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## **APPRENTICESHIP FOR CHARTER**

Completed a 5 year Indentured Engineering apprenticeship with the then De Havilland Aircraft Co Ltd. Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Chartered Engineer. C. Eng. UK.

Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, London, England F.I.Mech.E.

Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka. F.I.E. (Sri Lanka)

Member of the Institution of Production Engineers, London, England. M.I.Prod.E.

Council Member of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka. 1984-1989

Associate Member of the World Organization of Building Officials and Member of the National Advisory Committee of the World Organization of Building Officials. 1992/93

Council Member of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka 1992-1993

## **OTHER COURSES**

ICMA Course (Institute of Cost Management Accounting) on Financial Management Accounting for non-financial Managers in 1983 Computers and Office Communication Tractor Maintenance and Operation at Massey Ferguson, UK.

## **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

I have successfully restructured two large Corporations owned by the Government of Sri Lanka and a Private Engineering Company (Branch of a British Company in Sri Lanka) This private Co. was closed down as in my opinion it could not be turned around.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

My experience spans years of Engineering Management in diverse fields, such as Irrigation, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Water Works, Manufacturing and Engineering Project Management in Sri Lanka, England and Nigeria. In these fields I have gained experience in design, specifications, calling and assessing tenders, awarding contracts for major mechanical engineering projects, implementation and supervision of projects, management of workshops and production facilities, repair and maintenance of construction and earth moving equipment, agricultural tractors, vehicles and setting up of mechanical repair workshops. In most of these positions I was responsible for management of professional staff as well as a large labour force. My duties also included Coordination of finance, internal auditing and general administration.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE & HYSTORY**

***July 1993 - Dec 1994 Secretariat for Infrastructure Development & Investment. Sri Lanka. (On a part time basis from July '93 to July '94 & full time from July to Dec. 1994)***

**Infrastructure Specialist**

This is a project in collaboration with the Ministry of Policy Planning and Implementation and US AID to promote private sector participation with the public sector in infrastructure development.

The Infrastructure Specialist works closely with the Chief of Party and the Resident Investment Specialist in providing supervision and managing all aspects of the technical assistance provided through the project. He is expected to serve as a resource person on BOO/BOT approaches.

***January 1991 to 03rd August 1994. BCC Lanka Ltd. Sri Lanka***

**Director/Chairman**

BCC Lanka Ltd. (formerly British Ceylon Corporation), manufacturers of Coconut oil, Laundry and Toilet Soaps and Provender Feed was previously a privately owned Company, managed from its inception by the British with a good dividend record. In 1972 the Government of Sri Lanka acquired this Company.

My assignment was to restructure the Company, by identifying excess staff and reducing overtime, establish norms based on 8 hour shifts and turn it into a viable organization for the purpose of privatization. I completed the above assignment by Jan.1992 and the year ended March 1993 & 94 recorded a profit.

***1989 to Dec. 1990-Released Jan.1991 to BCC Lanka Limited at the request of the Government of Sri Lanka.***

**Consultant Engineer**

Sampath Bank Limited commenced operation in 1985 and has grown extremely fast. Bank hired me to co-ordinate civil, electrical, mechanical and air conditioning work with the Architects and Contractors

***1986 to 1989 Brown and Co. Ltd. Colombo Sri Lanka***

**Director Engineering**

I reorganize and revitalize the Engineering Divisions of Brown & Company Limited to make it a more profitable organization.

The Mechanical Division handles all Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates requirements such as Tea Factories etc.

The Electrical Division comprises of Electrical Elevators, Air Conditioning and Telephone Departments.

The Civil Engineering Division handles all major civil Engineering Project, buildings, bridges, water treatment and distribution.

On retirement, in December 31, 1988, I continued with Brown and Company for a further period of three months.

***1982 to 1986. Sri Lanka State Trading (Tractor) Corporation, a business undertaking of the Government of Sri Lanka.***

**General Manager**

I was responsible to the Chairman and the Board of Directors for the day to day running of the Corporation and future development.

My duties included coordinating finance, sales, spare parts sales, import, stores, internal audit, engineering service and repairs, personnel and general administration.

I attended discussions and negotiated on behalf of the Corporation with Massey Ferguson, Fiat and Kubota Tractors with regard to orders, prices, sales support service and engineering functions, which necessitated traveling abroad.

***1981 to 1982 Harrison Lister Engineering Colombo***

**Engineering Manager**

I was responsible to the Chairman for all activities of the Engineering Division, which handled a variety of Engineering Projects.

This company was closed on my recommendation.

***1980 to 1981 Lee Fakino Nigeria Limited, Ibadan, Nigeria***

**Workshop Manager**

Established and administered the base mechanical workshop at Alakia, for the repair and maintenance of construction equipment, vehicles, earth moving tractors and other equipment.

***1977 to 1980. Water Corporation of Oyo State, Ibadan, Nigeria***

**Deputy Chief Engineer Mechanical**

Joined as Asst. Chief Engineer in April 1977 and was promoted to Deputy Chief Engineer in July 1977.

I was responsible to the Chief Engineer for Administration and Technical functions, both at head office in Ibadan and the four area offices.

I acted for the Chief Engineer when he was on leave or when he was acting for the General Manager.

***1971 to 1977 Usha Industries Ltd., Ratmalana, Sri Lanka***

**General Manager/Secretary to the Board**

Manufacturers of Sewing Machines and Electrical fans - from 1971 to 1977.

***1969 - 1971 Sri Lanka State Hardware Corporation, Sri Lanka***

**Works Manager**

In charge of the workshops for both administration and technical duties.

***1965 -1969 Leyland Motors Ltd., Lancs. UK.***

**Mechanical Engineer**

In the Architects and Works Engineering Department.

Responsible for the design and implementation of heating, ventilation, and test bed requirements.

***1965 - 1965 Associated Motorways Group of Factories, Kalutara, Sri Lanka***

**Deputy Chief Engineer**

In charge of maintenance and installation of all equipment of the five factories.

***1961 - 1964 Irrigation Department of Sri Lanka, Colombo- Sri Lanka***

**Assistant Mechanical Engineer**

As Assistant Mechanical Engineer I was responsible to the Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Mechanical Branch of the Irrigation Department of Sri Lanka