledo, Ohio resident, falsely and dishonestly listed three Professional Engineers as directors of his engineering and surveying firm, American Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., in order to obtain a Certificate of Authorization. The Board's investigation revealed that the three Professional Engineers were not employees of American Land Surveying & Engineering, are not and have never been directors of

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the corporation, and did not give Mr. Martin permission to list them as directors of his corporation. Ohio law requires that any firm offering and providing engineering or surveying services in the State of Ohio must be granted a Certificate of Authorization from the Board. Based on the Board's investigation and the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation, the Board adopted the Hearing Examiners recommendation and suspended Mr. Martin's registration as a Professional Surveyor for two years. The suspension begins on October 1, 2004 and ends on September 30, 2006. The Board also revoked American Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.'s Certificate of Authorization to offer and provide engineering or surveying services in the State of Ohio.

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