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PANTEL DEL CUETO & ASSOCIATES LLC is a consortium of inter-disciplinary professionals in the fields of Traditional Architecture, Archaeology, and History who have successfully worked together since 1985 on Historic Preservation Projects in Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean. With specialties in traditional and contemporary architecture, history, pre-Columbian and European-colonial archaeology, the fully multilingual group (English, Spanish, French) has over forty years of proven experience in the Greater Caribbean region with private projects, international organizations, as well as federal and commonwealth regulatory agencies. Both principals of the firm have held important positions within the Puerto Rico Historic Preservation Office: Architect Beatriz del Cueto, FAIA, FAAR, as State Architect, and Dr. Agamemnon G. Pantel, Ph.D. as State Archaeologist and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. Additionally, they have both been members on Boards of the Commonwealth Regulatory Agencies dealing with Historic Preservation.

AGAMEMNON G. PANTEL Ph.D. Anthropologist, Archeologist & International Heritage Management

Dr. Agamemnon Gus Pantel is an Anthropologist, Archaeologist and Consultant in International Heritage Management. He holds a Doctorate Degree in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee, a Master's Degree and Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and Independent Studies at the University of Athens in Athens, Greece. Pantel attended the UNESCO world center for the Study of Cultural Patrimony (ICCROM) in Rome, Italy where he received specialized conservation and management studies. He received Fellowships from both the Smithsonian Institution and The George Washington University. He was a Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome. He has served as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Puerto Rico and held the position of State Archaeologist. Dr. Pantel has been instrumental in the design, development, and redaction of historic preservation laws and regulations for archaeology, architectural preservation and historic preservation for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He was the sole Historic Preservation Consultant for the successful completion of the Urban Train project of the City of San Juan, U.S. EPA delegated Archaeological Consultant to the Environmental Quality Board of Puerto Rico, and U.S.D.A. Forest Archaeologist for the Caribbean National Forest. Since 1975, he has worked on archaeological and heritage project in the United States, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Kitts, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, France, Belgium, and the Republic of Kiribati in the South Pacific.

At present he is an International Heritage Management Consultant for projects in Puerto Rico, Europe and the Pacific as Principal of the firm: Pantel, del Cueto & Associates. He has been a faculty member in the Archaeology Program of the University of Puerto Rico, the New School of Architecture of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico and a faculty member of the School of Architecture of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. His classes in archaeology in the schools of architecture have focused on: the perception and use of space by humans through time and across cultures; traditional architecture and materials; international, federal and local historic preservation legislation and policies; and the management of heritage sites.

Dr. Pantel is a recognized professional in the Caribbean who has published extensively on his archaeological research over the past 47 years on both precolumbian and Spanish colonial sites. He has collaborated with architects and historians in the research of buildings and archaeological sites associated with the European colonial periods. Over the past two decades he has been a pioneer in the application of remote sensing with GPR (ground



penetrating radar in the Caribbean. His projects have included work with the National Geographic Society, and he was a contributing author to the latest UNESCO publication on the History of the Caribbean.

He is an Active Member of international and national professional organizations in archaeology, architecture and academia and is an Invited Member of the Scientific Committee of Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) of the International Committee on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

BEATRIZ DEL CUETO FAIA, FAAR Conservation Architect

Beatriz del Cueto is a licensed Conservation Architect, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, a Fellow of the James Marston Fitch Foundation, AIA New York Center for Architecture Brunner Grant, and recipient of the 2012 Henry Klumb Award. She is principal and partner of the firm Pantel, del Cueto & Associates founded in Puerto Rico in 1985 to provide consultation in matters related to the built patrimony and topics such as history, archaeology, and traditional architecture. She holds a Master of Arts in Architecture with a concentration in Historic Preservation, and a Bachelor of Design, both degrees from the University of Florida at Gainesville; she has been a Participant and Lecturer at the Preservation Institute: Nantucket; and was selected as a U.S. representative for post-graduate studies at the UNESCO Architectural Conservation Program of ICCROM (International Center for the Study and the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) in Rome, Italy.

In 2012 she was awarded the *Premio Henry Klumb*, bestowed by the Architects and Landscape Architects Association of Puerto Rico as a lifetime achievement award and the highest honor given to an Architect in Puerto Rico. In 2011 Architect del Cueto was awarded the highly prestigious *Rome Prize* which is annually sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts under the category of Historic Preservation and Conservation for her project: "Conservation Methodology for Historic Buildings in the Spanish Caribbean". The Rome Prize granted a year's independent research fellowship at the Academy in Rome, Italy. Upon completion of her research in Rome, she was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome.

In 2002 she was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects for having significantly furthered Architectural Research related to Historic Preservation in the Caribbean, pioneering renewed technical and analytical understandings of traditional architecture, vernacular construction, and interpretative design in the Antillean Region. Architect del Cueto's research work, publications, academic contributions, built projects, work as a consultant and her consistent civic commitment have earned her a leadership position in Puerto Rico and abroad. Among the many honorary and leadership positions held, she was President of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and State Historic Architect under the Governor's State Historic Preservation Office of Puerto Rico.

Her articles and architectural projects have received numerous awards and have been published in prestigious magazines such as the Association for Preservation Technology Bulletin; the Journal of Preservation Technology, *Loggia; Arquitectura & Restauración, Archivos de Arquitectura Antillana, Architecture, Florida and Caribbean Architect*; as well as local Puerto Rican newspapers and journals. She has lectured extensively about architectural research, historic preservation and building technologies in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. In recent years, del Cueto has dedicated her primary research and writing to the development and conservation problems of early 20th century hydraulic mortars and cements in Puerto Rico and the Spanish Caribbean. Her latest research has included archival work and publications on Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Del Cueto was founder and director of the Architectural Conservation Laboratory of the School of Architecture of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, the first university level facility of its kind in the West Indies where she was a faculty member for 17 years. Using this facility as a teaching aid, she taught advanced courses in Traditional Building Technology, in Scientific Analysis of Historic Construction Materials, and in Conservation Praxis. In 2018 she became Associate Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. She continues to research and write about traditional building technologies, as well as the latter building techniques utilizing Portland cement, reinforced concrete, as well as steel frame in the Antillean region, and their appropriate intervention and restoration. Her continued research has resulted in her candidacy in the Doctoral Program of the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain for a Ph.D. in Architecture.