

BEFORE THE
REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS
CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**STRBAAK AIR SYSTEMS INC.,
HEZEKIAH KAREEM GRAY, RMO**
850 South Van Ness Ave., Ste 6
San Francisco, CA 94110
Contractor's License No. 976603, B, C-20,

And,

**FREEWAY MECHANICAL, HEZEKIAH
KAREEM GRAY, SOLE OWNER**
P.O. Box 4954
Oakland, CA 94605
Contractor's License 979656, B, C-20,

Respondents,

**FREEWAY MECHANICAL, HEZEKIAH
KAREEM GRAY, RMO**
614 West Sunset Blvd.
Hayward, CA 94541
Contractor's License 847932, B, C-20,

**DENMULLER MECHANICAL, INC.,
EMMANUAL CHIWETA DENCHUKWU, RMO**
P.O. Box 5067
Hercules, CA 94547
Contractor's License No. 910979, C-20

And,

**Q4 MECHANICAL CORPORATION,
EMMANUAL CHIWETA DENCHUKWU,
RMO/CEO/PRES.**
850 south Van Ness Avenue, Ste. 24
San Francisco, CA 94110
Contractor's License NO. 1006003, C-20,

Affiliated Licensees.

CASE NO. N2014-298

ORDER TO ADOPT
STIPULATED SETTLEMENT

The attached Stipulated Settlement is hereby adopted by the Registrar of Contractors as her Decision in the above-entitled matter. The failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set forth in the provisions of probation will be deemed a violation of probation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **STRBAAK AIR SYSTEMS INC.**, License Number **976603**, on the effective date of this Decision shall have on file a Disciplinary Bond or post a cash deposit in the amount of \$15,000.00, for a period of not less than three years pursuant to Section 7071.8 of the Business and Professions Code. Any suspension for failing to post a disciplinary bond or a cash deposit, or any suspension for any other reason, shall not relieve the Respondent from complying with the terms and conditions of probation. Furthermore, suspension of the license during the period of probation, for any reason under this chapter, will cause the probationary period to be automatically extended in time equal to the length of time that the license is not in a clear and active status.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **FREEWAY MECHANICAL**, License Number **979656**, on the effective date of this Decision shall have on file a Disciplinary Bond or post a cash deposit in the amount of \$15,000.00, for a period of not less than three years pursuant to Section 7071.8 of the Business and Professions Code. Any suspension for failing to post a disciplinary bond or a cash deposit, or any suspension for any other reason, shall not relieve the Respondent from complying with the terms and conditions of probation. Furthermore, suspension of the license during the period of probation, for any reason under this chapter, will cause the probationary period to be automatically extended in time equal to the length of time that the license is not in a clear and active status.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Q4 MECHANICAL CORPORATION**, License Number **1006003**, on the effective date of this Decision shall have on file a Disciplinary Bond or post a cash deposit in the amount of \$15,000.00, for a period of not less than three years pursuant to Section 7071.8 of the Business and Professions Code. Any suspension for failing to post a disciplinary bond or a cash deposit, or any suspension for any other reason, shall not relieve the Respondent from complying with the terms and conditions of probation. Furthermore, suspension of the license during the period of probation, for any reason under this chapter, will cause the probationary period to be automatically extended in time equal to the length of time that the license is not in a clear and active status.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 7102 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 870 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, respondent **FREEWAY MECHANICAL**, LICENSE NUMBER **847932**, shall not apply for reissuance or reinstatement of said license for one year(s) from the effective date of this decision.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 7102 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 870 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, respondent **DENMULLER MECHANICAL**, LICENSE NUMBER **910979**, shall not apply for reissuance or reinstatement of said license for one year(s) from the effective date of this decision.

IT IS THE responsibility of the respondents, named in this Order, to read and follow the Order. The deadlines for meeting the terms and conditions are based upon the EFFECTIVE DATE of this Decision. No notices or reminders will be sent as to compliance with the terms and conditions. Proof of payments of restitution and payments for the Cost of Investigation and Enforcement if ordered, are to be sent to CSLB, Sacramento Case Management, Post Office Box 26888, Sacramento, CA 95826.

This Decision shall become effective on November 9, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED October 5, 2016.



Cindi A. Christenson
Registrar of Contractors

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Wood Robinson (Complainant) is the Enforcement Supervisor I of the Contractors' State License Board. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Brett A. Kingsbury, Deputy Attorney General.

2. On or about September 13, 2012, the Registrar of Contractors issued Contractor's License Number 976603, B, C-20, to Strbaak Air Systems, Inc., Hezekiah Kareem Gray, RMO (Respondent Strbaak). The Contractor's License will expire on September 30, 2016, unless renewed.

3. On or about December 19, 2012, the Registrar of Contractors issued Contractor's License Number 979656, B, C-20, to Freeway Mechanical, Hezekiah Kareem Gray, Sole Owner (Respondent New Freeway). The Contractor's License will expire on December 31, 2016, unless renewed.

4. On or about October 7, 2004, the Registrar of Contractors issued Contractor's License Number 847932, B, C-20, to Freeway Mechanical, Hezekiah Kareem Gray, Sole Owner. The Contractor's License was reassigned to a corporation, with Hezekiah Kareem Gray as RMO, on December 20, 2010. Licensee Number 847932, B, C-20 is hereinafter referred to as Affiliated Old Freeway. The Contractor's License was cancelled on November 5, 2012.

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1 read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
2 Disciplinary Order.

3 11. Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated
4 Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the
5 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-
6 examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own
7 behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
8 production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;
9 and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable
10 laws.

