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August 5, 2015

Timothy Fritz
Fritz's Siding LLC
1021 2nd Street
St. Paul Park, MN 55071

Re: Licensing Order
Our Investigative File #REG1504-00024/KBU

Dear Mr. Fritz:

The Department of Labor and Industry has concluded its investigation of the above captioned matter. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the result of our investigation and the disciplinary action that we have determined is appropriate in light of the violations we have discovered.

The Department has prepared a Licensing Order by which your company's registration is suspended and a monetary penalty of \$1,000 is assessed. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Licensing Order containing the basis for the Department's action.

As provided by law and noted in the Order, you have the right to appeal this Order by requesting a hearing. A request for hearing must be made in writing as explained in the Order. However, you should be aware that if an administrative law judge finds that the hearing was requested solely for purposes of delay or that the request was frivolous, the Department may add to the amount of the penalty the costs charged to the agency by the Office of Administrative Hearings for the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Bugar".

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Encl: Licensing Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Labor and Industry

In the Matter of the Contractor Registration of
Fritz's Siding LLC

**LICENSING ORDER
WITH PENALTY**

I. ORDER

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry ("Commissioner") issues this Order against Fritz's Siding LLC ("Respondent").

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 326B.082, subd. 6; 326B.082, subd. 12 (b); and 326B.083 (2014), the Commissioner hereby assesses against Respondent a monetary penalty of \$1,000.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 11(b) and 12 (2014) and Minn. Stat. § 326B.083 (2014), the Commissioner hereby suspends the Contractor Registration of Respondent, No. IR695495, until such time that Respondent provides a complete answer to the Commissioner's April 17, 2015 subpoena and pays the monetary penalty imposed herein.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12 (b) (2014), the Commissioner also hereby orders Respondent and its principal(s), during the period of contractor registration suspension, to cease and desist from performing public or private sector commercial or residential building construction or improvement services for which registration in the Minnesota Construction Contractor Registration Program ("Registration Program") is required.

The Commissioner takes the above action based upon the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subd. 2 (2014) requires all contractors who intend to provide commercial or residential building construction or improvement services in Minnesota to be registered with the Registration Program if they are not required to hold a license issued by the Commissioner.
2. Respondent is in the business of providing building construction or improvement services. According to the records of the Minnesota Secretary of State ("SOS"), Respondent filed as a limited liability company on April 28, 2009, with a registered office address of 1021 2nd Street, St. Paul Park, MN 55071.
3. Respondent registered with the registration program, but not until after the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry ("Department") opened an investigation of Respondent's business activities.

4. Respondent, as a registered contractor, must comply with all Minnesota statutes and rules governing contractor registration and worker classification, Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723, 326B.701, 326B.081 to 326B.085 (2014) and Minn. R. Chapter 5224 (2013).
5. Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subd. 5 (2014) prohibits a contractor from hiring another contractor to perform building construction services unless the contractor being hired is licensed with the Commissioner or registered in the Registration Program.
6. On April 7, 2015, the Department opened an investigation of Respondent based on information that indicated Respondent may have engaged in violations of the Minnesota statutes and rules governing worker classification in the construction industry.
7. On April 17, 2015, a Department investigator mailed a subpoena duces tecum via first-class and certified mail to Respondent. The subpoena required the production of documentation relating to Respondent's subcontractors, contractors, and employees.
8. On June 2, 2015, the Department investigator called Respondent's principal, Timothy Fritz, and confirmed that he had received the subpoena. The investigator told Fritz that he was required to register his company and respond in writing to the subpoena.
9. Respondent registered with the Department on June 10, 2015, No. IR695495, but has failed to provide a response to the April 17, 2015 subpoena.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent committed violations of applicable law. Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723; 326B.701, and 326B.082, subd. 11 (b)(1) (2014).
2. Respondent failed to provide a written response to the Commissioner's April 17, 2015 subpoena. Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 11 (b)(6) (2014).

IV. DETERMINATION OF PENALTY AMOUNT

In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner considered: the extent of deviation from compliance; whether the violation was willful; the gravity of the violation; the number of violations; whether there is a history of past violations; whether Respondent gained economic benefit in not complying with the law; and other factors as justice may require.

V. REQUEST FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014), Respondent shall have 30 days after issuance of this Licensing Order to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the Commissioner at the following address or fax number by the deadline.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
CCLD - Enforcement Services Unit
Attention: Charlie Durenberger
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Fax number: (651) 284-5746

The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. If the request for hearing is served by fax it cannot exceed 15 pages in length and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on the last day permitted for serving a request. Respondent's review rights are more thoroughly described in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subds. 4 and 12(c) (2014).

If Respondent submits to the Commissioner a timely request for hearing, this Licensing Order shall be stayed unless otherwise ordered by a judge, and a contested case hearing will be conducted. The contested case procedures are set out in chapter 14 of the Minnesota Statutes, and the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 (2013), and Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014). These materials may be purchased from the Minnesota Book Store, telephone (651) 297-3000, and are also available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

VI. EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER

If Respondent does not request a hearing or Respondent's request for a hearing is not served on or faxed to the Commissioner by 30 days after issuance of this Licensing Order, this Licensing Order shall become a final order of the Commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014).

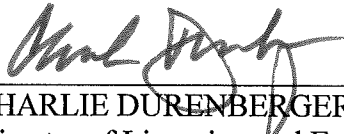
Respondent is prohibited from applying for reinstatement of its contractor registration until such time full compliance with the terms of this Licensing Order has been achieved.

The monetary penalty assessed against the Respondent by this Licensing Order is due and payable on the date the Licensing Order becomes final. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3(a) (2014). When this Licensing Order becomes final, the Commissioner may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 16D.17 (2014) and 326B.083, subd. 2 (2014). Failure to pay a monetary penalty owed may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the Commissioner. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 17 (2014). Also, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2014), Respondent is hereby notified

that thirty (30) days after the date this Licensing Order becomes final, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13, subd. 2 (2014) will begin to accrue on the unpaid portion of the penalty.

Dated: 8/5/15

KEN B. PETERSON
Commissioner


BY: CHARLIE DURENBERGER
Director of Licensing and Enforcement
Construction Codes and Licensing Division
Department of Labor and Industry