### STATE OF LOUISIANA

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

\* Settlement Tracking No.

SA-WE-21-0086

FRANCIS' DRILLING FLUIDS, LTD.

\* Enforcement Tracking No.

AI # 41557 \* WE-CN-20-00315

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PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
LA. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.

### **SETTLEMENT**

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Francis' Drilling Fluids, Ltd. ("Respondent") and the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or "the Department"), under authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq. ("the Act").

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Respondent is a corporation that owns and/or operates a drilling mud sales and services facility located in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana ("the Facility").

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On December 29, 2020, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-20-00315 (Exhibit 1).

III

Respondent denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures and/or penalties.

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Nonetheless, Respondent, without making any admission of liability under state or federal

statute or regulation, agrees to pay, and the Department agrees to accept, a payment in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$5,200.00), of which One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 14/100 Dollars (\$1,350.14) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this agreement. The total amount of money expended by Respondent on cash payments to the Department as described above, shall be considered a civil penalty for tax purposes, as required by La. R.S. 30:2050.7(E)(1).

V

Respondent further agrees that the Department may consider the inspection report(s), the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and this Settlement for the purpose of determining compliance history in connection with any future enforcement or permitting action by the Department against Respondent, and in any such action Respondent shall be estopped from objecting to the above-referenced documents being considered as proving the violations alleged herein for the sole purpose of determining Respondent's compliance history.

VI

This agreement shall be considered a final order of the Secretary for all purposes, including, but not limited to, enforcement under La. R.S. 30:2025(G)(2), and Respondent hereby waives any right to administrative or judicial review of the terms of this agreement, except such review as may be required for interpretation of this agreement in any action by the Department to enforce this agreement.

VII

This settlement is being made in the interest of settling the state's claims and avoiding for both parties the expense and effort involved in litigation or an adjudicatory hearing. In agreeing to the compromise and settlement, the Department considered the factors for issuing civil penalties set forth in La. R. S. 30:2025(E) of the Act.

VIII

As required by law, the Department has submitted this Settlement Agreement to the Louisiana Attorney General for approval or rejection. The Attorney General's concurrence is appended to this Settlement Agreement.

IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in Acadia Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form and wording approved by the Department, announced the availability of this settlement for public view and comment and the opportunity for a public hearing. Respondent has submitted an original proof-of-publication affidavit and an original public notice to the Department and, as of the date this Settlement is executed on behalf of the Department, more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since publication of the notice.

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Payment is to be made within ten (10) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. If payment is not received within that time, this Agreement is voidable at the option of the Department. Payments are to be made by check, payable to the Department of Environmental Quality, and mailed or delivered to the attention of Accountant Administrator, Financial Services Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 4303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4303. Each payment shall be accompanied by a completed Settlement Payment Form (Exhibit A).

XI

In consideration of the above, any claims for penalties are hereby compromised and settled in accordance with the terms of this Settlement.

### XII

Each undersigned representative of the parties certifies that he or she is fully authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of his or her respective party, and to legally bind such party to its terms and conditions.

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### CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-4312

Enforcement Tracking No.	WE-CN-20-00315	Certified Mall No.	7018 1130 0002 1720 3411	
Agency Interest (AI) No.	41557	Contact Name	Diane Matthews	
Alternate ID No.	LA0111333	Contact Phone No.	225 219-3078	
Respondent:	Francis' Drilling Fluids, LTD.	Facility Name:	Francis Drilling Fluids	
	c/o Cade Bourque	Physical Location:	240 Jasmine Road	
	P.O. Box 1694			
	Crowley, LA 70527	City, State, Zip:	Crowley, LA 70527	
		Parish:	Acadia	

This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department), under the authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (the Act), La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq., and particularly by La. R.S. 30:2025(C), 30:2050.2 and 30:2050.3(B).

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

An authorized representative of the Department inspected the abovementioned facility or conducted a file review of the facility to determine the degree of compliance with regulations promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33. The State regulatory citations for the violation(s) identified during the inspection and/or file review are indicated below.

The Respondent owns and/or operates a drilling mud sales and services facility located at 240 Jasmine Road in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. The Respondent was issued Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit LA0111333 on July 20, 2017, with an effective date of August 1, 2017. LPDES Permit LA0111333 will expire on July 31, 2022. Under the terms and conditions of LPDES Permit LA0111333, the Respondent is permitted to discharge stormwater runoff, treated sanitary wastewater, interior/exterior vehicle and equipment washwater into Bayou Plaquemine Brule via local drainage, waters of the state.

