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11	WALID A. HNEITI P.O. Box 2925	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
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20	the Executive Officer of the Board for Profession	22 Z 54 54 67.1
21	of Consumer Affairs, filed Petition to Revoke Pr	61VC
22	(Respondent) before the Board for Professional I	Engineers and Land Surveyors.
23		for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
24	(Board) issued Electrical Engineer License No. E	
25	License was in full force and effect at all times re	elevant to the charges brought herein and will
26	expired on December 31, 2009, and has not been	renewed.
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11		DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

1	3. On or about April 5, 2010, Sylvia Reyes, an employee of the Department of Justice,
2	served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation No. 680-A,
3	Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code
4	sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which
5	was and is:
6	P.O. Box 2925 Amman 11821, Jordan.
7	A copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation is attached as exhibit A, and is incorporated
8	herein by reference.
9	4. Service of the Petition to Revoke Probation was effective as a matter of law under the
10	provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
11	5. On or about July 27, 2010, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S.
12	Postal Service marked "Unclaimed."
13 14	6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
15 16	(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
17	 Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him
18	of the Petition to Revoke Probation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of
19	Petition to Revoke Probation No. 680-A.
20	8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
21	(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the
22	hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to
23	respondent.
24	9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
25	Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the
26	evidence on file herein, finds that the allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 680-A are
27	true.
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1	10	. The total cost for investigation and enforcement in connection with the Petition to
2	Revoke Probation are one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars and no cents (\$1,875.00).	
3		DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
4	1.	Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Walid A. Hneiti has subjected
5	his Elect	rical Engineer License No. E 15048 to discipline.
6	2.	A copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation is attached.
7	3.	The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
8	4.	The Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is authorized to revoke
9	Respond	ent's Electrical Engineer License based upon the following violations alleged in the
10	Petition	to Revoke Probation:
11	a.	Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he violated a probationary
12		condition by failing to comply with Probation Condition 1, giving the Board the right to
13		vacate the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed pursuant to Probation
14		Condition 6. Specifically, Respondent failed to comply with the Board's probation
15		terms and regulations related to the practices of professional engineering and land
16		surveying.
17	b.	Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he violated a probationary
18		condition by failing to comply with Probation Condition 5, giving the Board the right to
19		vacate the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed pursuant to Probation
20		Condition 6. Specifically, Respondent failed to complete and pass a course in
21		professional ethics within the required time period.
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1	ORDER	
2	IT IS SO ORDERED that Electrical Engineer License No. E 15048, heretofore issued to	
3	Respondent Walid A. Hneiti, is revoked.	
4	Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a	
5	written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within	
6	seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may	
7	vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.	
8	This Decision shall become effective on December 24, 2010.	
9	It is so ORDERED Movember 17, 2010	
10	Oríginal Signed	
11	FOR THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND	
12	LAND SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
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15	Attachment:	
16	Exhibit A: Petition to Revoke Probation No.680-A	
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Exhibit A Petition to Revoke Probation No. 680-A

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California MARC D. GREENBAUM Supervising Deputy Attorney General KIMBERLEY J. BAKER-GUILLEMET Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 242920 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2533 Facsimile: (213) 897-2504 <i>Attorneys for Complainant</i>
8	BEFORE THE
9	BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Case No. 680-A
12	Probation Against,
13	WALID A. HNEITIP.O. Box 2925Amman 11821, JordanPETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION
14	Electrical Engineer License No. E-15048
15	Respondent.
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18	Complainant alleges:
19	PARTIES
20	1. David E. Brown (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in his
21	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land
22	Surveyors, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).
23	2. On or about June 9, 1995, the Board issued Electrical Engineer License No. E-15048
24	to Walid A. Hneiti (Respondent). Effective August 23, 1999, through September 27, 2007, the
25	license was revoked. Effective September 28, 2007, the license was reinstated, immediately
26	revoked, revocation stayed, and Respondent placed on probation for a period of two (2) years
27	pursuant to certain terms and conditions. The license expired on December 31, 2009, and has not
28	been renewed.
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3. In a disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Walid A. 1 2 Hneiti," Case No. 680-A, the Board issued a Default Decision and Order, effective August 23, 1999, in which Respondent's Electrical Engineer License was revoked. A copy of that decision is 3 attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference. 4 In a disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of the Petition for Reinstatement of 4. 5 Revoked License of: Walid A. Hneiti," Case No. 680-A, OAH No. N2007060346, the Board 6 issued a Decision, effective September 28, 2007, in which Respondent's Electrical Engineer 7

9 probation for a period of two (2) years with certain terms and conditions. A copy of that decision
10 is attached as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference.

License was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent was placed on

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JURISDICTION

5. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Board, under the authority of
the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless
otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or
cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary
action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or
reinstated.

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7. Section 6775 states, in pertinent part, that "[t]he board may reprove, suspend for a
21 period not to exceed two years, or revoke the certificate of any professional engineer registered
22 under this chapter. ..."

PROBATION TERMS

8. Among the terms and conditions imposed by the Board Case No. 680-A, OAH No.
N2007060346, are:

1. Petitioner shall obey all laws and regulations related to the practices of professional engineering and land surveying.

5. Petitioner shall successfully complete and pass a course in professional ethics. No later than 60 days before the end of the probationary period, petitioner shall

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1	successfully complete and pass the 40-hour course, "Intermediate Studies in Engineering Ethics" (ENG ETHICS PDH-40), offered by the Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism, College of Engineering, Texas Tech University.
2	6. If petitioner violates the probationary conditions in any respect, the board, after
3	giving petitioner notice and the opportunity to be heard, may vacate the stay and
4	reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed. If during the period of probation an accusation or petition to vacate stay is filed against petitioner, or if the matter has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for the filing of such, the board
5	shall have continuing jurisdiction until all matters are final, and the period of probation shall be extended until all matters are final.
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7	9. In a letter to the Attorney General's Office dated September 24, 2009, the Board
8	requested that the Attorney General prepare a Petition to Revoke Probation against Respondent.
9	FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION
10	(Failure to Comply with Probation)
11	10. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he violated a probationary
12	condition by failing to comply with Probation Condition 1, giving the Board the right to vacate
13	the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed pursuant to Probation Condition 6.
14	Specifically, Respondent failed to comply with the Board's probation terms and regulations
15	related to the practices of professional engineering and land surveying, as set forth below.
16	SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION
17	(Failure to Complete Ethics Course)
18	11. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he violated a probationary
19	condition by failing to comply with Probation Condition 5, giving the Board the right to vacate
20	the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed pursuant to Probation Condition 6.
21	Specifically, Respondent failed to complete and pass a course in professional ethics within the
22	required time period.
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1	PRAYER
2	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
3	and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:
	 Revoking the probation that was granted by the Board in Case No 680-A, OAH No.
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5	N2007060346, and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Electrical
6	Engineer License No. E 15048 issued to Respondent;
7	2. Revoking or suspending Electrical Engineer License No. E 15048 issued to
8	Respondent; and
9	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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11	DATED: 3/17/0 Original Signed
12	DAVID E. BROWN
13	Executive Officer Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
14	Department of Consumer Affairs State of California
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Exhibit A

Default Decision and Order, effective August 23, 1999 Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Case No. 680-A

l	BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California
2	STEPHEN S. HANDIN,
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5	Attorneys for Complainant
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8	BEFORE THE
9	BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation) No. 680-A
12	Against:
13	WALID A. HNEITI) DEFAULT DECISION
	715 N. Conlon Avenue)AND ORDERWest Covina, CA 91791)
14) [Gov. Code §11520] Electrical Engineer License No.)
15	E-15048) Respondent.)
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17	On April 27, 1999, Accusation number 680-A was filed by
18	Cindi Christenson, P.E., Executive Officer (hereinafter
19	"Complainant") before the Board for Professional Engineers and
20	Land Surveyors (hereinafter the "Board"), of the State of
21	California, against Walid A. Hneiti (hereinafter "Respondent"),
22	holder of Electrical Engineer License No. E-15048.
23	On May 11, 1999, the Accusation, along with the
24	Statement to Respondent, Government Code sections 11507.5,
25	11507.6, and 11507.7, Notice of Defense, and Request for
26	Discovery (hereinafter the "Accusation package") was served on
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Respondent by certified mail and regular mail addressed to
 Respondent's current mailing address on file with the Board.

Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations,
Section 412, as a holder of a license from the Board, Respondent
is required to notify the Board of his change of address, within
30 days of change. Respondent's current mailing address with the
Board is 715 N. Conlon Avenue, West Covina, California 91791.

Respondent was served with the Accusation package on 8 May 11, 1999, in a manner authorized by Government Code section 9 11505(c) and Code of Civil Procedure section 11. Respondent has 10 failed to file a Notice of Defense as permitted by Government 11 Code section 11506(a), and has otherwise failed to request a 12 hearing, object or otherwise contest the Accusation. Respondent 13 waived his right to a hearing on the Accusation and is in 14 default. Because of Respondent's waiver and pursuant to 15 Government Code section 11520(a), the Board takes action on the 16 Accusation without a hearing, based upon the Accusation, and 17 makes the following findings of fact and determination of issues. 18

FINDINGS OF FACT

Complainant, Cindi Christenson, P.E., Executive
 Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land
 Surveyors, made and filed Accusation No. 680-A solely in her
 official capacity.

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2. On June 9, 1995, the Board issued Electrical
26 Engineer License Number E-15048 to Walid A. Hneiti (hereinafter
27 "Respondent"). The License was in full force and effect at all

1 times pertinent herein. Said license will expire on September 2 30, 1999, unless renewed.

3 3. On or about December 9, 1997, Respondent was
4 convicted by the court on a plea of guilty, to one count of
5 violating section 424 of the Penal Code (embezzlement by a public
6 officer), a felony, in the Superior Court of California, County
7 of Los Angeles, Case Number BA109578, entitled, <u>The People of the</u>
8 <u>State of California v. Walid A. Hneiti</u>.

9 4. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are 10 that in or about early September 1997, Respondent, while employed 11 as an electrical engineer by the California Department of 12 Transportation, received, kept, transferred, and distributed 13 public monies without authority of the law and used a portion for 14 personal use and the use of another.

15 5. The crime of which Respondent was convicted, is
16 substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties
17 of a Registered Professional Engineer.

18 6. Respondent's commission of the crime involved
19 deceit, misrepresentation and fraud.

7. The reasonable costs of investigating and
prosecuting this matter is \$726.25.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

23 1. Cause for discipline against Respondent exists 24 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6775(a) by 25 reason of Findings of Fact 3 and 5. 26 \\\

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l	2. Cause for discipline exists pursuant to Business
2	and Professions Code section 6775(b) by reason of Findings of
3	Fact paragraphs 4 and 6.
4	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
5	WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:
6	Electrical Engineer License No. E-15048 issued to Walid
7	A. Hneiti, is hereby revoked for each Determination of Issues
8	hereinabove.
9	This Default Decision shall become effective on
10	August 23, 1999.
11	DATED: July 22, 1999
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14	President Board for Professional
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9	BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation) No. 680-A Against:
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13	WALID A. HNEITI) ACCUSATION 715 N. Conlon Avenue) West Covina, CA 91791)
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15	Electrical Engineer License No.) E-15048
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	E-15048 Respondent.) Cindi Christenson, P.E., as cause for discipline, alleges: 1. Complainant Cindi Christenson, P.E. is the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	E-15048 Respondent. Cindi Christenson, P.E., as cause for discipline, alleges: 1. Complainant Cindi Christenson, P.E. is the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors of the State of California (hereinafter the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	E-15048 Respondent. Cindi Christenson, P.E., as cause for discipline, alleges: 1. Complainant Cindi Christenson, P.E. is the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors of the State of California (hereinafter the "Board") and makes and files this Accusation solely in her
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	E-15048 Respondent. Cindi Christenson, P.E., as cause for discipline, alleges: 1. Complainant Cindi Christenson, P.E. is the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors of the State of California (hereinafter the "Board") and makes and files this Accusation solely in her official capacity.
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LICENSE HISTORY

1 On June 9, 1995, the Board issued Electrical 2 2. Engineer License Number E-15048 to Walid A. Hneiti (hereinafter 3 "Respondent"). The License was in full force and effect at all 4 times pertinent herein. Said license will expire on September 5 30, 1999, unless renewed. 6 7 8 STATUTES 'ND REGULATIONS Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9 3. 6775, the Board may impose discipline against any registered 10 professional engineer whom it finds to be guilty of the 11 following: 12 13 (a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered 14 15 professional engineer, in which case the certified record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof. 16 17 (b) Any deceit, misrepresentation, violation of 18 contract, fraud, negligence or incompetency in his practice. 19 20 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, the Board may request the administrative law judge to 21 direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or 22 23 violations under the Business and Professions Code to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and 24 25 enforcement of the case. A certified copy of the actual costs,

26 or a good faith estimate of costs are prima facie evidence of 27 reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution.

Respondent has subjected his license to discipline 1 5. pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6775(a) and 2 6775(b), in that on or about December 9, 1997, Respondent was 3 convicted by the court on a plea of guilty, to one count of 4 violating section 424 of the Penal Code (embezzlement by a public 5 officer), a felony, in the Superior Court of California, County 6 of Los Angeles, case Number BA109578, entitled, The People of the 7 State of California v. Walid A. Hneiti. 8

9 The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that 10 in or about early September 1997, Respondent, while employed as 11 an electrical engineer by the California Department of 12 Transportation, received, kept, transferred, and distributed 13 public monies without authority of the law and used a portion for 14 personal use and the use of another.

16 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be held and 17 that following said hearing, a decision issue:

1. Revoking or suspending Electrical Engineer License
 Number E-15048 issued to Walid A. Hneiti.

20 2. Ordering the Respondent to reimburse the Board for
21 the reasonable costs of its investigation, enforcement, and
22 prosecution of this matter, up to the day of hearing.
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1	3. Taking such other and further action as is	
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Exhibit B

Decision, effective September 28, 2007

Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Case No. 680-A,

OAH No. N2007060346

BEFORE THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WALID A. HNEITI	
P. O. Box 2925	
Amman 11821, Jordan	

OAH No. N2007060346

Petitioner.

DECISION

The attached Decision in the Matter of the Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked

License of Walid A. Hneiti shall become effective on Apptember 28,2007

July 216, 2007 IT IS SO ORDERED

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY Original Signed

BEFORE THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License of:

WALID A. HNEITI,

OAH No. N2007060346

Petitioner.

DECISION

This matter was heard before the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in Oakland, California, on July 26, 2007. The board members present were Richard Lyons, President; Patrick Tami, Vice President; Kim Blackseth; Dr. Gregg Brandow; Arthur Duffy; James Foley; Robert L. Jones; Mike Modugno; and Ray Satorre. Michael C. Cohn, Administrative Law Judge, State of California, Office of Administrative Hearings, presided.

Rita Lane, Deputy Attorney General, represented the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

Petitioner represented himself.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

1. Petitioner Walid A. Hnieti was issued electrical engineer license number E-15048 on June 9, 1995. Effective August 23, 1999, petitioner's license was revoked in a default decision and order issued by the board upon findings that petitioner had been convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code section 424 (embezzlement by a public officer), a crime involving deceit, misrepresentation and fraud.

2. On April 16, 2007, petitioner filed this petition for reinstatement of his revoked license.

3. Following his criminal conviction in 1997, petitioner was placed on three years' criminal probation. As part of that probation he completed a one-year rehabilitation and counseling program at Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center in Los Angeles. After completing that program, petitioner, who has been a licensed electrical engineer in

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Jordan since 1992, returned to that nation. He was permitted to serve the balance of his criminal probation in Jordan. Petitioner subsequently successfully completed that probation.

4. Since March 1999, petitioner has been employed as a senior electrical engineer at the Central Bank of Jordan. His duties include the development, operation, and maintenance of low current security projects: CCTV, intrusion detection, access control, turnstile security doors, and addressable fire alarm systems. This position requires petitioner to have a top security clearance in Jordan. He concedes, however, that he did not advise his employers of his conviction in California when he applied for his position and received his security clearance.

5. In February 2007, petitioner completed a Ph.D. program in computer science at Amman Arab University for Graduate Studies, achieving a 3.9 grade point average. Petitioner has also successfully completed a number of computer-related seminars and technical training programs, and in July 2007 received a Cisco certification.

6. Petitioner has no current plans to return to California to practice as a professional engineer. However, he might change his plans in the future, and he would like to have his license reinstated partly for that reason and partly because he is troubled by the fact he has a revoked license in a state and country he loves.

7. Petitioner exhibited remorse for his criminal conduct, he demonstrated that he has turned his life around since that conviction, and he showed that he takes his license seriously enough to have undertaken rehabilitative efforts to prepare for this petition. However, the one area in which petitioner's rehabilitation has some deficiencies is in the area of ethics; the board has some concern over petitioner's failure to reveal his conviction when he sought employment in Jordan.

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Petitioner has established to the satisfaction of the board that cause exists for reinstatement of his revoked license upon probationary conditions. Those conditions must include successful completion of both a 40-hour course in ethics and the board's "take-home exam" on engineering laws and rules. Because petitioner is residing in Jordan and has no immediate plans to return to California, the standard condition tolling probation while practicing outside California is not imposed. However, should he return to California to practice as a professional engineer during his period of probation, petitioner shall be required to immediately notify the board.

ORDER

The petition of Walid A. Hnieti for reinstatement of his revoked license is granted. Electrical engineer license number E-15048 is reinstated. The license shall be immediately revoked, the order of revocation stayed, and petitioner placed on probation for two years on the following conditions:

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- 1. Petitioner shall obey all laws and regulations related to the practices of professional engineering and land surveying.
- 2. Petitioner shall submit such special reports as the board may require.
- 3. If petitioner returns to practice professional engineering in California during the probationary period, he shall immediately (within 15 days) notify the board in writing.
- 4. Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, petitioner shall successfully complete and pass the California Laws and Board Rules examination, as administered by the board.
- 5. Petitioner shall successfully complete and pass a course in professional ethics. No later than 60 days before the end of the probationary period, petitioner shall successfully complete and pass the 40-hour course, "Intermediate Studies in Engineering Ethics" (ENGR ETHICS PDH-40), offered by the Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism, College of Engineering, Texas Tech University.
- 6. If petitioner violates the probationary conditions in any respect, the board, after giving petitioner notice and the opportunity to be heard, may vacate the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order that was stayed. If during the period of probation an accusation or petition to vacate stay is filed against petitioner, or if the matter has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for the filing of such, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction until all matters are final, and the period of probation shall be extended until all matters are final.
- 7. Upon successful completion of all the probationary conditions and the expiration of the probationary period, petitioner's license shall be unconditionally restored.

DATED: July 26,2007

Orígínal Sígned RICHARD LYONS, P.E.

RICHARD LYONS, P.E. President Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Department of Consumer Affairs