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

Case #2009-01, in the matter of Jerrel Shaffer:

#### STIPULATION AND ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and Jerrel L. Shaffer (non-registrant, hereinafter "Respondent"), representing SKS Engineers, Inc (non-registrant, hereinafter "SKS"), 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, SKS Engineers, Inc, does not now, nor has it ever, held a valid Certificate of Authorization to offer engineering services in Arkansas.
- 3. On October 8, 2007, the Board received an application for Professional Engineering registration by reciprocity.
- 4. In the "NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR REINSTATEMENT OR RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION" portion of the application, the applicant 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) "We are just starting."
- 5. Upon inquiry, on December 11, 2008, the Board obtained from the applicant a copy of the report produced for the project.
- 6. The report was clearly the product of the practice of engineering, and it was signed "Jerrel L. Shaffer, P.E., S.E.," who is believed to be a Professional Engineer in Illinois.

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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 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 providing or offering to provide engineering services without a valid Certificate of Authorization, in violation of ACA §17-30-303.

#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of these matters presently before the Board.

- 1. The Respondent has been afforded an opportunity to obtain legal counsel and has chosen to proceed with the understanding that he is admitting the facts and conduct described above in the Findings of Fact.
- 2. In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues, the Respondent and SKS agree to the issue of the following Order and waive all rights to a hearing, appeal or judicial review relating to the Order.
- 3. The Respondent understands that all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning these allegations and all notices and pleadings relating thereto may be retained in the Board's file concerning this matter.

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### **ORDER**

- 1. The Respondent shall pay a \$500.00 civil penalty for each of the violations noted in 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. The Respondent shall not further practice engineering in Arkansas until he has gained registration, and his company has obtained a Certificate of Authorization.

AGREED TO BY:

Signature of the Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 

"OFFICIAL SEAL"

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Notary Jublic

My Commission expires 7/13/10

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2009, to:

Mr. Jerrel L. Shaffer SKS Engineers, Inc 2900 North Martin Luther King, Jr Drive Decatur, IL 62526-2428

Steve W. Haralson Executive Director

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