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RE: JPD Providing the Pile Driving and Static Load Testing Services on The Tapered Steel Friction Pile and Straight Side Tubular Steel Piles in Mobile, Alabama in March and April, 2025.

To Whom It May Concern,

I met Jerry Hart with The Loren Group, Ltd located in Gadsden, Alabama after he had met with several Geotechnical Engineers, Structural / Foundation Engineers and the Alabama Department of Transportation. He stated that they had recommended that he meet with me and Jordan Pile Driving. Jerry was in the process of introducing Tapered Steel Friction Piles for usage in the Mobile, Al. area.

Jerry explained that he was the coordinator for a full-scale test pile and load test program which Dr. Bengt Fellenius P.Eng. had designed and that Dr. Hicham (Sam) Salem with Scientific Applied Concepts Ltd. (SACL) from Ottawa Ontario, Canada would be the testing company and that ALDOT would be providing the test site and the Soil Test Borings.

I explained to Jerry that Jordan Pile Driving, Inc. was established in 1946 and out of the 79 years in business that I have been here for 48 years. Also, JPD have driven piles in all 67-counties in Alabama. I explained how our company offers a complete pile driving service which includes both on-shore and offshore services. Jordan Pile Driving is equipped with modern technology and equipment. We pride ourselves on our record of satisfied customers and our ability to successfully work with a diverse customer base.

I assured Jerry that we were willing and able to provide our capabilities for the scientific testing program with one of its goals; to provide understanding and factual data on tapered steel friction piles and their performance comparison to straight side piles to the global academic community and engineers. I knew test piles and load testing are more demanding than normal production pile driving and the time requirement would be dependent on each careful step in the testing process. We have had experience with such full-scale static load testing and bi-directional pile testing.

The test program went very well. All the different team members worked great together and the test was a success with good results with no negative surprises.

Best Regards,

Curtis R. Johnson CEO Jordan Pile Driving Inc.