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Synopsis: Qualified accountant with 12 years experience in financial management, management accounting and reporting, modelling and project management.

Qualifications: Institute of Chartered Accountants (New Zealand)

Key Skills: Financial accounting, management accounting and reporting, project planning and implementation, IT systems development, MS Excel VB programming.

Major assignments

- **Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2005 - 2007) Interim Business Analyst, Financial Control Division**

Defra spends £6 billion per year bringing together the interests of farmers and the countryside; the environment and the rural economy. The Department has five strategic priorities: climate change and energy; sustainable consumption and production; protecting the countryside and natural resource protection; sustainable rural communities; and a sustainable farming and food sector including animal health and welfare. In addition, a significant part of Defra's work is concerned with preparedness for emergencies and contingencies that fall within environment, food and rural affairs.

- Regular review and challenge on business areas, their finance staff and monthly financial reporting products to ensure Departmental control totals are monitored fully.
 - Development and production of the Management Board monthly finance report (including commentaries), distributed to Ministers, the NAO and HM Treasury.
 - Design, development and production of a suite of summarising reports tools from Oracle General Ledger
 - Design, development of the interface model between Oracle General Ledger and the Treasury COINS system. Technical support to the COINS project implementation and reporting team
 - Design, development and implementation of a new approach to forecasting on RAMIS (Oracle) including building interface models
 - Technical advice and support to the Finance Director and business areas of all finance matters, including Treasury Consolidated Budgeting Guidance, Government Accounting and financial modelling.
- **Defra Modernising Rural Delivery Programme (2004) - Business Case Accountant**
 - Supporting the Workstream Account Manager (WAM) for the MRD Business Case in liaison with the other MRD WAMs by modelling the cost implications of their workstreams.

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- Documentation and consolidation of workstream cost models and linkage with benefits models.
- Preparation of sensitivity and risk analysis scenarios
- **Cable & Wireless (2001 - 2003) - Finance & Reporting Analyst, Global Services Operation (GSO)**

Cable wireless is a multi-billion £ provider of international communications solutions

- Production of monthly financial performance reporting for global leased data services business within a group reporting framework and continually increasing business complexity.
 - Enhanced flexibility and the strength of internal controls to ensure all activities received comprehensive financial support.
 - Analysed significant volumes of data from the billing and order management systems to provide added value customer and product focused management information supporting significant strategic business decisions.
 - Successfully migrated GSO SAP finance systems, including the re-engineering of finance processes and identification of solutions to unique data issues, configurations and system interfaces.
 - Designed and implemented an interface program radically enhancing the accounting of leased data services delivering substantial business efficiencies.
 - Liaison with business users and system developers to define functional requirements, user acceptance testing and operating the interface system.
 - Significant role in the day-to-day management of GSO Finance operations supporting wider business cost saving projects, negotiating with suppliers, liaising with business managers and increasingly demonstrating the judgment to lead and influence decisions affecting the operational efficiency of processes and financial results of the GSO business and its related stakeholders.
- **186k (2000 - 2001) - Accountant, Business Control**

The Lattice/Transco start-up had constructed a UK fibre-optic telecoms network. This required rapid development of its internal capabilities, including strategic financial and procurement systems. Reporting to Business Controller, Gareth:

- Formalised the management reporting and control function.
- Established a weekly reporting function to monitor the overall capital expenditure for the company's Programme Office, involving close liaison with senior management and project managers.

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- Prepared monthly management accounts for the Board of Directors which contributed extensively to the development of the reporting framework prior to the implementation of SAP finance systems .
- Delivered enhancements to the month end procedures through system changes and the establishment of a formal delegations processes.
- Assisted in the company budgeting and forecasting process incorporating reviews with cost centre managers.
- Contributed to the specification of business requirements for SAP implementation.
- Provided technical support to the development of the company's accounting policies.
- **Royal & SunAlliance (1999 - 2000) - Project Analyst, UK Facilities Management**
 - Financial analyst for the tender of company catering operations at 23 sites across the UK including analysis of the existing catering operations, alternative contract cost models and the proposals submitted by prospective catering suppliers.
 - Planned and completed a project to get better value from a national reprographics contract by rationalising the installed base, incorporating the management into a nationwide service desk giving improved customer service and measuring supplier performance to inform negotiations.
- **British Airways (1998 - 1999) - Business Analyst, Corporate Business Solutions (Finance)**
 - Delivered a project to re-engineer the airline payroll department which administering the payroll for over 50,000 employees in the UK and abroad and accounting for annual expenditure of £1.2 billion.
- **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (1995 - 1998)**
 - Senior Auditor