

EDITORIAL RETRACTION OF A PAPER

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A **Simple Model to Predict Critical Ricochet Angle in Long-Rod Penetration** by Kamran Daneshjou and Majid Shahravi was published in *Journal of Mechanics* in the March issue of 2009 (Vol. 25, No. 1, pp. 117–128).

The article of Kamran Daneshjou plagiarized two earlier articles, one published by Steven B. Segletes in Elsevier's *International Journal of Impact Engineering*, Vol. 32, pp. 1403–1439 (2006)¹ and the other one published in *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*, Vol. 35, pp. 2676–2686 (2002)² by Woong Lee, Heon-Joo Lee and Hyunho Shin.

It was discovered that the introduction was practically reproduced word for word from the 2006 article with only a minor change of added words and abridged sentences. Furthermore, it was found that there were large chunks identical to the 2002 article in the sections of numerical analysis, experimental, and results and discussion. **With this apparent plagiarism, we hereby retract the Daneshjou paper.** Dr. Daneshjou, being contacted both by e-mail and printed letter, has not replied to the editorial office about this affair and neither has the co-author.

The publication of papers with scientific fraud and plagiarized material is not acceptable. We cannot allow this fraudulent behavior to occur in either *Journal of Mechanics* or any other journal. The editorial office will scrutinize the future submitted papers to prevent any plagiarism.

¹ Steven B. Segletes. A Model for Rod Ricochet. *International Journal of Impact Engineering*, Vol. 32, pp. 1403–1439 (2006).

² Woong Lee, Heon-Joo Lee and Hyunho Shin. Ricochet of a Tungsten Heavy Alloy Long-Rod Projectile from Deformable Steel Plates. *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*, Vol. 35, pp. 2676–2686 (2002).