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STATE OF WISCONSIN
ENGINEER SECTION OF THE EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
NORMAN C. HANSON, :
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0000610
 :

Division of Enforcement Case No. 08 ENG 009

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

Norman C. Hanson
W319N755 Cobblestone Ct.
Delafield, WI 53018

Engineer Section of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,
Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Engineer Section (Section) of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors. The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Norman C. Hanson is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Professional Engineer, having license # 06-12169. This license was first granted to him on March 5, 1971 and is current through July 31, 2012. The most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing for Mr. Hanson is W319N755 Cobblestone Ct., Delafield, WI 53018.

2. Mr. Norman is also licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a land surveyor, having license # 08-1147. That license was first granted to him on December 4, 1973 and is current through January 31, 2012.
3. On October 31, 2005, Mr. Hanson pleaded guilty to a felony count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. On April 13, 2006, Respondent was sentenced to one year and one day of incarceration to be followed by two years of supervised release.
4. As part of his plea agreement, Mr. Hanson admitted to the following facts that established his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, to wit:

At all times relevant to this prosecution, the defendant, Norman C. Hanson ("Hanson"), was a principal of and employed by Welch, Hanson and Associates ("Welch Hanson"). Welch Hanson is a business located in Delafield, Wisconsin that provides consulting and other services to real estate developers. These services include engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, and planning. In September 2002, Hanson set up a separate business under the name NCCBH Consulting Services, LLC ("NCCBH"). Hanson also opened a bank account in the name of NCCBH.

Co-defendant Robert Brownell ("Brownell") was employed as the head of the Development Department and, later, the Chief Executive Officer of Bielinski Brothers, Inc. Bielinski Brothers, which also operated related businesses known as Bielinski Homes, Bielinski Holdings, and Bielinski Development, is a residential construction business located in Waukesha, Wisconsin. To facilitate his fraud, Brownell set up separate businesses including Southeastern Wisconsin Market Analysts, Inc. ("S.E.W.M.A.") and Development Services, Inc. ("DSI").

During the period from approximately October 2002 through April 2004, Hanson submitted fraudulent invoices to Bielinski Brothers in the name of NCCBH charging for services that had not, in fact, been provided by Hanson or NCCBH. These invoices totaled approximately \$168,000. Using his position at Bielinski Brothers, Brownell approved these fraudulent invoices. Based on Brownell's approval, Bielinski Brothers paid these invoices by issuing checks that were mailed to Hanson and NCCBH.

Some of the money paid to NCCBH by Bielinski Brothers was used by Hanson to fund illegal campaign contributions made by Hanson, his wife, and Welch Hanson employees; to pay for a portion of the rent of an apartment for a relative of Hanson's and to fund down payments made by two Welch Hanson employees for homes being built by Bielinski Brothers. In addition, Hanson retained a portion of the money as a fee for his services.

The majority of the money obtained from Bielinski Brothers through Hanson's submission of the fraudulent NCCBH invoices, however, was diverted back to Brownell. To obtain his share of the money and make it appear that these were legitimate business

transactions, Brownell submitted invoices to NCCBH in the names of S.E.W.M.A. and DSI. These invoices totaled approximately \$77,000.

5. Prior to the Department's investigation, Mr. Hanson never reported his conviction to the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Engineer Section of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. Respondent Norman C. Hanson has violated Wis. Admin. Code § RL 4.09(2) by failing to notify the department of his conviction within 48 hours as described in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the Findings of Fact.
3. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(f), Respondent Norman C. Hanson is subject to discipline for his conviction of a felony offense as described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Findings of Fact.
4. Pursuant to Wis. State § 443.11(1)(d), Respondent Norman C. Hanson is subject to discipline for violating federal law relating to the practice of engineering and engaging in conduct which evidences a lack of trustworthiness to transact the business required by the profession as described in paragraph 3 and 4 of the Findings of Fact.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of the certificate of registration as a professional engineer of Norman C. Hanson (# 06-12169) is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

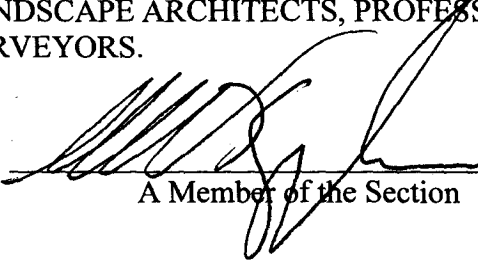
2. Respondent shall not seek to reapply for a certificate of registration as a professional engineer in the State of Wisconsin.
3. Respondent shall not practice in Wisconsin without a certificate of registration as a professional engineer.
4. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare. The Section in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Dated this 20 day of January, 2011.

ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND
SURVEYORS.

By:



A Member of the Section