

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

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In the matter of John Hokanson
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
License Number 17297

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Board File No. 2011-0094

TO: John Hokanson
18772 95th Avenue North
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2010) and Minnesota Statutes section 326.111 (2010) to review complaints against architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers, and to take disciplinary action whenever appropriate.

The Board received information concerning John Hokanson ("Respondent"). The Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") reviewed the information. The parties have agreed that the matter may now be resolved by this Stipulation and Order.

STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Respondent and the Committee as follows:

1. Jurisdiction. The Respondent was first issued a Professional Engineer license by the Board on July 23, 1985. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the

Board with respect to the matters referred to in this Stipulation.

2. Facts. This Stipulation is based upon the following facts:

a. Respondent was first licensed as a professional engineer in the State of Minnesota on July 23, 1985.

b. On July 1, 2008, Respondent's professional engineer license in the State of Minnesota expired.

c. Respondent reinstated his Minnesota professional engineer license on April 19, 2011. Respondent's Minnesota professional engineer license is current with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.

d. Respondent's Minnesota professional engineer license lapsed from July 1, 2008 until April 19, 2011.

e. In a letter received on April 18, 2011 by the Board, Respondent admitted that he used the title of 'PE' on his business cards during the lapse of his Minnesota professional engineer license. Additionally, Respondent admitted to having signed 'PE' occasionally in emails to his customers as 'John Hokanson, PhD, PE.' See Exhibit A. A true and correct copy of the letter received on April 18, 2011 is attached as Exhibit A.

f. During the time of the lapse of Respondent's Minnesota professional engineer license, July 1, 2008 until April 19, 2011, on the website for INSIGHT Simulations LLC, www.insightsimulations.com, Respondent held himself out as a professional engineer by using the title of 'John Hokanson, PhD, PE' in conjunction with a Maple Grove,

Minnesota address. See Exhibit B. A true and correct copy of the website for www.insightssimulations.com during the time of the lapse of Respondent's professional engineer license is attached as Exhibit B.

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subdivision 1 (2010) and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, Respondent held himself out as a Professional Engineer in Minnesota during the lapse of his Minnesota Professional Engineer license.

4. Enforcement Action. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board should issue an Order in accordance with the following terms:

a. Reprimand. Respondent is reprimanded for the foregoing conduct.

b. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Respondent shall submit a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) by cashier's check or money order to the Board within sixty (60) days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Order.

5. Additional Discipline for Violations of Order. If Respondent violates this Stipulation and Order, the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Committee shall schedule a hearing before the Board. At least thirty days prior to the hearing, the Committee shall mail Respondent a notice of the violation alleged by the Committee and of the time and place of the hearing. Within

fourteen days after the notice is mailed, Respondent shall submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing before the Board, the Complaint Committee and Respondent may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based on the record in support of their positions. The Complaint Committee may submit affidavits responding to any affidavits submitted by Respondent. The evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and Order. Respondent waives a hearing before an administrative law judge and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.

c. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, including additional conditions or limitations on Respondent's practice or suspension or revocation of Respondent's license.

6. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this Stipulation, Respondent waives all procedures and proceedings before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled under the Minnesota and United States constitutions, statutes, or the rules of the Board, including the right to dispute the allegations against Respondent, to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2010), and to dispute the civil penalty imposed by this Agreement. Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an

Order containing the enforcement action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of the Order by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise.

7. Collection. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 16D.17 (2010), in the event this order becomes final and Respondent does not comply with the condition in paragraph 4(b) above, Respondent agrees that the Board may file and enforce the unpaid portion of the civil penalty as a judgment without further notice or additional proceedings.

8. Board Rejection of Stipulation and Order. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Stipulation and Order or a lesser remedy than specified herein, this Stipulation and Order shall be null and void and shall not be used for any purpose by either party hereto. If this Stipulation is not approved and a contested case proceeding is initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2010), Respondent agrees not to object to the Board's initiation of the proceedings and hearing the case on the basis that the Board has become disqualified due to its review and consideration of this Stipulation and the record.

