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BC FERRIES

RE: Licensed Deck Officer - Position

To: Director of Human Resources, BC FERRIES.

I would like to express my interest in the Licensed Deck Officer position. I am a self-motivated and progress-driven Chief Mate (Certified by Transport Canada) with an extensive background in the maritime industry. With a long-standing record of initiative and innovation, I have developed and executed strategies which I believe will bring value to BC FERRIES.

Throughout the course of my career, I have honed my knowledge and experience in the maritime industry. I am an astute problem-solver capable of prioritizing and managing complex projects with proficiency.

In my previous role, I exercised leadership, teamwork, and managerial skills in the contribution of team efforts and organizational improvements. I am open-minded and focused on new developments in my field. I have proven to be effective and motivational, with proficiency in decision-making and collaborative work. I enjoy brainstorming and coordinating efforts to achieve a common goal.

As you review my resume, you may notice a brief gap in my work experience. I resigned from my previous position in Colombia, for a life project in Canada with my family. During this time lapse I had to wait for the answer and instructions from Transports Canada in order to validate my international maritime certificates, and later I had to make o lot of courses and exams to get the Canadian certification.

This hasn't been at all an easy challenge, but now I am settled and prepared to take the next steps in my career.

Please take a moment to review my enclosed resume and accompanying credentials. I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you regarding my candidacy for the Licensed Deck Officer role.  
  
I'm looking forward to your response and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Summary**

**WATCHKEEPING MATE *(no limitations)*** certified by Transports Canada.

**Merchant Marine Officer** with more than **19 years of experience** as **Deck Officer and Chief Mate** (10 years i **n the NAVY and** 9 years in **International Shipping Companies)** in different countries **(Brazil, Nigeria, Angola, Trinidad, Colombia and others).**

**I speak** (and write) **4 languages** : English, French (Quebec), Spanish, Portuguese (Brazil).

I would love to work in your company and my very short-term goal is to become Chief mate in the company.

Since my arrival to Canada in July 2013, I have not been able to work on board for reasons of formalities and validation of my international certificates with transports Canada, but now that I have obtained my Canadian certification, I wish to start working in the country, in my profession, as soon as possible.

I am permanent resident since my arrival to Canada and my process for obtaining the citizenship is already in process.

Although I currently live in Montreal - Quebec, I would be willing to move to British Columbia if necessary.

A meeting with you would allow me to further discuss my qualifications and my potential contribution to your company. You can call me at any time so we can make an appointment.

Please accept, Sir, my best regards.

**Skills**

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| * **Experience** - Wide experience as Deck Officer in different international maritime companies. * **Passionate** - I love my profession and for me, my work is my passion and i enjoy it. * **Leadership** - My experience in the Navy and later in different shipping companies has allowed me to develop leadership skills, respect and good treatment with the shipboard personnel. * **Teamwork -** Ability to work, communicate and liaise cooperatively with shipboard personnel and the company's shore staff. * **Organized -** Capacity of plan, direct, and organize crew, delegate vessel duties, and provide regular training and performance feedback. * **Knowledge -** Of the chief mate's duties on-board relating to deck safety, security, maintenance, crew, navigating equipment and techniques, ship handling principles, stability, seamanship and deck maintenance. * **Computer proficiency** - In MS Office and very familiar with the Safety Management System **SMS.** * **Language skills** -Proficiency in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. | * **Personal Skills** * **Solid ethic values** based in respect, honesty and transparency. * **Safety of all operations** is a permanent personal commitment. * **Open** to innovation and permanent learning attitude. * **Strong organizational skills** and time management. * **Social skilled** to build up respectful and constructive working relations with colleagues, costumers and competitors. |

**Experience**

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| **07/2012 to 07/2013** | Chief Mate  COREMAR － Colombia, http://COREMAR.co/  As **Chief Mate** onboard the company's vessels in **Offshore supply and Anchor handling operations** in The Gulf of **Mexico, Colombia and Brazil,** at the service of **ECOPETROL *(Colombian Oil Company)*** and **PETROBRAS *(Brazilian Petroleum Corporation)***   * Responsible to handle and operate  the vessel either manually or using the dynamic positioning system, in the different types of offshore operations. * Head of the deck department. Responsible for the ship's maintenance. * Cargo Officer. Works with the port's ship planners, the longshoremen and the deck crew to load, stowage, securing and unload the ship. * Responsible for the stability of the vessel * Responsible for the Navigational watchstanding. * Safety Officer onboard. Responsible for the safety of personnel and safety and rescue equipment. * Responsible for firefighting equipment. * Ship Security Officer (SSO) on-board. * Officer in charge of the documentation on-board. Person in charge of promoting and applying the SMS (Safety Management System), company's policies and procedures in the performance of all tasks, emphasizing on the correct use and application of PPE, safety equipment, Risk Assessment, JSA use, Check­ lists, Pre-task ''toolbox talks'' and all other safety precautions relating to job and task performance. * Responsible to ensure that the vessel's medical supplies, medicine chests, and related stores and equipment are maintained within any expiration dates and in good order. keeps the vessel's hospital and associated equipment in good order. * Supervisor of the training and familiarization of the crew particularly when such personnel is new to the vessel. * Responsible for scheduling and supervising the crew's daily work activities onboard. * Assist the Master in maintaining the good order, morale, and motivation of the crew will assist as necessary with crew evaluation and any reporting including those that may be required for disciplinary reasons. * Any other duties that the Captain may assign to him. |

