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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE GEOLOGISTS SECTION OF THE EXAMINING BOARD  
OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, HYDROLOGISTS, AND SOIL SCIENTISTS**

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS :  
AGAINST :  
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
CHRISTIAN F. HOFFMAN, : Case LS 0602161GEO  
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Enforcement Case #03 GEO 001

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Christian F. Hoffman  
14001 Zuni Street  
Broomfield, CO 80020

Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Geologists Section of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Geologists Section of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists. The Section has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Christian F. Hoffman (DOB 4/23/1965) is duly licensed as a professional geologist in the State of Wisconsin (license # 200-13). This license was first granted on June 22, 1995.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 14001 Zuni Street, Broomfield, CO 80020

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a professional geologist at Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. (LBG), 6526 Grand Teton Plaza, Madison, WI.
4. Between December 1999 and December 2001, Respondent billed over \$124,000 to an LBG client as a result of falsifying timekeeping records regarding hours worked.
5. LBG dismissed Respondent on December 3, 2001, because he falsified timekeeping records.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Geologists Section of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 470.08 (2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44 (5).
2. The conduct described in paragraph four above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Admin. Code § GHSS 5.03 (10).

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The license of Christian F. Hoffman to practice as a professional geologist in the State of Wisconsin is hereby **SUSPENDED** for two years from the date this order is signed.
2. The Respondent shall, within one year from the date of this order, complete the course “Practical Geoscience Ethics: Elements & Examples” offered by David M. Abbott, Jr., of Denver, Colorado.
3. The Respondent shall provide proof of course completion to the Department Monitor within one year of the date of this order.
4. No sooner than July 1, 2007, and after he has completed the required education and paid \$1250 toward the costs of this matter, the Respondent may request in writing that the Section lift the suspension of his license. He shall appear in person before the Section at the meeting at which the Section considers his request, in order to answer any questions members of the Section may have.
5. Respondent shall, within 180 days from the date of this order, pay partial costs of \$1250 in this proceeding. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P. O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 261-7904  
FAX (608) 266-2264

6. **Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.**
7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

By: William Mode  
A Member of the Section

2/15/06  
Date