BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

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Norman Fain Engineer Registration No. 25969

Fluid Solutions, Inc Firm Registration No. 10283

Respondents

Case No. P19-028

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Norman Fain ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 25969, Fluid Solutions, Inc ("Respondent Firm"), holder of Registration No.10283, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.

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- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.
- 5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records (as defined in A.R.S. § 41-158.18) upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.
- 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number P19-028 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.
- 10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor

introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

- 11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following 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 Professional Engineering in the State of Arizona.
 - 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Engineer Registration No. 25969.
 - 3. Respondent Firm is the holder of Firm Registration No. 10283.
- 4. On or about October 1, 2015, DARcor & Associates, Inc provided Respondent and Respondent Firm a proposal for engineering services for the Kirkland Elementary School Project.
- 5. On or about January 13, 2016, Respondent and Respondent Firm received record drawings for the Kirkland Elementary School Project. Respondent failed to pay the final invoice totaling \$2,651.10.
- 6. On or about February 15, 2016, DARcor & Associates, Inc provided Respondent and Respondent Firm a proposal for engineering services for the Austin Ranch Water Campus Project.
- 7. On or about May 9, 2017, Respondent and Respondent Firm received record drawings for the Austin Ranch Water Campus Project. Respondent failed to pay the final invoices totaling \$6,074.60.
 - 8. On or about April 18, 2016, DARcor & Associates, Inc provided Respondent and

Respondent Firm a proposal for engineering services for the Adero Canyon Pump Station Project.

- 9. On or about February 8, 2017, Respondent and Respondent Firm received record drawings for the Adero Canyon Pump Station Project. Respondent failed to pay the final invoices totaling \$8,208.96.
- 10. On or about June 12, 2017, Respondent and Respondent Firm were paid for the Kirkland Elementary School Project.
- 11. On or about June 12, 2017, Respondent and Respondent Firm were paid for the Austin Ranch Water Campus Project.
- 12. On or about September 19, 2017, Respondent and Respondent Firm were paid for the Adero Canyon Booster Pump Project.
- 13. On December 13, 2018, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent and Respondent Firm failed to pay a collaborating professional, Darwin Reynolds, P.E. and DARcor & Associates, Inc for engineering services provided on the Kirkland Elementary School Project, the Austin Ranch Water Campus Project, and the Adero Canyon Booster Pump Project.
- 14. On or about January 14, 2019, Respondent paid Darwin Reynolds, P.E. all past due invoices.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(5), in that Respondent and Respondent Firm failed to pay a collaborating registered professional within 7 days after the Respondents received payment from a client.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

- 1. LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 2. STAYED SUSPENSION AND PROBATION. Respondent's registration as Professional Engineer, No. 25969, shall be suspended for six (6) months; however, the

suspension is stayed for as long as Respondent remains in compliance with this Order. During the stay of suspension, Respondent's registration as a Professional Engineer is placed on probation for six (6) months. If Respondent is non-compliant with any terms of this Order during the six (6) months stayed suspension and probation period, the stay of the suspension shall be lifted and Respondent's registration as a Professional Engineer shall be automatically suspended without a formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of this Order.

- 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within six (6) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 4. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to the Board in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$192.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).
- 5. OBEY ALL LAWS. During the probationary period, Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, as well as, all rules governing the practice of Engineering in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules and statutes governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Board may also consider Respondent's non-compliance with this Order as a separate violation of A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 6. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent and Respondent Firm shall timely renew their Arizona registration as an Engineer and an Engineering Firm, and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.

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3	9.	NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to
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5	heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the registration. The issue	
6	at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has been violated.	
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13	Consent Agreement and Order, No. P19-028 accepted this 24 day of Jone , 2019.	
14		Norman Fain, on behalf of himself and on
**		behalf of Fluid Solutions, Inc, Respondents
16	ORIGINA	L filed this day of
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