

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO.: 2008-51
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STEVEN M. HORRIDGE, P.E.)	
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RESPONDENT)	
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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Secretary, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Steven M. Horridge, P.E. [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a Professional Engineer in civil engineering, license number PE-27400.

The Board's licensure records reflect that on September 19, 2007 Respondent submitted his P.E. license renewal form, confirming thereon that (a) he had met the Board's requirements for continuing professional development [hereinafter "CPD"] for the renewal period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007, (b) if selected for a CPD audit by the Board he would be required to submit documentation to validate completion of all CPD requirements and (c) failure to comply with such CPD requirements or false statements made by him could be cause for disciplinary action by the Board. On February 11, 2008 Respondent was notified by mail of his selection for a random audit of his CPD records for the renewal period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007 and instructed to provide the Board with his completed Professional Development Activity Log and all supporting documentation within thirty (30) days. The Board received no response to this notice.

On May 6, 2008 Respondent was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, that he had been deemed not in compliance with the Board's CPD requirements due to his failure to respond to the February 11, 2008 audit notice. Respondent was given 120 days to provide proof of compliance with the Board's CPD requirements, along with payment of a \$200 administrative fee. Again, the Board received no response to this notice.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119, provide for the audit of CPD records and provide that a licensee who fails to submit proof of CPD compliance in response to an audit shall be deemed not in compliance with the Board's CPD requirements. The referenced Board rules also provide that a licensee who is deemed not in compliance shall be so notified and shall have 120 days to satisfy the Board's CPD requirements or be subject to disciplinary action. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119, upon a 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. 37:698(A)(6) and (H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119 were in effect at all times material hereto.

By letter dated November 5, 2008 the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§3117 and 3119, relative to the failure to comply with the CPD requirements of the Board.

On November 19, 2008, the Board received by fax Respondent's completed Professional Development Activity Log and supporting documentation for the renewal period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007.

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 two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, (b) pay an administrative fee of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, (c) pay administrative costs of two hundred thirty-five and 59/100 (\$235.59) dollars, (d) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination and (e) 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 to violations of the referenced statutes and/or rules regarding the CPD requirements of the Board. 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 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, and 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.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by his signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses in his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents (a) that he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) that he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) that 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 two hundred (\$200.00) 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 an administrative fee of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of two hundred thirty-five and 59/100 (\$235.59) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
4. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination 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
5. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the Louisiana Engineer and

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

6. 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 from further participation, consideration or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATED 4/9/2009

BY: Donna Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Secretary

DATED 4/8/09

Steven M. Horridge
STEVEN M. HORRIDGE, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Steven M. Horridge, P.E.

Julie Rousseau Horridge
4-8-09