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IN THE MATTER OF:

GLENN ROGERS

RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 2016-15

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 Glenn Rogers [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.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have (a) engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana, (b) falsely claimed to be a licensee of the Board and (c) used a fraudulent professional engineer seal. The investigation disclosed that in September 2015 Respondent (a) obtained a fraudulent Louisiana professional engineer seal in his name from Andrepont Printing in Opelousas, Louisiana, (b) affixed the fraudulent seal to, signed (as the engineer of record) and dated a set of documents for an Extended Aeration Sewage Treatment Facility for the West Port Subdivision at Three Mile Lake project in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana and (c) submitted those documents for review to the Louisiana Department of Health.

Additionally, the investigation disclosed that since at least March 2016, Respondent has represented on his *LinkedIn* page that he is an "engineer" specializing in "mechanical or industrial engineering".

Furthermore, on April 13, 2016 and May 31, 2016, the Board sent letters to Respondent by certified mail (return receipt requested) advising him of this matter and requesting that he provide to the Board certain information and documents related to this matter. However, Respondent has failed to respond to either letter.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7) prohibit the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering and the use of the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:700(A)(6) prohibits the use or attempted use of a seal or stamp which is deceptively similar to the seals or stamps authorized by the Board for use by its licensees. La. R.S. 37:700(A)(8) prohibits the false claim that a person is licensed by the Board. La. R.S. 37:700(A)(11) requires persons to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board's laws. La. R.S. 37:700(H) permits the Board to take enforcement action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (6), (7), (8) and (11), 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 proceedings. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (6), (7), (8) and (11), 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) since at least September 2015, Respondent has practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words "engineer", "engineering" or modifications and derivatives thereof to describe himself and his business, activities and services in Louisiana without proper licensure; (c) in September 2015 Respondent obtained a fraudulent Louisiana professional engineer seal, affixed it to, signed (as the engineer of record) and dated a set of documents for a sewage treatment facility in Louisiana, and submitted those documents for review to the Louisiana Department of Health; and (d) Respondent failed to respond to two certified mail letters from the Board in 2016 requesting that he provide certain information and documents related to this matter.

By letter dated August 18, 2017, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated (a) La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7), relative to practicing and/or offering to practice of engineering and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or any

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modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure; (b) La. R.S. 37:700(A)(6), relative to the use or attempted use of a seal or stamp which is deceptively similar to the seals or stamps authorized by the Board for use by its licensees; (c) La. R.S. 37:700(A)(8), relative to the false claim that a person is licensed by the Board; and (d) La. R.S. 37:700(A)(11), relative to the failure to provide, within thirty calendar days of receipt of notice by certified mail, information or documents requested by the Board relating to any alleged violation of the Board's laws.

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 five thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of one thousand two hundred twelve and 61/100 (\$1,212.61) dollars, (c) immediately cease and desist practicing and/or offering to practice engineering, using a Louisiana professional engineer seal, and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in referring to himself, on his *LinkedIn* page, or in describing or promoting his business, activities or services 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 his 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 it 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 five thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, with an initial payment of two thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$2,500.00) dollars due upon the signing of this Consent Order and the balance due within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Consent Order; and

2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of one thousand two hundred twelve and 61/100 (\$1,212.61) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, with an initial payment of six hundred six and 31/100 (\$606.31) dollars due upon the signing of this Consent Order and the balance due within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Consent Order; and

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist practicing and/or offering to practice engineering, using a Louisiana professional engineer seal, and using the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in referring to himself, on his *LinkedIn* page, or in describing or promoting his business, activities or services in Louisiana until such time as he is duly licensed by the Board; and

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This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of 4. 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

This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and 5. 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.

DATE: 1/30/18

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

Sentell BY:

DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

1-2-2011 DATE:

GLENN ROGERS, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of Glenn Rogers

Print Name:

Name:

Approved by:

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