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In the Matter of:

No. 16-I-430

**The Application of
LIGUO GONG, CLS-SPECIALIST
(Applicant)**

**CONSENT ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF
LICENSE WITH REPRIMAND**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Liguog Gong ("Mr. Gong") for a license to practice as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist Specialist ("CLS-S") in this state. While a review of the materials submitted in support of his application indicates that he satisfies the educational and other requirements necessary for licensure consideration, Mr. Gong reports that he has been working as a laboratory supervisor in Louisiana while licensed solely as a laboratory assistant.

In connection with this matter, Mr. Gong explained that he began working as a laboratory supervisor in a facility and was licensed as a laboratory assistant and was certified by the American Board of Bioanalysis as a Technical Supervisor in the disciplines of Andrology and Embryology. He explained that when he began working as a supervisor, he was unaware that his laboratory assistant license was insufficient for the type of work that he was performing and his employers had not notified him of the need for state licensure as a CLS Generalist or CLS Specialist. Mr. Gong acknowledged that his prior understanding was in error and he now accepts his responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Mr. Gong acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish sufficient cause for the rejection or denial of his application for licensure in this state or such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, pursuant to the Law and/or the Board's rules respecting clinical laboratory personnel.¹

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Mr. Gong is a conscientious and well-trained clinical laboratory assistant, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to charge Mr. Gong with one or more violations of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:1318, 1326 and/or the Board's rules respecting clinical laboratory personnel, La. Adm. C. 46XLV.3505.

Recognizing his right to have administrative adjudication of the above charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:1318, 1326; La. Adm. C. §§46XLV:3505.

thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Mr. Gong, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges, formal adjudication and written decision and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Moreover, by his subscription hereto, Mr. Gong also waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act² or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or before any judicial or administrative agency or body, relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Mr. Gong also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Furthermore, Mr. Gong expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue any Administrative Complaint filed against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955D;

IT IS ORDERED that Liguo Gong is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after completion of application requirements, a license to practice as a clinical laboratory scientist specialist in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Liguo Gong.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Mr. Gong shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00), which represents the difference between the laboratory assistant fee and clinical laboratory scientist specialist fee for three (3) years.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Mr. Gong shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 13th day of JUNE, 2016.

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BY: 

J. MICHAEL BURDINE, M.D.
President

² La. Rev. Stat. §49:951. *et seq.*

STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH OF Iberville

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, LIGUO GONG, CLS-SPECIALIST APPLICANT, hereby acknowledge, approve,
accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 25th day of May,
2016.

Liguo Gong
LIGUO GONG, CLS-SPECIALIST APPLICANT

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of May, 2016, in
the presence of the two stated witnesses.

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Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

Allen H. Borne, Jr
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