SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the Ohio State Board of Examiners of Architects (hereinafter "BOARD") and JAMES C. THOMSON Certificate No. 8354, hereinafter ("THOMSON") effective on the 17 day of APRIL 1998.

WHEREAS, a disagreement has arisen between THOMSON and the BOARD regarding alleged violation(s) by THOMSON of O.R.C. 4703.151 and O.A.C. 4703-3-07 (D) (3) arising out of THOMSON's entering into a Consent Order with the North Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners on or about December of 1996 for various violations in that jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the BOARD has initiated an investigation of the alleged violation(s) by THOMSON and

WHEREAS, the BOARD and THOMSON desire to resolve the above mentioned disagreement without further formal legal proceedings; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the various promises and mutual covenants contained herein, the BOARD and THOMSON agree as follows:

1. THOMSON hereby agrees to comply with the registration laws and regulations governing his or her professional practice in any United States jurisdiction; and

2. The BOARD will notify NCARB of the agreement entered into between the BOARD and THOMSON.

3. It is hereby understood that this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless it has been signed and executed by the parties below. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the terms herein, or the Settlement Agreement is rejected by the BOARD, this document shall become null and void without any force or effect. Signature by the Executive Secretary of the Board on this document does not indicate approval or execution of this agreement by the BOARD. The BOARD's approval shall be designated by a majority vote of the BOARD at a board meeting at which this agreement is considered; and

4. THOMSON initiated settlement negotiations in order to attempt to resolve the allegations concerning him. In this regard, he has authorized the BOARD to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning this case prior to and in conjunction with consideration of any proposed settlement agreement or counter-proposal by the BOARD. It is agreed that presentation to and consideration of any proposed settlement and file materials to the BOARD, or the offer of any counter-proposal by the BOARD, will not and has not unfairly or improperly prejudiced THOMSON in this matter, and will not prevent the BOARD or any of its members from participation, consideration, adjudication or resolution of these proceedings.

5. The BOARD and THOMSON agree that this is a final resolution of all charges, actions, claims or defenses of any kind whatsoever between the two parties, whether administrative, civil or criminal, related to the allegations brought by the BOARD against THOMSON pertaining to THOMSON's work to date; and

6. This document shall be considered a public record in accordance with R.C. 149.43.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF ARCHITECTS

BY: _____
JAMES C. THOMSON

DATE: 17 APRIL '98

BY: _____
WILLIAM N. WILCOX
Executive Secretary

DATE: 4/21/98