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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

IN THE MATTER OF)	Administrative Action
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THOMAS C. RIENZI)	AMENDED CONSENT ORDER
License No. AI 10548)	
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE)	
ARCHITECTURE IN)	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Architects (hereinafter the "Board") upon receipt of a complaint from a member of the public and other documentation, including excerpts from a report (September 2000) by the State Commission on Investigations ("SCI") which investigated irregular practices by roofing manufacturers, contractors and architects bidding on public contracts.

The Board has carefully reviewed the allegations and testimony by the respondent at an Investigative Inquiry before the Board on January 25, 2001 and has preliminarily found the following:

- (1) Respondent, a licensed architect, failed to obtain the mandatory Certificate of Authorization to enable Diagnostic Technologies, Ltd., a corporation of which he

was an officer and the sole architect, to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:3-18(a).

(2) Respondent continued to issue construction documents, contracting with the Bound Brook School Board in the name of Diagnostic Technologies, even after being informed in December 1999 that the corporation was dissolved. This constitutes aiding and abetting an unlicensed entity, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.5(c).

(3) Respondent failed to comply with regulatory requirements, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:27-6.7(d), detailing the correct form for title block information on construction documents.

These facts establish the basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter, without admissions of violations and without recourse to formal proceedings, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS DAY OF May 2001

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the aggregate amount of \$7000 for conduct with respect to: practicing architecture as a corporate entity without obtaining the requisite Certificate of Authorization, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:3-18(a) (\$1000); that in so doing, he aided and abetted an unlicensed entity, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.5(c) (\$5000); and that he produced construction documents without correctly imprinting the title block information showing authorship, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:27-6.7(d), (\$1000).

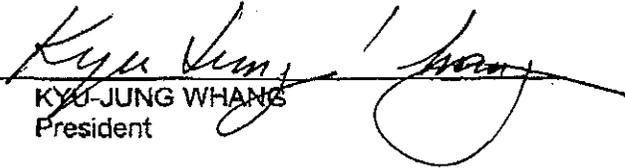
2. Payment of the civil penalties of \$7000 shall be submitted in two installments: no later than 10 days from the entry of this Consent Order, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24, \$5000; and no later than 90 days from the entry of this Consent Order, the balance of \$2000 in penalties plus the costs of \$780.00 as indicated below. The payments shall be by certified check or money order

made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to James S. Hsu, Executive Director, State Board of Architects and Landscape Architects, P.O.Box 45001, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 In the event that respondent does not make a timely payment, the full balance will immediately become due. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

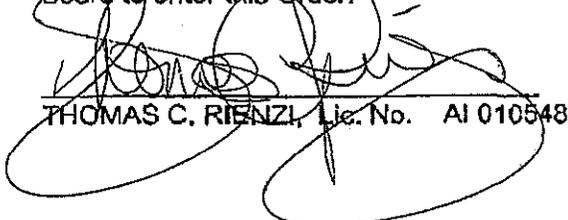
3. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs to the State of the investigation in this matter in the amount of \$780. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than 90 days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to James Hsu, Executive Director at the address described in paragraph #2.

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt with the Clerk of the Superior Court, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

By: 
KYU-JUNG WHANG
President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.


THOMAS C. RIENZI, Lic. No. AI 010548

Dated: 6/23/09