## LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443 (225) 925-6291

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	<b>CASE NO. 2022-16</b>
JAN J. HARTMAN, P.E. INACTIVE	)	Received
RESPONDENT	)	SEP 1 2 2022
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## **CONSENT ORDER**

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Jan J. Hartman, P.E. Inactive [hereinafter "Respondent"] hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE-41664; however, his license has been in an inactive status since October 1, 2021.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and/or documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed violations of the Board's laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that on or about June 3, 2019 (as amended on or about October 1, 2021) Respondent entered a guilty plea to and was convicted of the crime of knowingly possessing, viewing or having under his control less than 1,000 items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child (NJ Rev Stat § 2C:24-4B(5)BIII) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County, Criminal Law Division. In a Judgment of Conviction & Order for Commitment dated March 13, 2020 (which was subsequently amended on October 1, 2021 and January 18, 2022) in connection with Case No. 18-2146, Respondent was sentenced to three years of imprisonment and was ordered to comply with the reporting and registration requirements of Megan's Law and parole supervision for life.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(3) prohibits licenses from being convicted of a felony or of any crime of moral turpitude or from entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge or to a crime of moral turpitude under the laws of the United States or any state, territory, or district of the United States. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against

persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(3), 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)(3) and La. R.S. 37:698(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** at all times material hereto Respondent was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineer; however, his license has been in an inactive status since October 1, 2021, and **(b)** on or about June 3, 2019 (as amended on or about October 1, 2021) Respondent entered a guilty plea to and was convicted of a felony and/or a crime of moral turpitude under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

By letter dated July 29, 2022 the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(3), relative to being convicted of a felony or of any crime of moral turpitude or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge or to a crime of moral turpitude under the laws of the United States or any state, territory, or district of the United States.

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) the revocation of his Louisiana professional engineer license, (b) not request the reissuance of his revoked Louisiana professional engineer license for at least ten (10) years, (c) pay administrative costs of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 67/100 (\$1,433.67) Dollars and (d) 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 that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. 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 an informal conference, 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, 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.

Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

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

Respondent hereby represents that (a) he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) 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) 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's Louisiana professional engineer license, number PE-41664, is hereby revoked; and
- 2. Respondent shall not request the reissuance of his revoked Louisiana professional engineer license for at least ten (10) years after the effective date of this Consent Order; and
- 3. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 67/100 (\$1,433.67) 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. 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

5. 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, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 10/10/2022

BY: DONNA D. SENTELL Executive Director

DATE: <u>30 - Clug - 2022</u>

JANJ. HARTMAN, P.E. Inactive, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of Jan J. Hartman, P.E. Inactive

Print Name: Anthony F. Genovese

Print Name: T.I. McElvoy