11 12. Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated
12 Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each
13 and every right set forth above.

14 CULPABILITY

15 13. Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated
16 Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 understand and agree that the charges and allegations in
17 Accusation No. N2014-298, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon
18 their Contractor's Licenses.

19 14. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
20 further proceedings, Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway,
21 Affiliated Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 agree that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a
22 factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New
23 Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 hereby give up their
24 right to contest those charges.

25 15. Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated
26 Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 agree that their Contractor's Licenses are subject to discipline, and
27 they agree to be bound by the Registrar's Disciplinary Order set forth below.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Contractor's License Number 976603, B, C-20, issued to
2 Strbaak Air Systems, Inc., Hezekiah Kareem Gray, RMO (Respondent Strbaak); Contractor's
3 License Number 979656, B, C-20, issued to Freeway Mechanical, Hezekiah Kareem Gray, Sole
4 Owner (Respondent New Freeway); and Contractor's License Number 1006003, C-20, issued to
5 Q4 Mechanical Corporation, Emmanuel Chiweta Denchukwu, RMO/CEO/Pres. (Affiliated Q4),
6 are revoked. However, each revocation is stayed, and each of these three licensees are
7 independently placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

8 1. **Obey All Laws.** The licensee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws,
9 including all building laws and uniform codes, governing the activities of a licensed contractor in
10 California.

11 2. **Interviews With Enforcement Representative.** The licensee and any of the
12 licensee's personnel of record shall appear in person for interviews with the Registrar or designee
13 upon request and reasonable notice during the probationary period.

14 3. **Completion Of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, the licensee's
15 Contractor's License will be fully restored.

16 4. **Violation Of Probation.** If the licensee violates probation or any condition of
17 probation in any respect, the Registrar, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard, may
18 revoke probation and impose the disciplinary order that is stayed. If an accusation or petition to
19 revoke probation is filed against the licensee during the probationary period, then the Registrar
20 shall have continuing jurisdiction of this matter until the subsequent matter is final, and the period
21 of probation and all the conditions of probation in this matter shall be extended until the
22 subsequent matter is final. If there is an order to make restitution or pay cost recovery and the
23 licensee fails to comply with the restitution or cost recovery order and make a payment, the
24 Registrar may immediately lift the stay and re-impose the disciplinary order without giving the
25 licensee an opportunity to be heard.

26 5. **Disciplinary Bond.** Not later than the effective date of the decision, the licensee
27 shall file or have on file a disciplinary contractor's bond in a sum to be fixed by the Registrar
28 based upon the seriousness of the violation, but which sum shall not be less than fifteen thousand

1 dollars (\$15,000) nor more than 10 times that amount required by Business and Professions Code
2 section 7071.6. The disciplinary bond is in addition to, may not be combined with, and does not
3 replace any other type of contractor's bond. The disciplinary bond shall remain on file with the
4 Registrar for a period of at least two years and for such additional time as the Registrar may
5 determine, as required by Business and Professions Code section 7071.8.

6 **6. Respond to Inquiry from Probation Monitor.** The licensee shall respond in
7 writing within 20 calendar days of any written inquiry or demand from the Registrar or authorized
8 designee (Probation Monitor) during the probation period. Failure to respond within the allotted
9 timeframe shall be considered a violation of the terms of probation.

10 **7. Law and Business Examination.** Hezekiah Kareem Gray shall take and pass within
11 ninety (90) days of the effective date of this decision the Contractors' State License Board's law
12 and business examination. Mr. Gray has the burden of applying for, scheduling, and making
13 arrangements to take the exam. This condition of probation is inapplicable to Affiliated Q4.

14 **8. Cost Recovery.** The licensee shall pay to the Registrar pursuant to Business and
15 Professions Code section 125.3 the costs of investigation and enforcement in this matter in the
16 amount of \$7,366.00. Payments are due no later than the following payment schedule: Payment
17 shall be made in 29 equal monthly installments of \$254.00, commencing 30 days after the
18 effective date of this decision.

19 The total amount of cost recovery awarded in this action is \$7,366.00. This amount is joint
20 and severable as between Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Q4,
21 Affiliated Denmuller, and Affiliated Old Freeway.

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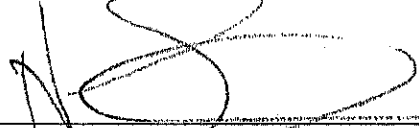
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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, N. Maxwell Njelita. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Contractor's License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Registrar of Contractors, Contractors' State License Board.

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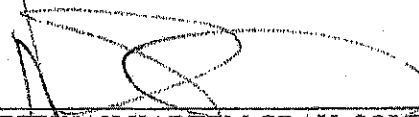
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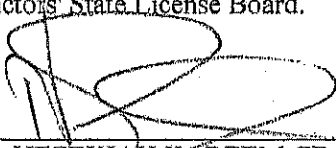
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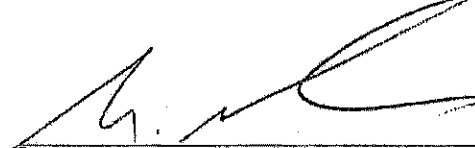
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License No. 1006003, C-20

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4 the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 8/23/16 
N. MAXWELL NJELITA
Attorney for Respondent Strbaak, Respondent New Freeway, Affiliated Old Freeway, Affiliated Denmuller, and Affiliated Q4

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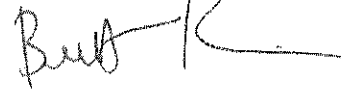
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Registrar of Contractors, Contractors' State License Board.

Dated: 8/23/16

Respectfully submitted,
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