# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:10-CV-539-FDW-DCK

LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	)
OF THE CAROLINAS, INC.,	)
Plaintiff,	)
<b>v.</b>	)
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE	)
COMPANY, ZURICH SERVICES	)
CORPORATION, and JAMES A.	)
SCOTT & SON, INC.,	)
Defendants.	) )

### **CONSENT PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. 2**

Defendants Zurich American Insurance Company ("Zurich American") and Zurich Services Corporation ("Zurich Services") (collectively "Zurich Defendants"), Defendant James A. Scott & Son, Inc. ("Scott"), and Plaintiff Lee Construction Company of the Carolinas, Inc. ("Lee") (collectively "the Parties") agree that the above action may involve the production or disclosure of information by Zurich Defendants, Lee, the non-party law firm Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog, LLP ("Cranfill Sumner"), and certain non-party experts retained to perform work related to the bridge collapse at issue, that may be protected by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product immunity doctrine (collectively referred to as "Privileged Information"), and hereby stipulate, subject to approval by the Court, to the following as a protective order which shall govern the production or disclosure of Privileged Information to ensure that the privileges and immunities protecting such information continue as to non-parties to this case. Privileged Information shall include, without limitation, the e-mail from Cranfill Sumner dated February 7, 2009, which was the subject of the Unopposed Motion to Seal by Zurich Defendants filed on May 5, 2011 (Doc. No. 34). This Consent Protective Order governs the production or disclosure of all potentially Privileged Information produced by Zurich Defendants, Lee, Cranfill Sumner, and the retained experts during the course of discovery, hearings, or trial in this action. Any portion of a deposition transcript, pleading, or other document into which Privileged Information is placed or quoted shall also be considered Privileged Information.

#### **PROCEDURE**

With regard to Privileged Information, the parties shall follow the processes for designating, marking, discovering, and using such information and acknowledging the protections provided for Confidential Information in Consent Protective Order No. 1. All of the provisions of Consent Protective Order No. 1 shall apply to the Privileged Information marked by Zurich Defendants, Lee, Cranfill Sumner, and the retained experts as Confidential Information and such provisions are incorporated into this Order by reference. This Order is not intended to address claims of attorney-client privilege or attorney work product immunity by any non-party except Cranfill Sumner and the retained experts. If Cranfill Sumner and/or the retained experts have privilege claims of their own that cannot be waived by Lee or the Zurich Defendants, such claims are not affected by this Order.

## NON-WAIVER OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND WORK PRODUCT IMMUNITY

Production of the Privileged Information to Scott in this lawsuit through the procedures set forth in Consent Protective Order No. 1 is deemed to be a limited waiver of privileges and immunities with respect to such Privileged Information waiving only as to Scott and only for the purposes of this lawsuit. Production of Privileged Information to Scott pursuant to Consent Protective Order No. 1 and Consent Protective Order No. 2 is not a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product immunity doctrine as to any non-party.

### **ADDITIONAL PROTECTION**

Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Consent Protective Order No. 2 shall be deemed to preclude Zurich Defendants, Lee, Cranfill Sumner, or the retained experts from seeking and obtaining, on an appropriate showing, additional protection with respect to the confidentiality of documents or other discovery material, or relief from this Order with respect to particular material designated hereunder. If Cranfill Sumner and/or the retained experts believe it is necessary and appropriate to bind themselves to the Consent Protective Order No. 1 and Consent Protective Order No. 2 in order to produce their documents pursuant to subpoena, Cranfill Sumner and/or the retained experts shall do so by signing an acknowledgement agreeing to be bound by both Orders.

### **AGREED AND STIPULATED TO:**

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### **ORDER OF APPROVAL**

IT IS ORDERED that the foregoing terms of Consent Protective Order No. 2 agreed to by the parties are approved, shall be made of record, and shall govern the disclosure and use of privileged information in this action.

Signed: May 31, 2011 David C. Keesler United States Magistrate Judge