9. Unrelated Violations. This settlement shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the Board to proceed against Respondent by initiating a contested case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission of Respondent justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this Stipulation and Order and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

10. Record. The Stipulation, related investigative reports and other documents shall constitute the entire record of the proceedings herein upon which the Order is based. The investigative reports, other documents, or summaries thereof may be filed with the Board with this Stipulation.

11. Data Classification. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this Stipulation and Order is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board, Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5 (2010). All documents in the record shall maintain the data classification to which they are entitled under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 (2010). They shall not, to the extent they are not already public documents, become public merely because they are referenced herein. A summary of this Order will appear in the Board's newsletter. A summary will also be sent to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of engineering.

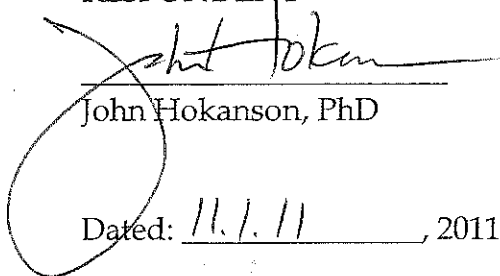
12. Entire Agreement. Respondent has read, understood, and agreed to this Stipulation and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the allegations referenced herein. Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

13. Counsel. Respondent is aware that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waived legal representation.

14. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this Stipulation and Order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Order shall be

effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the Chair of the Board.

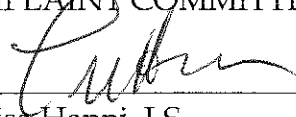
RESPONDENT



John Hokanson, PhD

Dated: 11.1.11, 2011

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

By: 


Lisa Hanni, LS
Committee Chair

Dated: 11/16, 2011

ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing Stipulation and based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein, all terms of the Stipulation are approved and hereby issued as an Order of this Board on this the 2 day of December, 2011.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
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Dear Board,

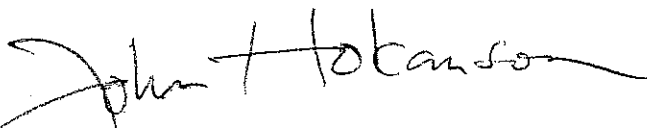
I am unable to sign the affidavit for reinstatement since I have used the 'PE' on my business card during the period that my dues were not paid. I have also signed the 'PE' occasionally in emails to my customers as in 'John Hokanson, PhD, PE'.

After being laid-off from my employment from Boston Scientific Inc. in November, 2007, my mailings from the Minnesota board were destroyed when they arrived at Boston Scientific and also copies did not arrive at my home address. Thus, being unaware of the expiration of my license, I went about the business of starting my own engineering company.

The PE is not a necessary requirement for any of my work in the medical device analysis area, but I have none the less maintained my professional status in good standing since 1985. Also, please take into consideration the innocence of the mistake and the impact that a fine has on a small high-tech start-up company.

Please let me know the next steps for reinstatement.

Respectfully,



John Hokanson, PhD

EXHIBIT A

INSIGHT Simulations LLC

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INSIGHT Simulations provides engineering services including static and fatigue structural finite element analysis.

Modeling and design of nonlinear structural components in combination with 15 years of medical device experience is a good platform to tackle many types of problems.

Projects include failure analysis of devices and the preparation of finite element regulatory documents in addition to modeling nonlinear materials such as blood vessels, elastomers, stainless steel, and nitinol.

Company Profile

John Hokanson, PhD, PE, is the founder and owner of the company. John has 25 years of engineering design and analysis experience working on projects at Fairmont Motors Inc., Hutchinson Technology Inc., and Boston Scientific Corporation. The constitutive modeling of the human artery was the focus of graduate studies at North Dakota State University.

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EXHIBIT B

