BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

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3	In the Matter of:) Cases No. P18-028
5	Kurt Rederer, Non-Registrant,) FINDINGS OF FACT
6	KPR Consulting Engineers,	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL BOARD ORDER
7	Unregistered Firm,	į
8	Respondents,	}
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On March 24, 2020 this matter came before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") for consideration of the State's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted regarding the Complaint and Notice of Hearing and the imposition of disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S §32-128(F). Respondents were not present and were not represented by legal counsel. The State was represented by Assistant Attorney General Scott Donald. The Board received independent legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Marc Harris. The Board, after due consideration of the issues before it, granted the State's Motion to Deem the Allegations Admitted and adopted the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of several professions, including that of engineers. A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
- 2. Respondents, Kurt Rederer and his firm, KPR Consulting Engineers, do not hold registrations to practice engineering in Arizona.
- 3. According to Belinda O'Kelly, an architect registered in Illinois, Respondent reached out to her via Linkedin and solicited engineering work from her firm, O'Kelly Kasprak, L.L.C., on September 1, 2016. Ms. Kelly responded to Respondent via email and told him about a project for the national pizza franchise, Rosati's Pizza, for which they needed an engineer to

create mechanical, electrical and plumbing ("MEP") designs. Respondent replied to her email with interest in the project. The two discussed the project over the phone and arranged to meet in person in Illinois.

- 4. On September 14, 2016, Respondents entered into a contract with O'Kelly's architecture firm to create the necessary MEP designs for her client's (Rosati's Pizza) tenant improvement project located at 2235 S. Power Rd., #118, Mesa, Arizona, 85209.
- 5. Respondent completed the MEP plans, applied Respondent Firm's logo and the stamp of Joseph Mungo, P.E. #26745, to them in mid-September 2016. O'Kelly encountered 'questions' (errors and omissions) about the plans while the project was in construction and attempted to contact Respondent to discuss them without success. She determined to contact Mr. Mungo in an attempt to find Respondent. Mungo had been a principal at M.G.N. Consulting Engineers, Inc. ("M.G.N.") until his death on August 9, 2017. O'Kelly spoke with Philip Niedziela, another principal at M.G.N., in an attempt to find Respondent.
- 6. Niedziela told O'Kelly that Respondent had been employed at M.G.N. in Illinois as a designer and had worked under the direction of licensed registrants at the firm, including Mr. Mungo, on other projects. Niedziela told O'Kelly that neither he nor Mr. Mungo worked on the project in question and avowed that neither he nor Mr. Mungo personally stamped the plans. Further, he alleged that Respondent must have fraudulently applied Mr. Mungo's stamp to the plans without his knowledge.
- 7. On September 28, 2017, Niedziela filed a complaint with the Board against Respondent alleging his fraudulent use of Mr. Mungo's seal on the Rosati's Pizza project in Mesa, AZ. In his complaint, Niedziela avowed that M.G.N. had no knowledge of the project or of Respondent Firm, which he alleged was an illegal company. According to Niedziela's complaint, Respondent and Respondent Firm illegally applied Mr. Mungo's seal to the project in Mesa, AZ and to four (4) other similar projects in other states, including in Illinois and Texas. As a result of Respondent's poor plans, the projects in all five states are in civil litigation and have cost O'Kelly's architectural firm "a lot of time, money to pay another engineer for all 5

projects, a still unknown impact to ... liability insurance, and ... most critical. .. the impact to the credibility of (the) design firm."

8. After receiving this complaint, Board staff made at least four attempts by mail, email, and telephone in October, November, and in December 2017 to contact Respondents to discuss the complaint. U.S.P.S. records demonstrate that someone signed for the certified notice letter staff sent to Respondent was signed "Rederer." However, Respondent has failed to respond to Board efforts to contact him to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 9. The conduct alleged above constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.02, in that Respondent, Kurt Rederer, is not registered with the Board to practice engineering in Arizona, as required pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-121 and A.R.S. § 32-145(1).
- 10. Respondent may be guilty of two class 2 misdemeanors pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-145(1) and (4), for placing the stamp of deceased registrant Joseph Mungo, P.E. #26745, on plans he created for the Rosati's Restaurant tenant improvement project in Mesa, AZ in 2017.
- 11. The conduct alleged above constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.02, in that Respondent Firm, KPR Consulting Engineers, is not registered with the Board to practice or advertise to practice engineering in Arizona, as required pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-121 and A.R.S. § 32-141.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order with the understanding that Respondent, Kurt Rederer and Respondent Firm, KPR Consulting Engineers are jointly and severally liable for the following:

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY**. Within thirty (90) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondents shall pay to the Board an administrative penalty in the amount of four-thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of

Arizona Board of Technical Registration. Respondents are jointly and severally responsible for the payment of the administrative penalty.

2. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within thirty (90) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall pay to the Board the cost of investigation in the amount of twohundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration. Respondents are jointly and severally responsible for the payment of the cost of the investigation.

Right to Petition for Rehearing or Review

Respondents are hereby notified that they have the right to file a motion for rehearing or review. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B) and A.A.C. R4-30-126(A) the motion for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within 30 days after service of this Order. Service of this Order is defined as five calendar days after mailing.

The motion for rehearing or review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-30-126(C). If the motion for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective 35 days after it is mailed to Respondents. Respondents are further advised that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is required to preserve any rights of appeal to Superior Court.

DATED this 27 day of 2020.

Arizona Board of Technical Registration

Chairman

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