BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Harry Jim Bacon Home Inspector Registration No. 44513

Pillar to Post, Inc Firm Registration No. 16623 (Expired) Case No. HI20-034

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondents

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, the undersigned party, Harry Jim Bacon ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 44513, Pillar to Post, Inc ("Respondent Firm"), holder of Registration No. 16623 (Expired), and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.

2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other

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administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.

Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.

5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records (as defined in A.R.S. § 41-158.18) upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.

6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number HI20-034 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.

7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.

8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.

9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent

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Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.

Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of Home Inspection in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Home Inspector, Registration No. 44513, which expired on June 30, 2019.

3. Respondent Firm is holder of Arizona Registration No. 16623, which expired on July 26, 2017.

4. Board records indicated that Respondent is the firm principal and is the responsible party for Respondent Firm.

5. On or about May 2, 2020, the Board opened a complaint alleging that Respondent failed to accurately report on the presence of garage door operators, failed to accurately report on the condition of the plumbing under the downstairs kitchen sink, and failed to report on the condition of the chimney, while conducting a home inspection at 2107 Bullis Lane in Prescott, Arizona, on or about March 13, 2020.

6. It is further alleged that Respondent conducted a home inspection while his certification with the Board as a Home Inspector was in a delinquent status. Board records show

that Respondent's certification expired on June 30, 2019, and had not been renewed on March 3, I 2 2020. 3 7. It is also alleged that Respondent and Respondent Firm engaged in the practice of 4 home inspection without firm registration with the Board. Board records indicate that 5 Respondent Firm's registration expired on July 26, 2017. 8. 6 On June 30, 2020, the Board received Respondent's Home Inspector certification 7 renewal, which was renewed and issued a new expiration date of June 30, 2021. 8 9. On November 6, 2020, an Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting ("EAC") 9 convened to review the complaint against Respondent. After reviewing the evidence, the Committee substantiated the allegation. The Committee also found that Respondent failed to 10 conduct a home inspection in accordance with Standards of Professional Practice for Arizona 11 12 Home Inspectors ("S.O.P") and found that: 13 Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the foundation a. as required in S.O.P. #4.1 and #4.2, 14 Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the floors as 15 b. required in S.O.P. #4.1 and #4.2, 16 Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the wall structure as 17 c. 18 required in S.O.P #4.1 and #4.2, 19 d. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the columns as required in S.O.P. #4.2, 20Respondent failed to to accurately report on the condition of the ceiling structure as 21 e. required in S.O.P #4.2, 22 Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the wall flashings and 23 f. 24 trim as required in S.O.P. #5.1, Respondent failed to accurately report on the exterior doors as required in S.O.P. 25 g. #5.2, 26Respondent failed to accurately report on the representative number of windows as h. 27 required in S.O.P. #5.2, $\overline{28}$

	i. Respondent failed to accurately report on the deck safety rails as required in S.O.P.
2	#5.1,
3	j. Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the roof
4	coverings as required in S.O.P. #6.1 and #6.2,
5	k. Respondent failed to accurately observe and report on the condition of the drainage
6	system as required in S.O.P #6.1,
7	I. Respondent failed to accurately observe and report on the condition of the flashings
8	and penetrations as required in S.O.P. #6.1,
9	m. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of piping materials as
10	required in S.O.P. #7.1,
11	n. Respondent failed to accurately report on the presence and condition of pipe
12	supports and insulations are required in S.O.P. #7.1,
13	o. Respondent failed to accurately report on the functional flow as required in S.O.P.
14	#7.1,
15	p. Respondent failed to accurately observe and report on the condition of the waste
16	piping as required in S.O.P. #7.2,
17	q. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the functional drainage
18	as required in S.O.P #7.1,
19	r. Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the hot water
20	system as required in S.O.P. #7.1 and #7.2,
21	s. Respondent failed to accurately report on presence and condition of the automatic
22	safety controls as required in S.O.P. #7.1,
23	t. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of flutes and vents as
24	required in S.O.P. #7.1,
25	u. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of fuel storage and fuel
26	distribution as required in S.O.P. #7.1,
27	v. Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the service
28	conductor as required in S.O.P. #8.1 and #8.2,

