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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ALI ABOLHASSANI AND STORAGE RACK ENGINEERING, INC., RESPONDENTS.

ORDER 0007019

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 ENG 024

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

Ali Abolhassani Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Storage Rack Engineering, Inc. Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). 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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent Ali Abolhassani (Birth Year 1969) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a professional engineer, having certificate of registration number 36576-6, first issued on December 5, 2003 and current through July 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent

address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688.

- 2. Respondent Storage Rack Engineering, Inc. is authorized by the State of Wisconsin as an engineering corporation, having certificate of authorization number 4494-11, first issued on June 22, 2018 and current through January 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is in Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688.
- 3. Respondent Ali Abolhassani is identified in Department records as the responsible licensee in charge of Respondent Storage Rack Engineering, Inc.
- 4. On November 25, 2019, the Department received a self-reported complaint stating that Respondent Abolhassani had received out-of-state discipline. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 19 ENG 024 for investigation.
- 5. On May 19, 2010, the State of Florida Board of Professional Engineers (Florida Board) reprimanded Respondent Abolhassani and ordered him to pay a \$6,000 fine for practicing as an engineer in Florida without possessing a Florida Certificate of Authorization.
- 6. On January 7, 2011, the Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Kentucky Board) fined Respondent Abolhassani \$1,000 for engaging in engineering projects without a Kentucky business entity permit.
- 7. On July 13, 2018, Respondent Abolhassani notified the Department of the pending case that he had with the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Oklahoma Board).
- 8. On July 19, 2018, the Oklahoma Board ordered Respondent Abolhassani to pay \$2,000 for failing to disclose past discipline received in other jurisdictions in a renewal application.
- 9. On July 25, 2018, Respondent Abolhassani notified the Department that he had been disciplined by the Oklahoma Board.
- 10. On December 14, 2018, the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (North Carolina Board) reprimanded Respondent Abolhassani and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty for failing to disclose past discipline received in other jurisdictions in a renewal application.
- 11. On November 12, 2019, the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (Oregon Board) fined Respondent Abolhassani \$1,500 for failing to notify the Oregon Board of discipline received in other jurisdictions.
- 12. On January 27, 2020, Respondent Abolhassani notified the Department that he had been disciplined by the North Carolina Board as well.
- 13. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional 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. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.09(1) by violating state codes which relate to the practice of engineering.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondents violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.08(4) by failing to notify the Department in writing within 48 hours after Respondent was disciplined in another state for unprofessional conduct which was related to the practice of a professional engineer.
- 4. As a result of the above violations, Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(e), and (2).

## ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Ali Abolhassani is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Respondent Storage Rack Engineering, Inc. is REPRIMANDED.
- 4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Ali Abolhassani shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$347.
- 5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Storage Rack Engineering, Inc. shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$347.
- 6. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondents to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/

7. In the event Respondents violate any term of this Order, Respondents' credentials (numbers 36576-6 and 4494-11), or Respondents' right to renew their credentials, may, in the

discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

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

| by: | Ke                      | 6 October 2021 |  |
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| •   | A Member of the Section | Date           |  |

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ALI ABOLHASSANI AND STORAGE RACK ENGINEERING, INC., RESPONDENTS. STIPULATION

ORDER 0007319

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 ENG 024

Respondents Ali Abolhassani and Storage Rack Engineering, Inc. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondents consent to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondents understand that by signing this Stipulation, Respondents voluntarily and knowingly waive the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondents, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondents;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondents' behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena:
  - · the right to testify on Respondents' own behalf;
  - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
  - the right to petition for rehearing; and
  - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondents under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondents are aware of Respondents' right to seek legal representation and have been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondents agree to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without

further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondents waive all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondents, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondents are informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondents in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

| Order.   |                 |
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| Storage Rack Engileering, Inc., Respondent By: Ali Abolhassani, Responsible Licensee Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 Credential No. 4494-11 | 7/11/21<br>Date |
|  | 7/28/2021       |

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance

Date