

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

In the Matter of  
Joel Rutherford, PE  
License Number 21843

**ORDER FOR SUSPENSION  
OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
LICENSE No. 21843**

Board File No. 2009-0063

1. The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 326.02-326.15 (2008) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, or hold a professional engineering license in the State of Minnesota and is further authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 326.111 (2008) and Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2008) to initiate appropriate disciplinary action.
2. Joel Rutherford ("Respondent") has been and is now subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which Respondent holds a professional engineering license.
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.101 (2008), if the licensing Board receives a notice from a public authority responsible for child support enforcement under Minnesota Statutes section 518A.66 (2008), requiring the suspension of a license of a person found to be in arrears in child support or maintenance payments, or both, the Board shall suspend the license as directed by the notice.

4. On May 20, 2009, the Board received a Notice to Suspend Occupational or Professional License(s) from Scott County Human Services Child Support Enforcement Unit, which advised the Board that Respondent is in arrears in court-ordered child support or maintenance payments or both in the amount equal to or greater than three times his total monthly support and maintenance payments.

#### ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's professional engineering license in the State of Minnesota is SUSPENDED pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.101 (2008). During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not offer to perform or perform any services in this state that require licensure as a professional engineer, including holding himself out to the public as a professional engineer.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the period of suspension, Respondent shall remove the designation of being a licensed professional engineer from all Respondent's advertisements, business cards, business forms, and signage.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Board receives notification from the agency that referred the matter to the Board confirming that Respondent is not in arrears in either child support or maintenance payments or confirming that Respondent is in compliance with a written payment plan regarding both current support and arrearages. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.101 (2008), the suspension shall only be lifted by a subsequent order of the Board which is based upon receipt of this notification.

Dated: May 22, 2009

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