	1	•	w.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the service ground as	
	2		requ	uired in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	3	2	x.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the overcurrent	
	4		pro	tection devices as required in S.O.P. #8.1 and #8.2,	
	5	2	у.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the locations and conditions of the main	
	6	panel configuration and distribution panels as required in S.O.P. #8.1,			
	7	2	Ζ.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the services amperage and voltage as	
	8		requ	uired in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	9	1	aa.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the branch circuit	
	10		con	ductors as required in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	11	1	bb.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the compatibility as	
	12		req	uired in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	13	(cc.	Respondent failed to accurately report on a representative number of lights and	
	14		swi	tches as required in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	15	(dd.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of polarity and grounding	
	16		as r	equired in S.O.P. #8.1,	
	17	(ee.	Respondent failed to accurately report on presence and condition of automatic	
	18		safe	ety controls as required in S.O.P. #9.1,	
	19	t	ff.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the chimney, flues, and	
	20		ven	ts as required in S.O.P. #9.1,	
	21	1	gg.	Respondent failed to accurately report the type and condition of the distribution	
	22		syst	tem as required in S.O.P. #9.1,	
	23	1	hh.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of air filters as required in	
	24		S.0	D.P. #9.1,	
	25	i	ii.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the presence of a heat source in every	
	26		roo	m as required in S.O.P. #9.1,	
	27	j	ij.	Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the operating controls	
	28		as r	required in S.O.P. #10.1,	

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	1	kk. Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the distribution
	2	system as required in S.O.P. #10.1 and #10.2,
	3	II. Respondent failed to accurately report on the presence of a cooling source in
	4	every room as required in S.O.P. #10.1,
	5	mm. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the walls and ceilings as
	6	required in S.O.P. #11.1,
	7	nn. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the interior steps and
	8	stairways as required in S.O.P. #11.1,
	9	oo. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the interior cabinets as
	10	required in S.O.P. #11.1,
	11	pp. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the interior doors as
	12	required in S.O.P. #11.2,
	13	qq. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the fire separation walls
	14	and ceilings as required in S.O.P. #11.1,
\frown	15	rr. Respondent failed to accurately report on the type and condition of the vapor
	16	retarder as required in S.O.P. #12.1 and #12.2,
	17	ss. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the attic ventilation as
	18	required in S.O.P. #12.1,
	19	tt. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the kitchen ventilation
	20	as required in S.O.P. #12.1,
	21	uu. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the bathroom ventilation
	22	as required in S.O.P. #12.1,
	23	vv. Respondent failed to accurately report on the condition of the laundry ventilation
	24	as required in S.O.P. #12.1.
	25	ww. As of November 6, 2020, Respondent has not renewed Respondent Firm.
	26	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
	27	1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
\frown	28	2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline

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pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301.01, in that Respondent failed to conduct a home inspection in accordance with the Standards of Professional Practice for Arizona Home Inspectors.

3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-141 in that Respondent and Respondent Firm practiced or offered to practice a Board regulated profession without firm registration.

4. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-127(D) and A.R.S. § 32-145(1) in that Respondent engaged in the practice of a Board regulated profession while registration was expired and in a delinquent status.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

1. **RESTITUTION**. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay restitution to the clients, Jamie Scott Wood and Kristen Marie Wood, in the amount of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) for the cost of the home inspection fee related to case HI20-034. Respondent shall provide proof of payment made to the client, such as a copy of the check, to the Board of Technical Registration showing payment was made to the client.

2. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**. Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender his Certified Home Inspector Registration No. 44513 in lieu of a formal hearing.

3. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this day of 2021.

Jasop E. Roose, R.L.S., Chairman Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

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Consent Agreement and Order, No. HI20-034 accepted this <u>30</u>day of <u>December</u> 2020. I Harry Jim Bacon on behalf of himself and on behalf of Pillar to Post, Inc, Respondents ORIGINAL filed this 27th day of January_, 2021, with: Arizona State Board of Technical Registration 1110 W. Washington, Suite 240 Phoenix, AZ 85007 COPY of the foregoing mailed via Certified Mail No.9214 & CO19434460000077 and First Class mail this 27th day of <u>January</u>, 2021, to: Harry Bacon Pillar to Post, Inc 4612 W. 27th Lane Yuma, AZ 85364 2 Cull ر By: