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PROFILE

A leader in the marine transportation of oil, gas and dry bulk with a strong track record of delivering successful solutions focussed on safety and operational excellence. Master Mariner, MBA and Master of Laws (Legal Aspects of Marine Affairs) qualified and graduated from an Executive “Operations Excellence” programme at the MIT, Sloan School of Management. I possess a wealth of experience in leading multi-talented and globally distributed teams of marine professionals.

Senior Marine Executive; Oil, Gas and Bulk Marine Operations; Marine Safety; Operational Excellence; International Shipping; Tanker Operations; Maritime Law; Marine Insurance

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Voted in and served as Chair - General Purpose Committee of the Oil Company Industry Marine Forum (OCIMF Principal Committee), delivering inter alia an OCIMF position on the use of inert gas on tankers.
- I re-engineered the marine assurance framework, associated processes and bespoke software for the carriage of oil, gas and dry bulk in BP. I commissioned a world-class risk management system that delivered the safe and efficient marine transportation of some 210 million tonnes of oil and gas annually, involving 6500 voyages.
- As a critical member of the BP’s LNG Shipping Governance Board, sponsored by BP Gas Marketing, I led the restructuring of all LNG Marine Assurance activities to align with the Group’s re-articulated gas strategy, which marked improvement volume of entrepreneurial trading.
- Led a legal team in a successful action against a shipowner responsible for an oil spill in the UAE through the various courts and ending at the Court of Cassation, resulting in the shipowner being found solely liable.

CAREER HISTORY

2018 – present: Uirtus Marine Services Ltd - Director (www.uirtusmarine.com)

UMS is a marine consultancy providing operational and safety leadership for the shipping industry. Currently supporting two operators of seagoing vessels on varied projects and expert witness on a vetting related litigation. I support the Keil Centre to provide guidance on Human Factors for the shipping industry.

2007-2018 BP Plc

2010-2018 BP SHIPPING LTD – Global Vetting & Clearance Manager

Marine Assurance and operational leadership to the global oil and gas trading and chartering teams and other BP Group downstream marine and terminal operations while managing an annual revenue of US\$11 million, an international team of 30 marine professionals and the risk associated with global supply and trading of oil and gas.

- Developed and implemented an integrated global Vetting & Clearance team with regional offices in Singapore, London and Chicago and led that team to a globally consistent risk management system for the corporation.
- Created thought leadership within the regional managers to deliver vessel and location clearances for the carriage and transfer of liquid bulk and liquefied gas and dry bulk cargoes which resulted in the delivery of 50,000 vessel clearances and about 150,000 location clearances.
- Risk owner of BP's considerable operational risk of a major marine oil pollution incident and a catastrophic release of liquefied gas from a chartered vessel with a track record of zero incidents during my tenure.
- I maintained single-point accountability for vessel clearances, compatibility and approvals of oil and gas terminals and berths for BP's marine operations internationally.
- Organically evolved a system of operational assurance for a time charter fleet of about 65 oil and gas tankers, creating a partnership mode of operations between the vessel owners and BP Shipping.

2007-2010 BP SHIPPING LTD – Regional Assurance Manager (EMEA)

Responsible for the provision of marine assurance to support oil and gas trading in the EMEA region and managed an annual budget of US\$20 million and HR processes for a team of 35 experienced marine professionals.

- Established and maintained marine assurance policies globally contributing to a consistent application by teams in London, Singapore and Houston. Influenced all risk assessments in respect of downstream marine and trading operations leading to safer operations.
- I developed and implemented change initiatives and structures to support the safe operations of the ship/ shore interface at all BP marine terminals and selected third-party marine terminals in EMEA by a dedicated team of experienced in-house assessors.

2001-2007 INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUNDS – Claims Manager

An intergovernmental organisation based in London dealing with pollution damage from ships in Member states (98 states). It deals with all aspects of pollution incidents including incident investigations on behalf of the Assembly and the setting up of policies and contingency plans with Member States that follow treaty obligations.

- I assessed and paid compensation to victims of oil pollution damage in close conjunction with the International Group of P&I Clubs in states party to the 1992 CLC and 1992 Fund Convention.
- Managed the recovery of £20 million from a local port authority that contributed to an oil spill incident.
- I provided maritime advice to the Director and the Assembly that established relevant policies that identified the polluter.
- I coordinated with IMO and other industry stakeholders, including P&I clubs, to develop policies concerning marine pollution from tankers.

1999-2001 RCL FEEDER PTE LTD - Claims & Insurance Manager

Shipowner/operator of 30 medium-sized container vessels based in Singapore and involved in the transshipment and the carriage of own and third-party containers within Asia and Australia.

- Managed claims submitted through all branch offices to assure all legal aspects of operating owned and chartered tonnage while working closely with all P&I and Hull and Machinery claims. Reduced payment claims by 23% year-on-year.
- Ensured mortgage and insurance levels were acceptable and coordinated between banks and underwriters. Obtained competitive premiums for Hull and Machinery Insurance and P&I cover for both owned and chartered tonnage.

