

MARYLAND STATE BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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BEFORE THE

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MARYLAND STATE BOARD

v.

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FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

JAMES R. HAGGINS

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COMPLAINT NO.: 12-PE-12

Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland State Board for Professional Engineers (the "Board") based on the referenced complaint filed with the Board against James R. Haggins ("Respondent"). Based on the complaint and information obtained in an investigation, the Board determined that further administrative action against the Respondent was appropriate. Prior to the initiation of disciplinary action, including the issuance of charges and a formal hearing on the charges, the Board and the Respondent agreed to resolve the complaint by entering into this Consent Order.

The parties stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Whereas, pursuant to the Maryland Professional Engineers Act ("the Act") in Business Occupations and Professions Article, Title 14, Sections 14-101 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland (Md. Code Ann., Bus. Occ. and Prof.), the Board is responsible for licensing and regulating persons engaged in the provision of professional engineering services and those who offer to provide professional engineering services or otherwise set themselves out as professional engineers in the State of Maryland.

2. Whereas the Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this complaint.

3. Whereas the Respondent admits that he has never been licensed by the Board as a professional engineer.

4. Whereas the Respondent acknowledges that he has used the title of professional engineer in his resume, correspondence, reports, and other communications with the public, and misrepresented that he was a licensed professional engineer in order to obtain employment with a professional engineering firm in the State.

5. Whereas Section 14-502 of the Act requires a person to be authorized by the Board to engage in the practice of engineering before using the title of "professional engineer" in the State.

6. Whereas Section 14-503 of the Act prohibits a person from using the license of another or impersonating another individual who holds a license.

7. Whereas the Respondent acknowledges that he used the title of professional engineer in apparent violation of Section 14-502 of the Act, and that he used the license number of another individual who held a license, in apparent violation of Section 14-503, agrees to a finding of a violation of Section 14-502 and Section 14-503, and agrees to pay a civil penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the violations.

8. Whereas the Respondent states that in April of 2012, he resigned his position with the professional engineering firm in the State; that he has removed all claims and references on his resume that state or indicate that he is a licensed professional engineer in the State; and, that he has agreed not to seek future employment with a professional engineering firm in the State.

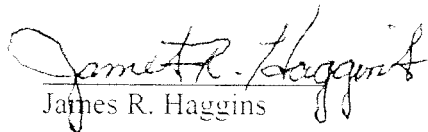
9. Whereas the Respondent agrees to abide by the Act, Title 14, Business Occupations and Professions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and enters this Consent Order freely, voluntarily, and with the opportunity to consult with counsel.


IT IS, on this ^{12th} ~~5~~ day of ^{April, 2013} ~~December, 2012~~ pje By THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, THEREFORE.

ORDERED, that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Bus. Occ. and Prof. Sections 14-502 and 14-503 (2010); and it is further

ORDERED, that the Respondent pay a civil penalty of \$3,000.00 for the violations of Md. Bus. Occ. and Prof. Sections 14-502(2010) and 14-503(2010); and it is further

ORDERED, that the Board's records and publications shall reflect the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.


James R. Haggins


Howard "Skip" Harclerode, PE
Chairman
State Board for
Professional Engineers