IN THE MATTER OF THE ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, chapter 116, as amended (the "Act")

and

IN THE MATTER OF ERIC CHRYSANTHOUS, P. Eng.

DECISION AND ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ON COSTS

Hearing Date:

By written submissions

Discipline Committee Panel:

David Ricketts, P. Eng., Chair,

Ed Bird, P. Eng.,

Bruce Nicholson, P. Eng.

Counsel for the Association:

David Volk

Counsel for the Member:

Not represented by legal counsel as of October

18, 2018

- 1. In a decision dated March 12, 2018, this panel of the Discipline Committee (the "Panel") of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (the "Association"), doing business as Engineers and Geoscientists BC found that Mr. Chrysanthous demonstrated unprofessional conduct contrary to the Act and acted in a manner contrary to Principal 7 of the Code of Ethics and failed to comply with section 30(4) of the Act.
- 2. In a decision dated August 16, 2018, the Panel ordered that Mr. Chrysanthous' membership be cancelled, effective immediately. It also directed that Mr. Chrysanthous pay the reasonable costs of these proceedings pursuant to s. 35(1) of the Act, in an amount to be determined by agreement or after further submissions further detailing the Association's claim.
- 3. The Panel received further submissions from the Association including two affidavits which attached the accounts rendered by the Association's counsel, subject to some redactions, and an invoice for the court reporter's account.
- 4. No submissions were delivered by Mr. Chrysanthous. His counsel advised on October 18, 2018 that they were no longer representing him.
- 5. The Association submits that the costs incurred for the preparation and conduct of the inquiry are \$56,605.38, comprised of the accounts from legal counsel (less several credits or deductions), plus the costs of transcripts. The Association seeks 90% of its costs.

- 6. The Association also referred to past decisions of the Association in which costs have been imposed ranging from 80% to 100% of the costs incurred.
- 7. In its submissions, the Association explained the time incurred by legal counsel at each stage of this discipline hearing. It submits that insofar as the costs might be higher than in a single day hearing, the costs were increased here by the conduct of Mr. Chrysanthous, who avoided service and sought to set aside the proceedings mid-way through.
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