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Professional Profile

A manufacturing enthusiast with over 25 years' experience as an engineer and manager in a wide range of industries. With a track record of leading manufacturing teams in achieving business improvements. Has implemented management systems to ensure effective regulatory compliance. Qualified as an Incorporated Engineer and Lead Quality Auditor, with an MSc in manufacturing.

Skills

- ✓ Design of manufacturing systems
- ✓ Quality management to ISO9001
- ✓ Operations management
- ✓ Team leadership & development
- ✓ Developing engineering solutions
- ✓ Implementing Continuous Improvement using Lean
- ✓ Compliance with environmental & technical regulation
- ✓ Change management at all organizational levels

Career Summary

Continuous Improvement Director **Motortronics UK Ltd.** May 2015 to Nov 2020

The company designs & manufactures soft starters for the control of fixed speed electric motors. Employing thirty-five staff it was previously known as Fairford Electronics.

Responsible for all Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement activities across the company. Liaised directly with major corporate customers and product approval bodies (UL, CQC etc)

Achievements:

- Upgraded the company management system to achieve ISO9001:2015 certification.
- Introduced a Continuous Improvement system, using the Basecamp application.
- Managed projects to reduce assembly time and to improve order flow.
- Transferred production to new PCB suppliers, resulting in reduced defects.
- Implemented rigorous quality metrics, enabling better decision making and faster actions.
- Managed an international product recall.
- Implemented systems to comply with RoHS, REACH, WEEE and Proposition 65.
- Achieved Fit 4 Nuclear approval, following implementation project.
- Increased the company's influence on trade association committees.

Production Manager **Hellermann Tyton UK Ltd.** Aug 2014 – Mar 2015

Responsible for the effective operation of injection moulding and extrusion facilities producing specialist cable accessories. Led a team of sixty operators, working on three shifts.

Interim Manufacturing Professional

• Manufacturing Engineer Pall Corporation, Redruth Jan 2014 – Aug 2014

Provided engineering support on a successful project to relocate an oil filter production facility to Slovakia. This involved producing SAP routings, specifying new tooling and training local staff.

• Production Manager Magma Moulding, Plymouth Apr 2013 – Oct 2013

Carried out a review of the manufacturing operation, consisting of injection moulding machines and assembly. Implemented a plan to stabilise the operation, resulting in improved deliveries.

Plant Manager**Permaban Ltd.**

Apr 2011 – Apr 2013

Part of the RCR group, the company manufactures a range of steel and plastic formwork used in the construction of high specification industrial concrete floors.

Managed 25 staff covering all manufacturing operations. Implemented a programme of cultural change and system improvements. Also responsible for new product introduction.

Achievements

- Used Value Stream Mapping for a team project to improve shop floor layout and flow.
- Refocused production planning onto bottlenecks, contributing to an increase in output.
- Introduced standard reporting and daily process reviews.
- Upgraded ISO9001 system to focus on improvement, rather than just compliance.
- Improved quality and engineering standards in sheetmetal section.
- Created a culture where Health & Safety was valued, and procedures understood.

Production Director**Meddings Thermalec Ltd.**

Oct 2002 – Apr 2011

The company manufactures Meddings drilling machines and Thermalec swimming pool heaters, as well as providing a range of sub-contract engineering services. Total of 26 reporting staff.

Responsible for the efficient planning and operation of cells for CNC machining, fabrication and electrical assembly. Negotiated with UK and offshore suppliers for purchasing of materials.

Achievements

- Carried out a strategic business review, engaging with the staff to introduce new structures, job roles and methods of working, including a redundancy programme.
- Enabled employees to take responsibility for issues in their areas through Lean training.
- Implemented Visual Management techniques for production and material control.
- Introduced Pull and Kanban principles into factory, gaining 70% reduction in WIP.
- Managed a project to redesign floor layout - resulting in 40% reduction in footprint, with improvements to cell flexibility and product flow.
- Implemented procedures for the safe storage and use of radioactive sources.
- Designed modifications to the Thermalec heater to improve manufacturing efficiency.

Education

Master of Science in Manufacturing, Management & Technology Open University 2003

Dissertation on “The Effectiveness of Performance Related Pay in Manufacturing Companies”

Higher National Certificate in Engineering (Electrical/Electronic) University of Plymouth 1990

Project on “Digital Speed Control of a DC Motor”

Undergraduate Programme Open University

Managing in Organisations, Environmental Control & Public Health, Physical Science, Maths

Electrical Fitter Apprenticeship Royal Naval Dockyard Devonport 1983-87

Recent Continuing Professional Development

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| ➤ Introduction to Cyber Security | Open University | 2020 |
| ➤ ISO 14001:2015 Foundation | SAI Global | 2020 |
| ➤ ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor | Bywater Excel | 2017 |
| ➤ Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training | Pall / Gemba Academy | 2015 |
| ➤ IEE Wiring Regulations – 17 th Edition | DCET | 2009 |