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STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. ANNOUNCES A DIRECTOR RETIREMENT

Houston, TX — June 12, 2014 – Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (Nasdaq GS: STRL) (the "Company" or "Sterling") today announced the retirement from the Board of Joseph P. Harper, Sr. on June 11, 2014.

Mr. Harper was first employed by the Company's predecessor in 1972, prior to its 1978 move from Sterling Heights, Michigan to Houston. During the course of his long career with the Company, Mr. Harper worked in all of the key areas of the construction business, including estimating, project management, service as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and from 2001 to January 2013, as President and Chief Operating Officer.

Sterling's Chairman, Maarten D. Hemsley, said, "I've had the privilege of working with Joe for more than 15 years. His, along with Pat Manning's leadership have enabled Sterling to grow to the size it is today, with a breadth of core competencies and a geographic reach that have positioned it very well for the future. The entire Board joins me in thanking Joe for his many years of service to the Company. We wish him and his wife, MaryAnn, the very best for his retirement."

Sterling is a leading heavy civil construction company that specializes in the building and reconstruction of transportation and water infrastructure projects in Texas, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California, Hawaii and other states where there are construction opportunities. Its transportation infrastructure projects include highways, roads, bridges and light rail and its water infrastructure projects include water, wastewater and storm drainage systems.

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