

**[PRC BOARD OF CIVIL ENGINEERING BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 07, S. 2007, March 23, 2007]**

**RULES IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24,
ARTICLE V OF REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) NO. 544, KNOWN AS THE
"CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW", PROVIDING FOR THE
REGISTRATION OF FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR ASSOCIATIONS
FOR THE PRACTICE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, Sec. 24, Art. V of R.A. No. 544 reads, to wit:

"Section 24. - The practice of civil engineering is a professional service, admission to which must be determined upon individual, personal qualifications. Hence, no firm, partnership, corporation or association may be registered or licensed as such for the practice of civil engineering: Provided, however, That persons properly registered and licensed as civil engineers may, among themselves or with a person or persons properly registered and licensed as architects, form and obtain registration of, a firm, partnership or association using the term 'Engineers' or 'Engineers and Architects', but nobody shall be a member or partner of such firm, partnership or association unless he is a duly licensed civil engineer or architect, and the members who are civil engineers shall only render work and services proper for a civil engineer, as defined in this Act, and the members who are architects, shall also render work and services proper for an architects, as defined in the law regulating the practice of architecture; individual members of such firms, partnership or association shall be responsible for their own respective acts." (Underscoring supplied);

WHEREAS, the aforequoted provisions requires the registration of such firm, partnership or association with the Board of Civil Engineering (the "Board");

WHEREAS, Sec. 4, Art. II of R.A. No. 544 empowers the Board with the approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Sec. 7 (c) of R.A. No. 8981, cited as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", to issue such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of the former;

WHEREAS, the registration and monitoring of the foregoing firm, partnership or association by the Board and the Commission under Sec. 4, Art. II of R.A. No. 544 and Sec. 9 (b) of R.A. 8981 will enable them to identify and impose corresponding administrative sanctions and to institute criminal actions against them before the courts for engaging in the practice of civil engineering without lawful authorization in violation of the law or the rules and regulations or the Code of Ethics for civil

engineering; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the public against fraud, deception, unethical and unprofessional practices and/or from the consequences of ignorance, negligence, incompetence, and incapacity in the practice of civil engineering;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board RESOLVES, as it is hereby resolved, to prescribe, promulgate, and issue the rules implementing Sec. 24, Art. V of R.A. No. 544, providing for the registration of firms, partnerships, and associations formed by persons properly registered and licensed as civil engineers, among themselves or with a person or persons properly registered and licensed as architects, for the practice of civil engineering in the Philippines, and prescribing penalties for violations hereof.

RULE I: DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms -

- (a) *"Practice of civil engineering"* means the practice or offer to practice of "service" in the form of consultation, design, preparation of plans, specifications, estimates, erection, installation and supervision of the construction of streets, bridges, highways, railroads, airports and hangars, portworks, canals, river and shore improvements, lighthouses, and dry docks; buildings, fixed structures for irrigation, flood protection, drainage, water supply and sewerage works; demolition of permanent structures; tunnels, and any other work requiring civil engineering knowledge and application." (Sec. 2 (a), Art. I of R.A. No. 544);
- (b) *"Board"* means the Board of Civil Engineering under the administrative control and supervision of the Commission pursuant to Sec. 7 (o) of R.A. No. 8981;
- (c) *"Commission"* means the Professional Regulation Commission;
- (d) *"Firm"* means an organization engaged in the practice of civil engineering, consisting of a Sole Practitioner and one or more employees, registered as such with the Board;
- (e) *"Partnership"* means a professional partnership engaged in the practice of civil engineering, registered as such with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Board;
- (f) *"Association"* means a professional association governed by the provisions on co-ownership under the New Civil Code in the practice of civil engineering registered with the Board;
- (g) *"Sole Practitioner"* means the person identified as such in the registration of the Firm with the Board;
- (h) *"Partners"* means the persons identified as such in the registration of the Partnership with the SEC and the Board;
- (i) *"Members"* means the persons identified as such in the registration of the Association governed by the provisions on co-ownership under the New Civil Code

with the Board;

(j) “*Registered Civil Engineer*” means a person who holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card issued by the Board and the Commission;

(k) “*Civil Engineer on Record*” means the person who is designated by the Firm, Partnership or Association to be professionally responsible for the Output of Professional Civil Engineering Services;

(l) “*Certificate of Registration*” means a statement in writing and under seal, issued by the Commission pursuant to a Resolution promulgated by the Board subject to approval by the Commission, attesting that a firm, partnership or association of persons properly registered and licensed as civil engineers, among themselves or with a person or persons properly registered and licensed as architects, is duly registered to practice civil engineering or architecture in the Philippines.

(m) “*Output of Professional Civil Engineering Services*” means designs, plans, drawings, documents, professional opinions, investigations, evaluations, reports, estimates, charts, photographs, etc., whether in hard copy or electronic format, representing the results of professional services involving the practice of civil engineering.

RULE II: REGISTRATION

SECTION 2. Registration of Firms, Partnerships, and Associations Already in the Practice of Civil Engineering upon Effectivity of the Resolution - Within six (6) months from the effectivity of the Resolution, Firms, Partnerships and Associations already engaged in the practice of civil engineering shall register with the Board and Commission in the manner provided for in Section 4 and 8 hereof upon issuance of a Board Resolution subject to approval by the Commission, granting the said registration.

SECTION 3. Registration of Firms, Partnerships, and Associations After Effectivity of the Resolution - Firms, Partnerships and Associations organized after the effectivity of the Resolution shall register with the Board and the Commission in the manner provided for in Sections 4 to 8 hereof, and shall not commence the practice of civil engineering until a valid Certificate of Registration shall have been issued in accordance with Sections 10 and 11 hereof and upon issuance of Board Resolution subject to the approval of the Commission, granting the said registration.

SECTION 4. Application for Registration - The application for registration shall be accomplished in the form and number of copies prescribed by the Board, and duly signed by the Sole Practitioner in the case of a Firm, Managing Partner in the case of a Partnership, and President in the case of an Association. The application for registration shall contain such information as may be required by the Board including, but not limited to, the following matters:

(a) Name of Firm, Partnership, or Association;