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Company Name and Website	Harrison Crane harrisoncrane.com
Industry	Construction and Heavy Equipment Services
Date / Time of Visit	November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM
Location	123 Crane Blvd, Miami, FL
Host(s) Name(s) / Title(s)	Mr. Harrison, Owner/CEO Mr. Smith, Union Representative

Harrison Crane Reflection

Before my visit to Harrison Crane, I was excited to learn about how heavy equipment works and to hear some motivating stories about the company's journey. The trip offered a fascinating glimpse into the construction world, but I really wished it had been more hands-on and interactive. Mr. Harrison kicked off the day by sharing some amazing stories about his grandfather and how the family business changed his life. His enthusiasm for the company and dedication to his team were very inspiring. Listening to his experiences and thoughts on leadership made me curious to find out more about how he manages the business on a daily basis. After Mr. Harrison spoke, Mr. Smith, the Union Representative, provided a detailed overview of the role of unions in the construction field. While his information was important and showed how unions protect workers, I felt it was a bit too in-depth and not closely related to what happens at Harrison Crane. I would have preferred to hear more of Mr. Harrison's views on business and leadership. We wrapped up the visit with a tour of the facility, and while I was hoping to see how some cranes were used we didn't. After I left I thought about how the experience as a whole left me wanting a more interactive experience within the crane environment. Although seeing the machinery up close was impressive, having a more interactive experience would have made the learning even better and more relatable. One thing that really impressed me was how Mr. Harrison treats his employees. His focus on communication and respect creates a strong, healthy work environment, and it was clear that his leadership style had a large impact. I also discovered the extensive training that crane operators go through, showing the industry's dedication to safety and precision. The experience proved to me how needed clear and concise communication is in high-pressure situations like construction. Safety relies on effective teamwork, and seeing how much this was prioritized made me appreciate the industry even more. While I learned a lot about construction and the role of unions, I felt that a more interactive experience would have improved my understanding. Nevertheless, I was truly inspired by Mr. Harrison's leadership and his commitment to his company and its workers. His perspectives were particularly meaningful as I consider my own future in business. Lastly I would say it was an amazing learning experience and Harrison Crane is essential in the construction industry, playing a key part in many large infrastructure projects while putting safety and the well-being of employees above everything else. Although the visit could have been more interactive, it deepened my respect for the leadership and teamwork necessary to succeed in this field.

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