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**STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF
KIP WADSWORTH TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Houston, TX — January 21, 2010. Sterling Construction Company, Inc. (Nasdaq GS: STRL) (the “Company” or “Sterling”) today announced the election of Kip Wadsworth to its Board of Directors, enlarging the Board to 10 members.

Sterling’s Chairman of the Board of Directors, Patrick T. Manning, said, “I, along with the rest of the Board, would like to welcome Kip as our newest director. Kip is the president and chief executive officer of Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC, (“RLW”), which Sterling acquired in December 2009. He brings many years of construction industry, management and strategic planning experience to our Board.”

Mr. Manning added, “RLW, which is headquartered near Salt Lake City, Utah, is in the heavy civil construction business. Under Kip’s leadership, RLW has focused on the construction of bridges and other structures, roads and highways, and light and commuter rail projects, primarily in Utah, and in obtaining and profitably executing ‘design-build’ and ‘CM/CG’ projects. Kip has also positioned RLW to be one of the leading Accelerated Bridge Construction (“ABC”) contractors in the nation. The ABC construction technology is becoming the technology of choice among many state departments of transportation throughout the nation. We believe the design-build, CM/CG and other alternative project delivery methods are increasingly being used by public sector customers and that Kip and his management team will add to Sterling’s construction expertise in those delivery methods.”

In addition to his responsibilities at RLW, Mr. Wadsworth has served on a variety of construction industry committees, including the board of directors of the Utah Chapter of the Associated General Contractors and the board of directors of the Associated Concrete Paving Association. He currently chairs the Transportation Committee for the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of directors of REDCO, a privately-held renewable energy development company. Mr. Wadsworth also received the regional Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for construction in 2007.

Sterling is a leading heavy civil construction company that specializes in the building and reconstruction of transportation and water infrastructure in large and growing markets in Texas, Nevada and Utah. 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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