

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Sterling Construction Company, Inc. to Withdraw its Common Stock, \$.01 par value, from Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-31993

January 13, 2006

On January 9, 2006, Sterling Construction Company Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its common stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

On November 15, 2005, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer authorized management to apply to list the Security on the Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq") and upon approval of such listing to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on Amex. The Issuer stated in its application that it decided to transfer the listing of the Security from Amex to Nasdaq because it believes that Nasdaq will provide greater exposure of the Security to investors, especially as more of the members of the Issuer's peer group of construction companies have a Nasdaq listing rather than an exchange listing. The Issuer stated that on January 4, 2006, Nasdaq approved its application to list the Security on Nasdaq. The Issuer expects the Security to trade on Nasdaq on or about January 20, 2006.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and provided written notice of withdrawal to Amex.

The Issuer's application relates solely to withdrawal of the Security from listing on Amex and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act,³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

Any interested person may, on or before February 9, 2006, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of Amex, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-31993 or;

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-31993. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Nancy M. Morris
Secretary

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 781(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).