

IN THE MATTER OF: ) CASE NO. 2018-75  
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PAUL E. SERRANO, P.E. )  
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RESPONDENT )  
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## CONSENT ORDER

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. 37:698(A)(12), La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), and (9), La. R.S. 37:698(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** at all times material hereto, Respondent was an owner, officer and employee of ENSO, **(b)** ENSO was not licensed as a professional engineering firm in State of Louisiana, **(c)** between January 2016 and December 2017 Respondent aided and assisted ENSO in the unlicensed practice and offer to practice engineering in Louisiana.

By letter dated March 6, 2019, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), *to wit* La. R.S. 37:681, and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), relative to aiding and assisting his firm in the unlicensed practice and offer to practice of engineering in Louisiana.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary 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 Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Ninety two and 42/100 (\$492.34) Dollars, **(c)** successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz, **(d)** successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz, **(e)** cease and desist aiding and assisting ENSO in the practice and/or offer to practice of engineering in Louisiana until such time as it is duly licensed by the Board as an engineering firm, and **(f)** 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 La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), *to wit*, La. R.S. 37:681, and La. R.S. 700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), 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 an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board, 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 these rights to an informal conference, 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 Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) 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 Four Hundred Ninety Two and 34/100 (\$492.34) 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 successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz with a score of 90% or higher and return it to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; and

*Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and

4. 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: June 10, 2019

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

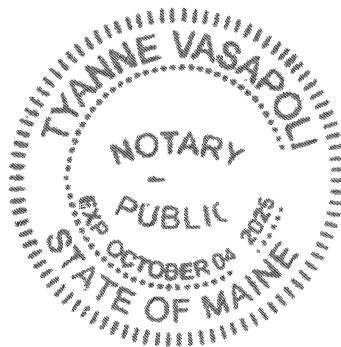
ENSO ENGINEERING, INC.,  
Respondent

DATE: Nov 21, 2019

BY: Paul E. Serrano  
PAUL E. SERRANO, P.E., President

Witnesses to the signature of  
Enso Engineering, Inc.

Tyenne Vasapoli  
Print Name: Tyenne Vasapoli  
Michael Hayes  
Print Name: Michael Hayes



Approved by: (as to form)

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