



PROJECT MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL

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Curriculum Vitae

Interim Manager (since May 2011)

international leadership in the automotive, aviation and related industry, such as

- CEO / plant director of production sites abroad
- Cross-border relocation of production plants or production lines,
- Project management development & production with cross-continental teams,
- sourcing and on-site progress follow-up of tools and machinery in Far East
- launch of new production sites in BRICS-countries.

05/2019 – 02/2025 MEKRA lang North America LLC

- 04/2024 – 06/2024 Recovery Manager, rebuilt 3 production lines after total loss of the entire Mexican production plant incl. warehouse and offices in a fire within 38 days
- 09/2023 – 02/2025 Project Manager, led the development of truck cabin and hood mirror systems with a team spread across the USA, Germany, Brazil and Mexico
- 06/2023 – 03/2024 Relocation Manager of production (injection molding and assembly) of John Deere rearview mirror incl. preparation and customer releases to relocate and after relocation from the plant in South Carolina to Monterrey, Mexico
- 12/2020 – 02/2025 Project Manager, led the development of a rear-view system of a Peterbilt heavy duty truck with a team spread across the USA, Germany, Brazil and Mexico
- 03/2020 – 06/2021 Relocation Manager of production of an exterior mirror system of a Kenworth medium duty truck from the USA to Mexico during the pre-production phase with a team spread across the USA, Germany, Brazil and Mexico
- 05/2019 – 02/2020 Relocation Manager of an exterior mirror system of an INTERNATIONAL (TRATON-Group) truck from a competitor in Puebla, Mexico to Monterrey, Mexico incl. buildup of a new production line

11/2017 – 04/2019 Federal-Mogul Sealing Systems GmbH

- 10/2018 – 04/2019 Relocation Manager, exhaust system gaskets
Prepared the relocation of production machinery and tools from Germany to Italy and handover to a newly founded relocation department
- 11/2017 – 09/2018 Relocation Manager, heat shields
Moved production and assembly equipment and tools from Germany to Italy (around 120 different products for 12 OEM customers worldwide)

09/2017 – 11/2017 Eberspächer Exhaust Technology GmbH & Co. KG, Esslingen

- Task Force Manager, exhaust gas valves
Consolidated deliveries after supply cut-offs due to production relocation of a sub-supplier

10/2015 – 07/2017	ZF-Luftfahrttechnik GmbH, Kassel-Calden (now Airbus Helicopter) Manager Development Projects Established a project management organization and led the first development project of a new helicopter powertrain of a twin-engine utility helicopter, incl. main-, intermediate and tail-rotor transmission
01/2013 – 05/2015	Grammer AG, Amberg
10/2013 – 05/2015	Relocation Manager Czechia (3 plants) Moved 2 plants to be shut down into a new building within Czechia and integrated several additional production lines from other European plants (28.000 m ² covered production area, about 800 employees)
07/2013 – 09/2013	Relocation Manager Czechia / Poland, head rests Transferred the assembly line of 137 variants of PORSCHE head rests with 45 operators from Czechia to Poland without interrupting the JIS-supplies
01/2013 – 06/2013	Relocation Manager on site in Changchun, China, 4 locations, interior parts, Consolidated 3 former production plants into a newly built site after completion of framework (about 800 employees, 28.000 m ² production area) - temporarily took over the plant lead -
12/2011 – 05/2012	Koki Technik Transmission Systems GmbH, Niederwürschnitz Project Manager – Foundation of new production locations, search for and analysis of different new production locations in China for inner transmission systems. Led the project up to release of the investment for 2 new plants
02/2012 – 09/2012	friedola-TECH GmbH, Geismar (now con-Pearl) Project Manager Tool Procurement, Ningbo, China managed Chinese injection molding tool shops and manufacturer of a processing unit on site in China

Professional Practice (employed):

11/2010 – 04/2011	General Manager & Plant Manager with Kongsberg Automotive Brazil, Ltda. in Jundiaí, São Paulo, Brazil <i>Producer of shift units, shift cables, clutch actuation systems and pedals for trucks, buses and passenger vehicles with around 130 employees and annual revenues of ard. € 32 million.</i>
09/2006 – 10/2010	Project Manager with Kongsberg Automotive Germany GmbH <i>Global development and production supplier of automotive gear shift mechanisms, actuation systems, shift cables and shift covers.</i>
08/2007 – 03/2008	permanently on site in ChongQing, China
10/2000 – 01/2006	Product Manager with KoKinetics, Kriftel, Germany <i>Company specialised in development and production of car seat mechanisms made of steel and plastic.</i>
10/1998 – 09/2000	Project Manager with KoKi-Transmission, Niederwürschnitz & Kriftel, Germany <i>Company specialised in development and production of gear shift towers and transmission forks made of steel.</i>
04/1996 – 09/1998	Group Leader Central Purchase with KoKi-Technik, Kriftel
01/1996 – 03/1996	Imported in total 6 new Volkswagen Golf and Beetle from Mexico and sold those locally in Germany on my account.

07/1994 – 12/1995	Product Department Manager with Helm AG, Hamburg <i>Global trader of steel and chemical raw materials, providing the (mainly East European) automotive industry with raw material like special steels and steel sheets.</i>
09/1992 – 06/1994	Sales Manager Garden Division with Erdipol GmbH & Co., Hamburg
04/1992 – 08/1992	Sales Representative for USA and Canada with Voco GmbH, Cuxhaven
01/1990 – 03/1992	Product Manager Steel Division with Helm AG, Hamburg
06/1988 – 12/1989	Purchase and Sales Assistant Steel Division with Helm AG, Hamburg

Professional Education/Training:

09/1990 – 02/1992	Study of trade economics in parallel to professional practice at “German Employee Academy” (DAA) in Hamburg with final examination as <i>Trade Business Master</i> at the Chamber of Commerce, Hamburg
08/1986 – 06/1988	apprenticeship as International Sales Professional with Helm AG, Hamburg
06/1986	A-level (High School) Qualification

Further Qualifications:

Seminaries (extract):	“Intercultural Development” Training with ICUnet.AG, Passau, “Risk & Crisis Management” with SmartRiskSolutions GmbH, Gruenwald, “Active Communication” and “Active Leadership 1 + 2” with Michael Löhner Management Institute, Switzerland, “Holistic Human Leadership” with Georges Grob Management, Switzerland, “Process Failure Mode and Effect Analysis” and “Advance Product Quality Planning” with RKW, Frankfurt/Main, “Time Management Training” with Phoenix Consulting, Germany.
Office Tools:	Trainings on SAP R/3 (MM, PP, SD, FI) and mySAP ERP (MM, FI, CO, WM, SD) MS-Office (MS-Word, MS-Excel, MS-Project, PowerPoint, etc.)

Language Skills:

German	native
English	fluent in written and spoken language, technically and commercially
Spanish	knowledge in conversational and commercial language
Portuguese and French	basic knowledge

Others:

Citizenship:	German
Marital status:	married
Driver's license:	cars & lorries up to 7,49 metric tons

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