

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

JUN 16 2008

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES R. MEHLTRETTER:

STIPULATION AND ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and James R. Mehlretter (non-registrant, hereinafter "the Respondent"), agree as follows in full settlement of the charges in this disciplinary matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is not now, nor has he ever been, a registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas.
2. The Respondent's company, Master Consulting Engineers, Inc, does not now, nor has it ever, held a valid Certificate of Authorization to offer engineering services in Arkansas.
3. On December 13, 2007, the Board received an application from the Respondent for Professional Engineering registration by reciprocity.
4. In the "NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR REINSTATEMENT OR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION" portion of the application, the Respondent stated in response to Question #1: (The reason you wish to become registered in Arkansas) "We currently have a contract for work in your State."
5. In the "NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR REINSTATEMENT OR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION" portion of the application, the Respondent stated in response to Question #4: (Status of plans or reports on any project in Arkansas for which you have been retained as the engineer) "Ready to be signed and sealed."
6. The contract referenced in item #4 is for structural engineering services for Regions Bank projects throughout the South. Two such projects are in Arkansas.
7. The full text of the "NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR REINSTATEMENT OR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION" from which the statements above are quoted is found as Attachment #1.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and over the subject matter of this proceeding, as provided in Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(e).

2. The Respondent has been afforded an opportunity to obtain legal counsel and has chosen to proceed *pro se* with the understanding that he is admitting the facts and conduct described above in the Findings of Fact and voluntarily waiving the right to a formal disciplinary hearing.

3. The conduct of the Respondent, as set forth above in the Findings of Fact, constitutes one count of practicing or offering to practice engineering in Arkansas without being a registrant of the Board, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-102(b), and one count of offering engineering services without a valid Certificate of Authorization, in violation of ACA §17-30-303.

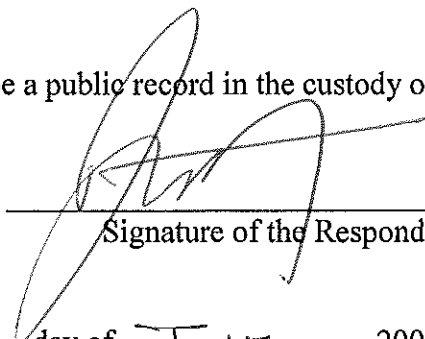
ORDER

1. The Respondent shall pay a \$500.00 civil penalty for each of the violations noted in paragraph #3 of the Conclusions of Law as listed above, for a total civil penalty of \$1,000.00.

2. Payment shall be made to the Board within fifty (50) days of the date this Order is served upon the Respondent.

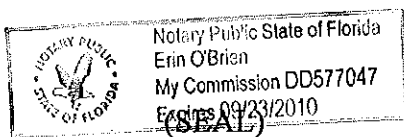
3. This Stipulation and Order shall be a public record in the custody of the Board.

AGREED TO BY:



Signature of the Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of JUNE, 2008





Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/23/2010

AGREED TO AND ORDERED BY:



Board President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steve W. Haralson, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing order by mailing copies of same, by first class mail and certified mail, with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, on this 11th day of July, 2008, to:

Mr. James R. Mehlretter
Master Consulting Engineers, Inc
5523 West Cypress Street, Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33607-1735

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Haralson", written over a horizontal line.

Steve W. Haralson
Executive Director