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Personal Statement

I am a civil engineer with extensive experience in construction work across the Middle East, and West Africa. My work has included the execution of a variety of projects, including industrial buildings, university buildings, commercial centers, art centers, as well as oil and gas infrastructure. I have 39 years of engineering experience, including 20 years at a managerial level. My current primary focus is oil and gas infrastructure engineering with broad experience in the building of gas storage tanks, oil tanks, ammonia tanks, and process plants. I also have wide-ranging experience in managerial roles, including individual project management and overseeing multiple projects across an entire region or country. I am currently the Operations Manager for Kettaneh Construction in Saudi Arabia and oversee their civil engineering projects across the entire country. I am fully proficient in English, Arabic, and French and leverage my multilingualism to efficiently work with multicultural and diverse teams, including as part of international companies.

I am highly motivated, a team player, and approach new challenges with a growth mindset. I am looking for a job that would build on my vast engineering and managerial experience to continue to develop my skills in both of these areas.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering – from 1978 to 1983 (five-year program).

“Ecole Supérieure des Ingénieurs de Beyrouth (ESIB)”, University of Saint Joseph (USJ), French-speaking school of engineering located in Beirut, Lebanon.

Major: steel and concrete structures.

Experience

From: Dec 2020 – Till Present

Operations Manager at Kettaneh Construction in Saudi Arabia, supervising all projects across the entire country, in collaboration with the Project Manager of each project.

From 2019 – To 2020:

Project Manager for Kettaneh Construction in Saudi Arabia (Northern region), executing an Engineering & Procurement Contract (EPC) for Maaden, the largest government-owned mining company in Saudi Arabia.

The project consisted of an extension to the existing water wells, which serve Maaden’s main factory. The cost of the project was 12 million USD with 26 staff (engineering, construction, quality, and safety) and over 500 construction workers on the project. Notably, we were able to complete the project within a very short period of time from December 2019 until September 2020. I had to leverage my extensive managerial and engineering experience to be able to execute this complex project in a relatively short amount of time.

From 2017 -To 2019:

Project Manager for Kettaneh Construction in Saudi Arabia (Northern region), executing a sub-contract for GE (General Electric Company) consisting of the construction of an entire underground utility network for an integrated solar combined cycle power plant. The total cost of the project was around one billion USD for GE (50 million USD for Kettaneh).

The work was conducted between May 2017 and October 2019. The job had to be coordinated with other operating sub-contractors on the plant and had to be achieved within the stipulated time. The team I was leading comprised 600 individuals, including engineers, quality inspectors, safety inspectors, and construction workers. The project comprised earthworks and concrete works related to all underground networks, covering electrical, instrumentation and control, communication, and drainage systems.

From 2014-To 2017:

Project Manager for Kettaneh Construction, in Saudi Arabia (Northern and Eastern regions), erecting three cooling towers, meant for the Saudi Elastomer Company (part of Sabic, the second largest government-owned company in Saudi Arabia) and Maaden (another major company owned by the Saudi Government).

By virtue of its complexity, the Sabic cooling tower is one of the major landmarks in the plant, it is meant to cool down the water for the Elastomer factory. The Maaden cooling towers were of a different design, one was of a Reverse Osmosis type while the other was of a Brine type.

The cost of the three cooling towers was around 30 million USD.

From 2012- To 2014:

Project Manager for Kettaneh Construction, in Saudi Arabia (Eastern region). I oversaw a project where we erected a tank farm of 44 tanks for an American EPC company, CB&I (Chicago Bridge, and Iron Company).

The work was achieved in a short period of time. It comprises 8 double containment tanks and 36 single containment tanks. I supervised a crew of 600 persons executing the civil engineering part of the job.

From 2010-To 2012:

Site Manager for Kettaneh Construction, in Qatar (Ras Laffan, Northern region). I oversaw the execution of a gas plant for Qatar Gas Company, which is the largest government-owned company by size of operations in Qatar. Kettaneh construction was the main civil engineering sub-contractor on site.

The total project cost was one billion USD for the EPC Contractor (Technip France) & 60 million USD for Kettaneh. The crew at its peak was around 1200 people.

From 2003-To 2010:

Site Manager for Kettaneh Construction, in Qatar (Ras Laffan, northern Region).

I executed various projects, including LNG (Liquid Natural Gas Tanks) and process plants, for Qatar Gas and Ras Gas (two of the largest government-owned companies) in Ras Laffan, which is the main industrial city in Qatar. The projects were major civil sub-contracts for EPC contractors like Chiyoda, Technip, Vinci, Mitsubishi, Conoco Phillips, IHI, and CB&I.

From 1999-To 2003:

Trade Coordinator on a project in Lebanon as an employee of Zublin (a German EPC contractor), I worked on the “Lebanese Campus University” project, which was a large project to create a unified campus for the only public university in Lebanon. The project created a single campus for all the faculties of the university, which had previously been distributed between multiple other small campuses across the country.

From 1997-To 1998:

Owner representative with “Spring Hills” group in Lebanon. Supervised the construction of a major country club, called Spring Hills, built in the Suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon. It comprised restaurants, gymnasiums, swimming pools, horse riding courts, and tennis courts.

From 1994-To 1997:

Project manager with the MAN group in Lebanon. Supervised the construction of a large commercial center, called Abraj, in the suburbs of Beirut. The project comprised 8 cinema rooms, 55 offices, 50 shops, as well as parking areas.

From 1987-To 1993:

Project manager at Jafco Construction Company in Nigeria. I executed a factory that produced raw materials for PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) as well as another foam factory for a sister company. Other projects were executed for the state government, including a major art and culture project in the Kwara state of Nigeria.

From 1984-To 1987:

Field engineer for Total in Lebanon.

Software skills

Proficient in AutoCAD, Microsoft office, Primavera.

Languages

Fully proficient in English, French and Arabic.

Awards

1. Individual achievement award from Sabic Company (owner of the Saudi Elastomer project) for being an essential contributor to the achievement of the project, in 2013.
2. Partnership award from Maaden Company (major Saudi government-owned company) for playing a major role in the completion of the Waad Al Shamal project (an industrial city in the Northern part of Saudi Arabia, built for mining activities), in 2016.

References

References are available upon request.