

**STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF LICENSURE  
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Mr. Jasper Reid  
Reid Steel Truss Inc  
12964 Highway 278 W  
Cullman, AL 35057

**Respondent**

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Case No. 2015-37-C

**CONSENT ORDER**

Jasper Reid, of Reid Steel Truss Inc (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent”) hereby stipulates and agrees, subject to approval of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) as follows:

**STIPULATED FACTS**

Respondent stipulates on June 15, 2015, the Board initiated a complaint in reference to Reid Steel Truss Inc possibly violating Title 34 of the Code of Alabama. The complaint indicated the firm produces pre-engineered trusses without employing an Alabama licensed professional engineer to provide the design of the pre-engineered trusses.

Respondent stipulates the firm does not employ an Alabama licensed professional engineer and it has not been issued a certificate of authorization for engineering by the Board authorizing it to offer and/or provide engineering services in the State of Alabama.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 20’ Truss, Scale 3/16” = 1’ 0” Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss

design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 24' Truss, Scale 3/16" = 1' 0" Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 30' Truss, Scale 3/16" = 1' 0" Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 36' Truss, Scale 3/16" = 1' 0" Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 40' Truss, Scale 3/16" = 1' 0" Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates on or about August 26, 1986, the firm purchased a steel truss design from John Paden, a licensed professional engineer, identified as 50' Truss, Scale 3/16" = 1' 0" Date 9-29-86 and has used that design without modification since that time.

Respondent stipulates that it has continued to use the six steel truss design plans that bear the professional seal and signature of John Paden, professional engineer, after his death in January 2008.

Respondent stipulates that it has sold steel trusses to buyers in the state of Alabama without determining if the design of the truss meets the applicable code requirements in the locale where the building is to be constructed.

Respondent stipulates a Board Technical Advisor reviewed the design plans created by John Paden, PE and provided a report that in summary stated that the trusses are overstressed under the original design loads, under minimal design loads, and under wind loads whether using the current building code or the code in effect at the time of the design.

**STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent admits he is subject to the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 11, Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-11-11 and the jurisdiction of the Board.

Respondent stipulates his conduct as set forth in the foregoing “Stipulated Facts” constitutes violations of Title 34, Chapter 11, Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-11-16(a)(1).

Respondent stipulates his conduct as set forth in the “Stipulated Facts” is a violation of those statutes set forth above, and it is subject to disciplinary action under Title 34, Chapter 11, Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-11-11.

### **STIPULATED DISPOSITION**

Respondent shall not in the future violate the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 11, Code of Alabama 1975.

Respondent understands this Consent Order and subsequent Final Order will be a public Record, and this information will be placed on the Board's website and in its newsletter.

Respondent will **CEASE and DESIST** using the design plans created by deceased professional engineer John Paden and dispose of and exclude as assets in any sale any existing trusses produced according to those plans.

Respondent must develop a process to insure all its future pre-engineered truss designs for projects in Alabama are (1) prepared by an Alabama licensed professional engineer, (2) are current, and (3) are applicable to the locale where construction is to take place.

Respondent shall submit to the Board with this signed Consent Order a check made payable to PE/PLS Fund in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the cost of the investigation. Respondent shall also submit to the Board with this signed Consent Order a civil penalty in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) via a check made payable to the State of Alabama General Fund.

Respondent understands this Consent Order is subject to the approval of the Board and

has no force and effect until a Final Order based upon it is rendered by the Board.

Respondent agrees to comply with the terms of this Consent Order and understands failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Order may result in additional charges or discipline.

Respondent understands in order to make a decision relative to approving this Consent Order discussions must take place between Board Members, Board Staff and Board Counsel.

Respondent understands that this discussion will take place at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

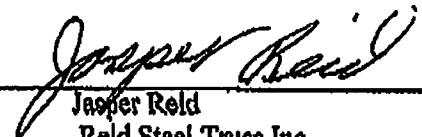
Respondent understands he has the right to seek the advice of legal counsel. Respondent also understands he has the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, to compel the testimony of witnesses, to cross-examine witnesses against him, and to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision in said formal hearing but expressly waives these rights with execution of this Consent Order and Final Order of the Board.


Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Consent Order, the stipulated facts, conclusions of law and imposition of administrative action contained herein, and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Consent Order.

Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause executes this Consent Order. It is agreed that presentation to and consideration of the Consent Order by the Board requires certain factual information related to this matter be disclosed to the Board members. Should the Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is therefore expressly agreed that the reviewing, and consideration of this Consent Order, and the information provided to the Board for their review, shall not unfairly prejudice the Board and shall in no way act to disqualify any Board member from any further participation in this matter through its resolution, including, but not limited to, any contested hearing on this matter should

one be necessary. Likewise, if this Consent Order is not accepted, the Board shall not take into consideration the contents of this Order as evidence of an admission.

SIGNED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016

  
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Jasper Reid  
Reid Steel Truss Inc

APPROVED:  
  
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Benjamin A. Abritton  
Assistant Attorney General

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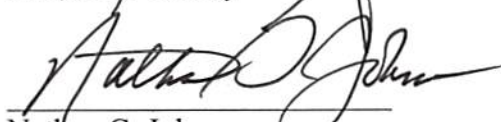
FINAL ORDER

The Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors having considered the Consent Order signed by Jasper Reid of Reid Steel Truss Inc., in which he stipulated the firm violated the Code of Alabama 1975, §34-11-16(a)1, hereby adopts the Consent Order and issues this Final Order.

The Consent Order and Final Order take immediate effect upon the signing of this Final Order and the Respondent is **ORDERED** to abide by the Consent Order and Final Order approved by the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

ENTERED this the 16th day of November, 2016

  
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RECUSED  
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