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4	Suspension Date	Violation	Status
5	03/12/2007	Failure to replace the qualifying manager	Registration reinstated 05/01/2007
6 7	07/17/2007	Failure to maintain \$4,000 surety bond as required by Business and Professions Code (Code) section 8697	Registration reinstated 07/19/2007
8	10/29/2007	Failure to maintain general liability	Registration reinstated
9	10/25/2007	insurance as required by Code section 8690	11/30/2007 after general liability insurance posted
	04/03/2008	Failure to maintain general liability	Registration reinstated
11   12		insurance as required by Code section 8690	04/16/2008 after general liability insurance posted
13	09/16/2008	Failure to replace the qualifying manager	Registration reinstated 10/09/2008
14	09/17/2008	Failure to maintain general liability insurance as required by Code section 8690	Registration reinstated 10/09/2008 after general liability insurance posted
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16	07/20/2009	Failure to maintain general liability insurance as required by Code section	Registration reinstated 07/21/2009 after general
17		8690	liability insurance posted
18 19	08/25/2009	Failure to replace the qualifying manager	Registration reinstated 11/25/2009
1	10/07/2009	Failure to maintain general liability	Registration reinstated
20   21		insurance as required by Code section 8690	11/25/2009 after general liability insurance posted
22	02/16/2010	Failure to replace the qualifying manager	Registration reinstated 04/12/2010
23	04/25/2011	Failure to maintain general liability	Registration remains
24	04/23/2011	insurance as required by Code section 8690	suspended
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26	06/03/2011	Failure to replace the qualifying manager	Registration remains suspended
	06/10/2011	Failure to maintain general liability	Registration remains
27		insurance as required by Code section 8690	suspended
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3. In a disciplinary action entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against Bronco Fume*, *Inc.*, Case No. 2010-73, the Structural Pest Control Board issued a decision, effective August 26, 2011, in which Respondent Bronco Fume's registration was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's registration was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and conditions, including a ten (10) day suspension. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

# **JURISDICTION**

- 4. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Structural Pest Control Board (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 8620 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the holder, while a licensee or applicant, has committed any acts or omissions constituting cause for disciplinary action or in lieu of a suspension may assess a civil penalty.
  - 6. Section 8625 of the Code states:

"The lapsing or suspension of a license or company registration by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license or company registration shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such licensee or company, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license or registration."

# **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

7. Section 8641 of the Code states:

"Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter, or any rule or regulation adopted by the board, or the furnishing of a report of inspection without the making of a bona fide inspection of the premises for wood-destroying pests or organisms, or furnishing a notice of work completed prior to the completion of the work specified in the contract, is a ground for disciplinary action."

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#### FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

### (Failure to File Quarterly Reports)

- 11. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition B stated: "Respondent shall file quarterly reports with the Board during the period of probation."
- 12. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because it failed to comply with Probation Condition B, referenced above, in that Respondent Bronco Fume failed to file Quarterly Reports for the period of November 2011 to August 2013.

#### SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

### (Failure to Pay Restitution)

- 13. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition K stated:
- "Respondent Bronco Fume shall submit proof to the Registrar that Restitution in the amount of \$1,000 has been made to the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner within 120 days of the effective date of this Decision."
- 14. On or about July 27, 2011, the Board sent Respondent Bronco Fume a letter, along with the Decision and Order in Case No. 2010-73, indicating that Respondent was required to submit proof to the Board that restitution in the amount of \$1,000 had been made to the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner, by December 26, 2011. To date, Respondent Bronco Fume has failed to submit proof of payment.

#### THIRD CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

#### (Failure to Pay Costs)

- 15. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, and as a further condition of probation, the Board's Decision stated, in pertinent part, that:
- "Respondent Bronco Fume, Inc., and Sergio Valdovinos shall each pay costs to the Structural Pest Control Board in the amount of \$3,500."
- 16. On or about July 27, 2011, the Board sent Respondent Bronco Fume a letter, along with the Decision and Order in Case No. 2010-73, indicating that reimbursement of costs to the Board in the amount of \$3,500 was due. To date, Respondent Bronco Fume has failed to pay the Board the costs associated with this Decision.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

17. Section 8620 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a respondent may request that a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 be assessed in lieu of an actual suspension of 1 to 19 days, or not more than \$10,000 for an actual suspension of 20 to 45 days. Such request must be made at the time of the hearing and must be noted in the proposed decision. The proposed decision shall not provide that a civil penalty shall be imposed in lieu of a suspension.

## PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Structural Pest Control Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Respondent Bronco Fume's Company Registration Certificate No. PR 4510;
- 2. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Structural Pest Control Board in Case No. 2010-73 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Respondent Bronco Fume's Company Registration Certificate No. PR 4510;
- Ordering Respondent Bronco Fume to pay the Structural Pest Control Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3 of the Code; and
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

SUSAN SAYLOR

Registrar / Executive Officer Structural Pest Control Board

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant