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AND GEOSCIENCE PROFESSIONS ACT*

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Tianfei Yan, P.Eng.
and
AACC Ltd.

Registrant No. 161869

Permit No. 16374

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The Investigative Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) has investigated the conduct of Tianfei Yan, P.Eng. (the registrant) and AACC Ltd. (the permit holder) with respect to a complaint initiated by John Corriveau, P.Eng. (the complainant) dated June 14, 2024.

A. The Complaint

The complainant alleged that the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in section 44(1) of the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, RSA 2000, c E-11 (EGP Act) when he improperly validated Professional Work Products (PWP) for multiple projects and omitted information from an APEGA Permit to Practice application.

The investigation focused on the following allegations:

The registrant and permit holder validated Professional Work Products relating to the [REDACTED] Project, contrary to APEGA Professional Practice Standard – Authenticating Professional Work Products (January 2022).

The registrant intentionally omitted information from AACC Ltd.'s January 4, 2024, Permit to Practice Application. Specifically, the registrant failed to provide information that would confirm the registrant was a Responsible Member for AACG Ltd. (which was suspended with APEGA on the date of the application)

The registrant and permit holder improperly validated Professional Work Products relating to a project in Rocky View County, AB, contrary to APEGA Professional Practice Standard – Authenticating Professional Work Products (January 2022),

B. Agreed Statement of Facts

(i) Background:

- C. At all relevant times the registrant was an APEGA Professional Member and was thus bound by the EGPA Act and the APEGA Code of Ethics.
- D. The registrant has been a member of APEGA since November 18, 2013.
- E. The registrant obtained a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Harbin Institute of Technology (China) in 1994 as well as a Master of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Shanghai Jiaotong University (China) in 1997.
- F. The permit holder is a company named AACC Ltd. which was created as a response to another company (AACG Ltd.) being suspended by APEGA. Both companies are owned and directed by a different individual named Bill Ma.
- G. The registrant and permit holder have cooperated with the investigation.

(ii) Facts Relating to the Allegations:

- H. On several occasions, between January 6, 2024, and March 18, 2024, as the Responsible Member (RM) for the permit holder, the registrant failed to validate several Professional Work Products (PWP) from multiple projects according to documented APEGA standards.
- I. The registrant admitted that he did not have the appropriate knowledge required to properly validate PWPs.
- J. On January 4, 2024, the registrant signed an APEGA Permit to Practice application which omitted information pertaining to him being an RM for another permit holder.
- K. The registrant admits it was his responsibility to accurately complete the APEGA Permit to Practice application.
- L. The registrant and permit holder admit that the conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct.

C. Conduct by the registrant and the permit holder

- 11. The registrant and the permit holder freely and voluntarily admit that the conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in section 44(1) of the EGP Act:

Section 44(1) *Any conduct of a professional member, licensee, permit holder, certificate holder or member-in-training that in the opinion of the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board,*

(a) is detrimental to the best interests of the public;

(b) contravenes a code of ethics of the profession as established under the regulations;

- (c) harms or tends to harm the standing of the profession generally;*
- (d) displays a lack of knowledge of or a lack of skill or judgment in the practice of the profession or;*
- (e) displays a lack of knowledge or lack of skill or judgment in the carrying out of any duty or obligation undertaken in the practice of the profession.*

Whether or not that conduct is disgraceful or dishonorable, constitutes either unskilled practice of the profession or unprofessional conduct, whichever the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board finds.

12. The registrant and permit holder acknowledge that the conduct described above is conduct that is detrimental to the best interests of the public, contravenes a code of ethics of the profession as established under the regulations, and harms or tends to harm the standing of the profession generally.

13. The registrant and permit holder admit that their conduct was also contrary to Rules of Conduct 3, 4, and 5 of the APEGA Code of Ethics, which state:

Professional engineers and geoscientists shall conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, fairness, and objectivity in their professional activities.

Professional engineers and geoscientists shall comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and bylaws in their professional practices.

Professional engineers and geoscientists shall uphold and enhance the honor, dignity, and reputation of their professions and thus the ability of the professions to serve the public interest.

14. The registrant and permit holder admit that their conduct described above was also contrary to sections 4.1 and 4.2.2 of the January 2022 Professional Practice Standard Authenticating Professional Work Products, which state:

Professional work products (PWP) must be authenticated by a licensed professional. If the PWP is produced by an APEGA permit holder, it must also be validated by a Responsible Member.

There are two types of authentication and validation:

- 1. physical*
- 2. digital*

These methods are not normally combined. If a permit holder combines these methods of authentication and validation in a single PWP, the permit holder's Professional Practice Management Plan (PPMP) must define the procedure that protects the integrity of the authentication and validation.

D. Recommended Orders

15. On the recommendation of the Investigative Committee, and by agreement of the registrant and permit holder with that recommendation, and following a discussion and review with the Discipline Committee Case Manager, the Discipline Committee hereby orders that:
- a. The registrant and permit holder shall be reprimanded for their conduct and this order shall serve as the reprimand.
 - b. The registrant shall pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00. The fine is a debt owing to APEGA and shall be paid within six (6) months of being notified that the Recommended Order has been approved by the Discipline Committee Case Manager.
 - c. The registrant shall provide the Discipline Manager, within six (6) months of the date this Order is approved by the Discipline Committee Case Manager, written confirmation that the registrant has reviewed the following APEGA publication and that the registrant will comply with requirements therein:
 - *APEGA Authenticating Professional Work Products* practice standard, (November 1, 2024)
 - d. If the registrant fails to provide the Discipline Manager with proof that they have completed the requirements noted above within the timelines specified, or any extended timeline granted, the registrant shall be suspended from the practice of engineering for a minimum of thirty (30) days. The registrant is required to meet their regulatory obligations during their suspension period with respect to payment of professional dues and / or levies, compliance with the mandatory CPD program, and completing the mandatory portion of the Annual Declaration. If the non-monetary requirements in this Order are not completed within six (6) months of the suspension date, the registrant shall be cancelled. In the event of cancellation, the registrant will be bound by APEGA's reinstatement policy.
 - e. If there are extenuating circumstances, the registrant may apply in writing to the Discipline Manager for an extension prior to the deadlines noted above. The approval for extending a deadline is at the discretion of the Discipline Manager. If such an application is made, the registrant shall provide the Discipline Manager the reason for the request, a proposal to vary the deadline, and any other documentation requested by the Discipline Manager.
 - f. This matter and its outcome will be published by APEGA as deemed appropriate and such publication will name the registrant and permit holder.

I, Tianfei Yan, P.Eng. acknowledge that before signing this Recommended Discipline Order, I consulted with legal counsel regarding my rights or that I am aware of my right to consult legal counsel and that I hereby expressly waive my right to do so. I confirm that I agree to the facts as set out above in the Recommended Order and the admissions set out in Sections B and C, and that I agree with Orders in Section D that are jointly proposed.

Further to the above, I acknowledge that I have reviewed APEGA's Good Standing Policy. I understand that I will not be considered a member "in good standing" until I have fully complied with the Orders set out above and I understand that good standing status may affect my membership rights or benefits, including the ability to become a Responsible Member, or the ability to volunteer with APEGA in any capacity.

Further to the above, I acknowledge that a copy of this Order and my identity shall be provided to the APEGA Practice Review Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned agrees with the Agreed Statement of Facts and Acknowledgment of Unprofessional Conduct and the Orders jointly proposed.


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Tianfei Yan, P.Eng., on behalf of AACC Ltd.

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**Allan Yucoco, P.L.(Eng.) (Panel
Chair) APEGA Investigative
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By:

Case Manager

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