	Date of Violation	Description of Violation
II.	Inspection(s) March 18, 2020	The Respondent failed to comply with LPDES Permit LA0111333. Specifically, the Respondent failed to sample the effluent at outfalls 001, 101 and 002 during the month of June 2018. In addition, the Respondent failed to sample the effluent at outfall 002 for total nitrogen and total phosphorous parameters from December 2017 through December 2019. (LPDES Permit LA0111333 (Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements pgs. 1-5 of 9 and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Section A.2), La. R.S. 30:2076(A)(3), LAC 33:IX.501.A and LAC 33:IX.2701.A)
m.	Inspection(s) March 18, 2020	The Respondent failed to comply with LPDES Permit LA0111333. Specifically, the Respondent failed to record pH readings of the effluent at outfall 001 for the months of December 2018 and June 2019 and outfall 002 for the months of December 2018, June 2019 and December 2019. (LPDES Permit LA0111333 (Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements pgs. 1&5 of 9 and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Section A.2), La. R.S. 30:2076(A)(3), LAC 33:IX.501.A and LAC 33:IX.2701.A)

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the requirements that are indicated below:

- To take, immediately upon receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, any and all steps necessary to meet and maintain compliance with the Water Quality Regulations. This shall include, but not be limited to; correcting all of the violations described in the "Findings of Fact" portion.
- To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, a written report that includes a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the cited violation(s) and actions taken or to be taken to achieve compliance with the "Order" portion of this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This report and all other reports or information required to be submitted to the Enforcement Division by this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall be submitted to the Department at the address specified in this document.

#### RIGHT TO APPEAL

- The Respondent has a right to an adjudicatory hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law arising from this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This right may be exercised by filing a written request with the Secretary no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER.
- The request for an adjudicatory hearing shall specify the provisions of the COMPLIANCE ORDER on which the hearing is requested and shall briefly describe the basis for the request. This request should reference the Enforcement Tracking Number and Agency (Interest Number, which are located in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of this document and should be directed to the address specified in this document.

Upon the Respondent's timely filing a request for a hearing, a hearing on the disputed issue of material fact or of law regarding this COMPLIANCE ORDER may be scheduled by the Secretary of the Department. The hearing shall be governed by the Act, the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950, et seq.), and the Division of Administrative Law's (DAL) Procedural Rules. The Department may amend or supplement this COMPLIANCE ORDER prior to the hearing, after providing sufficient notice and an opportunity for the preparation of a defense for the hearing.

- This COMPLIANCE ORDER shall become a final enforcement action unless the request for hearing is timely filed. Failure to timely IV. request a hearing constitutes a waiver of the Respondent's right to a hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law under Section 2050.4 of the Act for the violation(s) described herein.
  - The Respondent's failure to request a hearing or to file an appeal or the Respondent's withdrawal of a request for hearing on this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall not preclude the Respondent from contesting the findings of facts in any subsequent penalty action addressing the same violation(s), although the Respondent is estopped from objecting to this COMPLIANCE ORDER becoming a permanent part of its compliance history.

EXHIBIT 1

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	Respondent's failure or refusal to comply with this COMPLIANCE ORDER and the provisions herein will subject the Responder possible enforcement procedures under La. R.S. 30:2025, which could result in the assessment of a civil penalty in an amount of			
	more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each	:2025, which could result in the assessment of a civil penalty in an amount of hi		
VII.	For each violation described herein, the Department	ent reserves the right to seek civil penalties in any manner allowed by law, an		
	nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the	right to seek such penalties.		
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	to submit comments, it is requested that they be s	submitted within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.		
П.	Prior to the issuance of additional appropriate enforcement action(s), you may request a meeting with the Department to p			
	at 225 219-3078 within ten (10) days of receipt of	tion(s). If you would like to have such a meeting, please contact Diane Matthew		
nı.	The Department is required by La. R.S. 30:2025/E1/:	this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY. 3)(a) to consider the gross revenues of the Respondent and the monetary benefi		
	of noncompliance to determine whether a nen	alty will be assessed and the amount of such penalty. Please forward the		
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	benefits have been gained, you are to fully justify that statement. If the Respondent chooses not to submit the requested			
	current annual gross revenues statement within	ten (10) days, it will be viewed by the Department as an admission that the		
	Respondent has the ability to pay the statutory ma	aximum penalty as outlined in La. R.S. 30:2025.		
iv.	This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOT	ICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is effective upon receipt.		
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	Office Box 4312	Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302		
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Offi	ertment of Environmental Quality			
Office of Environmental Services Post Office Box 4313		Department of Environmental Quality		
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	HOW TO REQUEST CLOSURI	E OF THIS CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER		
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- To appeal the CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY, the Respondent must follow the guidelines set forth in the "Right to Appeal" portion of this CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY.
- To request closure of the COMPLIANCE ORDER portion, the Respondent must demonstrate compliance with the "Order" portion of this COMPLIANCE ORDER by completing the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO CLOSE" form and returning it to the address specified.
  - o Before requesting closure of the COMPLIANCE ORDER portion, please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at \_DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.
- To expedite closure of the NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, the Respondent may offer a settlement amount to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violation(s) described herein.
  - The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:1.Subpart1.Chapter7.
  - The Respondent may offer a settlement amount but the Department is under no obligation to enter into settlement negotiations. It is decided upon on a discretionary basis.
  - The settlement offer amount may be entered on the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO CLOSE" form. The Respondent must include a justification of the offer.
  - DO NOT submit payment of the offer amount with the form. The Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted.
  - o Before requesting closure of the NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at \_DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.

