

IN THE MATTER OF THE *PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ACT* S.B.C. 2018, CHAPTER 47

and

IN THE MATTER OF SEYED NIMA RAZAVI ZADEH, EIT ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC FILE NO. T21-010

CONSENT ORDER

Background

- 1. On April 7, 2022, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia, doing business as Engineers and Geoscientists BC, issued a Citation to Mr. Zadeh, pursuant to section 66(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47 (the "*PGA*").
- 2. Engineers and Geoscientists BC and Mr. Zadeh now wish to resolve this matter by way of a Consent Order pursuant to section 73(2) of the *PGA*.

Legislation

- 3. On February 5, 2021, the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 116 (the "*EGA*") was repealed and replaced by the *PGA*.
- 4. The conduct of Mr. Zadeh took place at a time when the *EGA* was in force. As a result, the conduct in question is considered pursuant to section 33 of the *EGA*, and the *Bylaws* and *Code of Ethics* under the *EGA*.
- 5. Pursuant to sections 35(2) and 36(1)(c) the *Interpretation* Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238, investigations commenced under the *EGA* carry on procedurally under the *PGA*.

Admissions

- 6. Mr. Zadeh admits that on October 5, 2018, he was convicted of sexual assault, contrary to s. 271 of the *Criminal Code*, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46 (the "Offence").
- 7. Mr. Zadeh further admits that:
 - a. Pursuant to section 33(1)(a) of the *EGA*, the nature and circumstances of the Offence render him unsuitable for registration or licensing;
 - b. The nature and circumstances of the Offence are contrary to Principle 1 of the Code of Ethics, as it stood at the time, which required that members and licensees hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, the protection of the environment and promote health and safety within the workplace; and
 - c. The nature and circumstances of the Offence constitute unprofessional conduct.

Disposition

- 8. By consent, this Consent Order is made pursuant to section 73 of the PGA.
- 9. Mr. Zadeh's registration with Engineers and Geoscientists BC is cancelled as of the effective date of this Consent Order.
- 10. Mr. Zadeh will pay \$3,000 towards the legal and investigative costs of Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

Consequences of the Consent Order

- 11. The full text of this Consent Order will be published on the website of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, and a summary will be published in print and electronic publications, including in public communications.
- 12. This Consent Order has the same force and effect as an Order made under section 75 of the *PGA*.
- 13. Mr. Zadeh agrees that he has received independent legal advice regarding this Consent Order and that Engineers and Geoscientists BC has given him the time necessary to obtain independent legal advice.

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 Mr. Zadeh and Engineers and Geoscientists BC agree that this Consent Order may be executed in counterparts and delivered as an electronic document. 	
This Consent Order is approved and accept Discipline Resolution Panel this 15 day of 5	
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