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Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in General Management, Operational Support, Financial Control, Company Reengineering, Change Management, Supply Chain Logistics and IT gained in Education, Construction, Energy, Finance and many other sectors. I have used my experience in large companies to implement systems, internal controls, management reporting and strategies in my recent roles. This included the setting up of profitable companies out of companies that were struggling. I think I could be a great asset as a Project Accountant with your company.

EMPLOYMENT

Edinburgh College, Edinburgh (Jan 2014 – Present), Project Accountant

- Assisting in the amalgamation of the accounts of Stevenson, Jewel & Esk Colleges into one new institution, Edinburgh College.
- Consolidation of the Cash Flows for 2012/2013 across the three Colleges as a means of estimating the Cash Flow for the current financial year.
- Review of the 2012/13 Financial Statements to ensure that all working documentation is properly filed.
- Taking part in Budget meetings across all three colleges to help prepare the 2013/2014 Budget for Edinburgh College.

Lion Group, 4 Dulop Avenue, Falkirk (May 2013 – Dec 2013), Finance Manager

- Monthly analysis of the Overheads for the 3 Scotland branches in Falkirk, Stirling and Aberdeen. This involves the download of data from the Corvu system, analysing this data into various categories and preparing summary reports for Senior Management.
- Debt Control – Analysing the accounts of several clients to establish the debt and liaising with the Commercial Team to establish actions to be taken to collect this debt.
- Liaising regularly with the Commercial and Operations teams to review their CVRs and issuing them at month end for analysis by the Commercial Team.
- Daily authorizing of payments using the COINS system.

Willis Barnton, 9 Hedgemore Row, Glasgow (Sept 2012 – Dec 2012), Project Accountant

- Analysing all significant spreadsheets within the Reconciliations & Investigations team to ensure they adhere to the company spreadsheet policy. Updating many spreadsheets for password protection, data validation and cell protection as well as many other Excel features.
- Assisting with the transition of the Reconciliations from the Systems team to the Reconciliations & Investigations team. This involved understanding the reconciliations performed on a regular basis, documenting processes and preparing a master document providing full details of these documents to Senior Management.

Scottish Wind Power, Dove Wynd, Glasgow (Feb 2011 – April 2012), Performance Accountant

- Preparation of Monthly Performance reports illustrating the financial performance of several business areas within SWP networks.
- Preparation of the 2012 Budget for several Business areas. This involved issuing the Business managers with a template to populate their figures, managing the returns of these figures and arranging for the upload into the SAP system.

- Assisting in the preparation of Forecasts throughout the year, this involved the preparation of Excel reports comparing Forecasts against the previous year's budget and other forecasts along with commentaries.
- Various ad hoc duties including the preparation of monthly journals and management information.

Capita, Hamilton Street, Glasgow (May 2008 – Feb 2011), Finance Manager

- Preparation of monthly Finance Reports illustrating the financial performance, debt position and Work in Progress for a portfolio of projects.
- Liaising with Operations and Commercial departments to monitor progress of my projects and to ensure timely invoicing is undertaken.
- Preparation of forecasts 3 times a year and the annual budget for my Projects.
- Using Prophix, Fusion and Dream systems to prepare financial reports, analyse cost data and establish the debt position for each project I am responsible for.
- Creating of a monthly template to enable the month end journal process to run efficiently.

Dell, Erskine Ferry Road, Paisley (Oct 2006 – April 2008), Business Analyst

- Monthly Procurement Labour Reporting. This involved liaising with the Finance team in Poland to obtain monthly data from which Actual costs, Budget and Variance analysis was compiled.
- Preparation of the 2007 Procurement Labour Budget which involved liaising with divisional managers throughout Europe - this budget totalled £6.2m.
- Investigation into Material Costs as the reported figures were much higher than anticipated. This involved downloading data from SAP into Excel and analysing this by document type to identifying inaccurate postings.

EDUCATION

Strathclyde University 2007 – 2011, Certificate in Office Information Software

Glasgow City College 1989-1993, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Napier University 1983-1987, B.A. Degree in Business Economics with Finance

Reid Kerr College, Paisley 1982-1983, Scottish Higher National Certificate in Business Studies

St. Andrews Academy, Paisley 1976-1982, SCE H Grades: Maths (B), English (C), Accounts (C), Economics (C)

OTHER INFORMATION

Associate membership of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants obtained February 1995. Extensive knowledge of MS Excel Spreadsheets. I am also efficient in the use of MS Access, Word, Power Point and Access. Also worked with a variety of databases, including Oracle and SAP.

INTERESTS

I enjoy hill walking, am a fan of Munro Bagging and I recently completed the West Highland Way.

Snooker Honours: 2014 – Regus Snooker Club Champion, 2012 - Selected to play for Scotland in a Scotland V Ireland Amateur International.

REFERENCES

David Michie, Director, Lion Group, Glasgow – dmichie@gmail.com

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