If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Diane Matthews at (225) 219-3078 or Diane. Matthews@la.gov.

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Office of Environmental Compliance

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cc: Francis Drilling Fluids, LTD c/o Cade Bourque P.O. Box 1694 Crowley, Lª 70527-1594

### Attachment(s)

- Request to Close
   Settlement Brochure

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If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Diane Matthews at (225) 219-3078 or Diane. Matthews@la.gov.

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### WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

Once the Department has determined that a penalty is warranted for a violation, the Assistant Secretary of the Department, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, may enter into a settlement agreement with the Respondent as a means to resolve the Department's claim for a penalty.

### HOW DOES THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROCESS WORK?

To begin the settlement agreement process, the Department must receive a written settlement offer. Once this offer is submitted, it is sent for approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Compliance. The formal Settlement Agreement is drafted and sent to the Attorney General's office where the Attorney General has a 90 day concurrence period. During this time, the Respondent is required to run a public notice in an official journal and/or newspaper of general circulation in each affected parish. After which, a 45 day public comment period is opened to allow the public to submit comments. Once the Department has received concurrence, the settlement agreement is signed by both parties. The Department then forwards a letter to the responsible party to establish a payment plan and/or beneficial environmental project (BEP).

### WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

The Department uses the penalty determination method defined in LAC 33:1.705 as a guideline to accepting settlement offers. The penalty matrix is used to determine a penalty range for each violation based on the two violation specific factors, the nature and gravity of the violation and the degree of risk/impact to human health and property.

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### Degree of Risk to Human Health or Property

Major: (actual measurable harm or substantial risk of harm) A violation of major impact to an environmental resource or a hazard characterized by high volume and/or frequent occurrence and/or high pollutant concentration.

Moderate: (potential for measurable detrimental impact) A violation of moderate impact and hazard may be one characterized by occasional occurrence and/or poliutant concentration that may be expected to have a detrimental effect under certain conditions

Minor: (no harm or risk of harm) A violation of minor impact are isolated single incidences and that cause no measurable detrimental effect or are administrative in nature.

### Nature and Gravity of the Violation

Major: Violations of statutes, regulations, orders, permit limits, or permit requirements that result in negating the intent of the requirement to such an extent that little or no implementation of requirements occurred.

Moderate: Violations that result in substantially negating the intent of the requirements, but some implementation of the requirements occurred. Minor: Violations that result in some deviation from the intent of the requirement; however, substantial implementation is demonstrated.

The range is adjusted using the following violator specific factors:

- 1. history of previous violations or repeated noncompliance;
- 2 gross revenues generated by the respondent;
- 3. degree of culpability, recalcitrance, defiance, or indifference to regulations or orders;
- 4. whether the Respondent has failed to mitigate or to make a reasonable attempt to mitigate the damages caused by the violation; and
- whether the violation and the surrounding circumstances were immediately reported to the department, and whether the violation was concealed or there was an attempt to conceal by the Respondent.



# AGREEMENTS OF THE STREET

Given the previous information, the following formula is used to obtain a penalty amount.

Penalty Event Total = Penalty Event Minimum + (Adjustment Percentage x [Penalty Event Maximum - Penalty Event Minimum ])

After this, the Department adds any monetary benefit of noncompliance to the penalty event. In the event that a monetary benefit is gained due to the delay of a cost that is ultimately paid, the Department adds the applicable judicial interest. Finally, the Department adds all response costs including, but not limited to, the cost of conducting inspections, and the staff time devoted to the preparation of reports and issuing enforcement actions.

### WHAT IS A BEP?

A BEP is a project that provides for environmental mitigation which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform, but which the defendant/respondent agrees to undertake as a component of the settlement agreement. Project categories for BEPs include public health, pollution prevention, pollution reduction, environmental restoration and protection, assessments and audits, environmental compliance promotion, and emergency planning, preparedness and response. Other projects may be considered if the Department determines that these projects have environmental merit and is otherwise fully consistent with the intent of the BEP regulations.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY OFFER IS REJECTED?

If an offer is rejected by the Assistant Secretary, the Legal Division will contact the responsible party, or anyone designated as an appropriate contact in the settlement offer, to discuss any discrepancies.

### WHERE CAN I FIND EXAMPLES AND MORE INFORMATION?

Settlement Offers		searchable in EDMS using the following filters
		Media: Air Quality, Function: Enforcement; Description: Settlement
Settlement Agreements	*************************	. Enforcement Division's website
		specific examples can be provided upon request
Penalty Determination Method	***************************************	. LAC 33:I Chapter 7
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,		FAQs
Judicial Interest	**************************************	provided by the Louisiana State Bar Association

