

Summary of Sanction Agreement

James Russell Neilson

File #2015.08

On the 8th day of August 2016, the Complaints Inquiry Committee (CIC) approved and accepted a sanction agreement pursuant to the provisions of s74 of the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, RSA c. R-12.

Under that agreement J. Russell Neilson admitted to the allegations of unprofessional conduct as set out in the March 8, 2016 motion referring the matter to hearing in that he engaged in conduct that reflected negatively on his honesty, integrity and trustworthiness and was detrimental to the profession by:

1. Attaching the logo of a large public accounting firm to
 - a. the unaudited financial statements of 1***** Alberta Ltd. o/a AAAA Solutions for the year ended September 30, 2012, with an attached Notice to Reader; and
 - b. the unaudited financial statements of AAAA Solutions Inc. for the year ended September 30, 2013, with an attached Notice to Reader;without the knowledge or authorization of the large public account firm and without the involvement of the large public account firm in the preparation of the financial statements.
2. Associating with false and misleading information by delivering all or part of the financial statements referred to in allegation #1 to:
 - a. BBBBB Royalty Corp. on September 16, 2014; and
 - b. Person 1 on or about July 2014.
3. Not responding to the February 2, 2015 request of the CIC Secretary to provide a response to the complaint and not cooperating with the investigation.

Sanctions

1. cancellation of registration;
2. payment of a fine of \$20,000 for allegation #1 within 30 days of the statement of costs being served;
3. payment of a fine of \$15,000 for allegation #2 within 30 days of the statement of costs being served;
4. payment of a fine of \$15,000 for allegation #3 within 30 days of the statement of costs being served;
5. payment of the costs of the investigation, hearing and compliance with any orders within 30 days of the statement of costs being served; and
6. publication to all members of CPA Alberta;
7. publication to the public by having the notice posted on the CPA Alberta website for a period of 10 years;
8. publication to all other regulatory accounting bodies in Canada and to any other professional organization in which J. Russell Neilson is known to hold concurrent membership;
9. publication in the following periodicals:
 - a. Edmonton Journal
 - b. Calgary Herald
 - c. National Post
 - d. Globe and Mail
 - e. Canmore Leader.

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