

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Respondent

This matter comes before the State Board for Professional Engineers (the "Board") as the result of an audit of the Continuing Professional Competency ("CPC") requirements conducted by the Board in connection with the 2016 reinstatement application of Joshua Nicodemus ("Respondent") license no. 05-35708. As a means of resolving this matter, the Board and the Respondent have agreed to enter into this Settlement Agreement, and agree and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent's professional engineer's license expired on June 12, 2016.
- 2. The Respondent submitted an application for the reinstatement of his expired license on June 15, 2016.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 14-315, Business Occupations and Professions
 Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and 09.23.06 of the Code of Maryland
 Regulations ("COMAR") the Respondent was required to complete 24 hours of
 continuing education during the 24 month period preceding the expiration/renewal
 date of June 12, 2016.
- 4. On June 15, 2016, the Respondent was notified that he was the subject of an audit of his CPC hours and was required to provide certificates of completion of the hours to the Board within 30 days of the date of the audit.

- 5. The Respondent failed to complete the minimum number of required CPC hours before submitting his application for reinstatement but certified on his application that the CPC requirement had been fulfilled.
- 6. The Respondent's failure to obtain all the required CPC hours before submitting his application for reinstatement is in violation of Section 14-315 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and COMAR 09.23.06.
- 7. The Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for failing to complete the CPC requirements before submitting his application for reinstatement.
- 8. The Respondent agrees to pay the fine with acceptance of this Settlement Agreement.
- 9. The Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a statement of charges and a formal hearing on the charges in this matter and where the Respondent would have the opportunity to present a defense to the charges of a violation of Section 14-315 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR 09.23.06.
- 10. The Respondent agrees that if the Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, the Respondent's license will immediately be suspended by the Board, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the suspension will continue until the Respondent evidences compliance with the Settlement Agreement.
- 11. The Respondent and the Board understand that this Settlement Agreement will serve as the Final Order in this matter and be a part of the Respondent's licensing

record that is maintained by the Board. The Board's records and publications will reflect the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

WHEREFORE, based on these stipulations and agreements, it is hereby this day of August, 2016, ORDERED by the State Board for

Professional Engineers:

- I. That the Respondent has been found to have violated Section 14-317(a)(1)(vi) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR 09.23.06.03 for failing to meet the minimum requirements of CPC before submitting his application for reinstatement;
- II. That the Board shall reinstate Respondent's professional engineer's license upon execution of this Settlement Agreement;
- III. That the Respondent shall pay a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in connection with the violation upon acceptance of this Settlement Agreement;
- IV. That in the event the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are not met by the Respondent, the Board shall immediately suspend the Respondent's professional engineer's license, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the suspension will continue until such time as the Respondent evidences compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement; and,
- V. That the records of the Board shall reflect that this matter was resolved with this Settlement Agreement.

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Signature on file

Joshua Nicodemus, Respondent

Signature on file

Chairman, State Board for C Professional Engineers