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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	CASE NO. 2014-26
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SARMAD KHAN	)	
	)	
RESPONDENT	)	
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**CONSENT ORDER**

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Sarmad Khan [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana. At all times material hereto, L-Con, Inc. [hereinafter "L-Con"] was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana. L-Con, Inc. subsequently became licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF-5604, effective August 8, 2014. At all times material hereto, Respondent was an employee of L-Con.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed that between February 2013 and March 2014 Respondent (on behalf of L-Con) admittedly provided and offered to provide engineering services for Inca Refining, LLC on a refinery project located in St. James, Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1) prohibit the practice of and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:700(H) permits the Board to take enforcement action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:681 and R.S. 37:700(A)(1), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire

membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and La. R.S. 37:700(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) Respondent has never been licensed to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana, (b) between the summer of 2012 and August 7, 2014 L-Con was not licensed to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana, (c) between February 2013 and March 2014 Respondent (on behalf of L-Con) practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure.

By letter dated June 8, 2016, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:681 and R.S. 37:700(A)(1), relative to practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further enforcement action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to (a) pay a fine of one thousand and no/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of nine hundred forty-nine and 40/100 (\$949.40) dollars, (c) immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana until such time as he is duly licensed by the Board and (d) the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of his right to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf, he hereby waives this right and his right to appeal, and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law. Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in

the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on its behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that (a) he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of one thousand and no/100 (\$1,000.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of nine hundred forty-nine and 40/100 (\$949.40) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana until such time as he is duly licensed by the Board; and
4. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and
5. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its

members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 19 September 2016

BY: Donna D. Sentell  
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 09/05/2016

Sarmad Khan  
SARMAD KHAN, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of  
Sarmad Khan

William Tangwan  
Print Name: WILLIAM TANGWAN

Muhammad Amer M. J. Amer  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_