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Supervision

The Board wrote to all registrants in June 2008 to advise that it was aware that some cadastral surveyors were using unregistered persons to perform cadastral surveys. The board wants to ensure that surveyors and the board interpret the *Surveyors Act 2003 (Act)* in the same way, hence this Communique.

For your reference the *Act*, s75 states:

75 Carrying out a cadastral survey

- (1) A person must not carry out a cadastral survey unless the person is—
- (a) a cadastral surveyor; or
 - (b) **a surveyor, surveying graduate or surveying associate** carrying out the survey under the supervision of a cadastral surveyor who, expressly or impliedly, accepts responsibility for the survey's survey quality.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not charge a fee for carrying out a cadastral survey unless the person is a consulting cadastral surveyor.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

A penalty unit is equivalent to \$100.00.

To assist registered persons to assess if they meet the requirements of the *Act*, at the Board Meeting held on 23 July 2009, the Board approved the following definitions.

Cadastral Survey

“A cadastral survey is any activity that uses or generates cadastral evidence to produce an outcome whose primary purpose is boundary determination. The products of a boundary determination can be plans, certificates or digital data. This does not include the representation of cadastral data.”

Carry Out

A person is carrying out a cadastral survey if they are present at the site of the survey and directing the field activity.

Under the above definitions, the following practices would not comply with Section 75:

- sending an unregistered technician into the field to measure the location of existing cadastral survey marks, so that a cadastral surveyor can work out the reinstatement in the office;
- loading the locations of new corners in an estate into the data recorder, and sending an unregistered technician into the field to place the pegs and reference marks.

The Board encourages all registered cadastral surveyors to assess the compliance of their practice with the *Act* as soon as possible.

Information about registration as an Associate (Tertiary Qualifications or Work Assessment) or a Graduate, is available on the Surveyors Board website. Please contact the Board office after you have reviewed the documents on the website if you require additional information.

Renewal of Registration

As part of the process for renewal of registration for 2010, a percentage of registered persons were selected at random to provide a Career Episode Report (CER) in support of their application for renewal. Letters were sent to these persons in early September along with details of their renewal of registration.

Also as part of the renewal process, Board members will be visiting the offices of a number of randomly selected consulting surveyors and registered corporations, during October and November.

Renewal forms for all other registrants were sent on 25 September 2009. The Board anticipates that all applications for renewal will be received by 30 November 2009 for approval at the Board Meeting on 10 December 2009. Receipts confirming registration renewal for 2010 will be issued to all registrants after the Board Meeting.

2008/09 Annual Report

A copy of the 2008/09 Annual report is available on the Board website. Follow the link on the front page. If you require a paper copy of the document, please contact the Board office.