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DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER (ACCUSATION NO. 2009-55)

3. On or about May 8, 2009, Maria L. Camacho, an employee of the Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No. 2009-55, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is:

Borite Termite & Pest Treatments Corporation 4335 Van Nuys Boulevard, #327 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

and

14635 Chatsworth Drive Mission Hills, CA 91345

A copy of the Accusation is attached as exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by reference.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
- 5. On or about April 20, 2009, the DOJ received a certified mail receipt from the U.S. Postal Service indicating that Respondent took receipt of the Accusation on or about April 1, 2009.
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (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.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2009-55.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the 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 respondent.

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- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the evidence on file herein, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 2009-55 are true.
- 10. The total cost for investigation and enforcement in connection with the Accusation are \$1,047.00 as of May 28, 2009.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Andrew De La Rosa has subjected his Registered Applicator License No. RA 48991 to discipline.
 - 2. A copy of the Accusation is attached.
 - 3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 4. The Structural Pest Control Board is authorized to revoke Respondent's Registered Applicator License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:
- a. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 8649 (Criminal Conviction), in that on or about October 22, 2008, in a criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of California v. Andrew DeLaRosa*, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, case number LA059373, Respondent pled nolo contendere to violating Penal Code section 245, subdivision (b) (Assault with a Semiautomatic Weapon with Special Allegation within the Meaning of Penal Code section 186.22(b)(1)(b) (Offense committed for the benefit of, direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members), a felony, conduct substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Applicator License No. RA 48991, heretofore issued to Respondent Andrew De La Rosa, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall	become effec	ctive	on	September	9,	2009	·
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It is so ORDERED	August	10,	2009			•	

FOR THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2009-55

Exhibit A Accusation No. 2009-55

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		ANDREW DELAROSA		
	13	4335 Van Nuys Boulevard, #327 A C C U S A T I O N Sherman Oaks, California 91403		
	14	Registered Applicator License No. RA 48991		
	15	Respondent.		
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	17	Kelli Okuma ("Complainant") alleges:		
	18	PARTIES		
	19	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the		
	20	Registrar/Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board ("Board"), Department of		
	21	Consumer Affairs.		
	22	Registered Applicator License		
	23	2. On or about June 30, 2008, the Structural Pest Control Board issued		
	24	Registered Applicator License Number RA 48991 ("license") to Andrew DeLaRosa		
,	25	("Respondent"). The license will expire on June 30, 2011, unless renewed.		
	26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
	27	3. Section 8620 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in		
	28	pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the holder, while		
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a licensee or applicant, has committed any acts or omissions constituting cause for disciplinary action or in lieu of a suspension may assess a civil penalty.

4. Code section 8624 states:

"If the board suspends or revokes an operator's license and one or more branch offices are registered under the name of the operator, the suspension or revocation may be applied to each branch office."

5. Code section 8625 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license or company registration by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license or company registration shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such licensee or company, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license or registration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Code section 8649 states:

Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is a ground for disciplinary action. The certified record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

7. Section 8654 of the Code states:

Any individual who has been denied a license for any of the. reasons specified in Section 8568, or who has had his or her license revoked, or whose license is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a company registration has been denied for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or whose company registration has been revoked as a result of disciplinary action, or whose company registration is under suspension, and while acting as such member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee had knowledge of or participated in any of the prohibited acts for which the license or registration was denied, suspended or revoked, shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of a registered company, and the employment, election or association of such person by a registered company is a ground for disciplinary action.

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8. Section 8655 of the Code states:

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A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article or Section 8568 of this chapter. The board may order the license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the individual or registered company to withdraw a plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

COST RECOVERY

9. Code section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Criminal Conviction)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section Code section 8649, in that on or about October 22, 2008, before the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, in the case entitled, *People of the State of California v. Andrew DeLaRosa* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2008, Case No. LA059373), in a plea agreement, Respondent was convicted on his plea of nolo contendere of violating one count of Penal Code section 245, subdivision (b) (Assault with a Semiautomatic Weapon with Special Allegation within the Meaning of Penal Code section 186.22(b)(1)(b) (Offense committed for the benefit of, direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members), a felony. Such conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee.

The circumstances of the crime are that on or about June 25, 2008, Respondent willfully and unlawfully committed an assault upon someone with a semiautomatic firearm.

PRAYER

1 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein 2 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Structural Pest Control Board issue a decision: 3 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Applicator Number RA 48991 issued 4 to Andrew DeLaRosa: 5 Prohibiting Andrew DeLaRosa from serving as an officer, director, 2. 6 associate, partner, or qualifying individual of any licensee; 3, Ordering Andrew DeLaRosa to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the 8 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and, 9 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 10 11 12 13 Registrar/Executive Officer 14 Structural Pest Control Board Department of Consumer Affairs 15 State of California 16 Complainant LA2008900638 17 30643187.wpd 18 19

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