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IN THE MATTER OF

JAMES K. JACOBS, CLP
(Certificate No. G04190-Gen.)
Respondent

No. 11-I-125 INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Board of James K. Jacobs, CLP, ("Mr. Jacobs"), a clinical lab technician who at all pertinent times has been licensed in the practice of Clinical Laboratory Science and resides in and around Shreveport, Louisiana.

Apparently reliable information gathered to date indicates that Mr. Jacobs has had several treatments for chemical dependency, which has the potential for impairing his ability to practice clinical laboratory science. Mr. Jacobs self-disclosed his current relapse and began evaluation and treatment in a Board approved treatment facility. Mr. Jacobs has completed the in-patient treatment for his condition as recommended by the evaluators, he is currently compliant with the recommendations for ongoing therapy, and he has stated his intention to continue to comply with the therapy recommendations for the next two (2) years; however, Mr. Jacobs has not engaged in the practice of Clinical Laboratory Science for the past five (5) years and he has stated his intention to not return to the practice in the near future.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Mr. Jacobs, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations pertaining to Clinical Laboratory.¹

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Mr. Jacobs acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time he will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation

¹ Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326(A) the Board may take action against the license of a clinical laboratory technician for: (2) Demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science.

of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* While maintaining such rights Mr. Jacobs, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of his license to practice clinical laboratory science in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By his subscription hereto, Mr. Jacobs authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Mr. Jacobs expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute the abovementioned charges and/or any additional administrative charges that may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of James K. Jacobs, CLP, to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. G04190-Gen, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that James K. Jacobs, CLP, shall not practice clinical laboratory science in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating his license to practice following: (1) receipt of satisfactory documentation that Mr. Jacobs has successfully completed recommended treatment, that he is in compliance with any recommendations for therapy or monitoring offered or prescribed, and that his treating physicians have determined that he is capable of resuming practice with skill and safety to patients; **and** (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation of education or remediation or training sufficient to demonstrate to the Board that he is competent to return to the practice of clinical laboratory science with skill and safety **and** (3) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations; **and** (4) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings including, but not limited to, those identified in this Order; or alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other disposition of the pending investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Mr. Jacobs shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Mr. Jacobs's license to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 4 day of July 2011.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: Mark H. Dawson, M.D.
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

*Acknowledgment and Consent
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STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF Caddo

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, JAMES K. JACOBS, CLP hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of
the above and foregoing Order, this 22nd day of June, 2011.

[Signature]
JAMES K. JACOBS, CLP

WITNESSES:

[Signature]
Signature

Thomas Woods
Printed Name

9312 Crooked Creek, Shreveport
Address

[Signature]
Signature

Jon Harris
Printed Name

7855 Oak Creek Trl Shreveport
Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport, Louisiana, this 22nd day of June,
2011, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Elaine B. Daniels
Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC
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MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE