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| **07/2009 to 03/2010** | Chief Mate  SERVIPORT － Colombia, https://www.SERVIPORT.com.co/  As **Chief Mate** onboard the company's vessels in **Single Point Mooring (SPM) Offshore Operations** in **COLOMBIA** at the service of **ECOPETROL *(Colombian Oil Company).***   * The functions of the position performed are the same as previously specified. |

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| **03/2008 to 06/2009** | Chief Mate  BOURBON OFFSHORE － Nigeria and Angola, http://www.bourbon-offshore-greenmar.ch/en  As **Chief Mate** onboard thecompany'svesselsin **Offshore supply operations** in **Nigeria** and **Angola** coast at the service of oil companies as **TOTAL, EXXON MOBIL** and **CHEVRON**   * The functions of the position performed are the same as previously specified. |

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| **01/2005 to 12/2007** | Chief Mate  TIDEWATER － Brazil and Trinidad, https://www.tdw.com/  As **Chief Mate** onboard the company's vessels in **Offshore supply operations** in **BRAZIL** at the service of **PETROBRAS *(Brazilian Petroleum Corporation)*** and in **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** at the service of **BP *(The British Petroleum Company).***   * The functions of the position performed are the same as previously specified. |

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| **07/1994 to 01/2004** | Naval Officer  Colombian NAVY － Colombia, https://www.armada.mil.co/  As **Naval Officer** onboard **Military Naval Ships Frigate type** , as officer of the Deck department and Chief of Weapons Division.   * Officer in charge of the Navigational watchstanding. * Officer in charge of the Maintenance and control of the frigate's weapons systems. * Officer in charge of the personnel management of the weapons division. * Any other duties that the Captain may assign to him. |

**Education and Training**

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| **2003** | Bachelor of Science: Bachelor of Technology Nautical Science  Naval Academy － Colombia |

**Websites, Portfolios, Profiles**

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**Accomplishments**

* 1997 - **To circle the globe in 255 days in a sailboat** around the world, (31.336 nautical miles), calling at port in more than 14 countries in America, Asia, Africa and Europe during the entire trip.
* 1999 - **Rescue of 150 inhabitants of a coastal town, affected by a flood** that destroyed the town in which they lived. (Pacific Colombian Coast)
* 2000 - **Interception of illegal arms trafficking at sea** - interception of a high-speed vessel with illegal automatic weapons of multiple caliber, in the coast of Colombia *(NAVY)*
* 2001 - **Interception of drug traffic at sea** - interception of a high speed boat with more than 2 tons of cocaine, valued at more than 68 million dollars, in the coast of Colombia *(NAVY)*
* Be a **participant member in** the **international Naval Operations** "UNITAS operations", expanding the multi-lateral relations **between the United States NAVY and the Colombian NAVY** to strengthen the security and partnership between both nations. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UNITAS).
* 2006 - **Rescue** of the crew and passengers **of a crashed helicopter** (of PETROBRAS - Brazil Oil Company)in the Brazilian Coast (TIDEWATER)
* Handled additional crew responsibilities with a smile when other crew members were overwhelmed, which provided helpful on-the-job training in different roles.
* **In adverse** or unusual **situations**, **I always find alternate ways to achieve the objectives of the company.**

**Certifications**

* **WATCHKEEPING MATE** - Vessel of **Any Tonnage** , engaged on an **Unlimited or a Near Coastal Voyage.** (certified by Transports Canada)
* **CHIEF MATE** - vessel of **Not more than 3000 GT** , engaged on an **Unlimited or a Near Coastal Voyage.** (certified by Transports Canada)
* **CHIEF MATE** - vessel of **Any tonnage** , engaged on a **Sheltered Waters Voyage.** (certified by Transports Canada)