

Security & Risk Advisor

Summary: Security professional with over 28 years' experience, of which 25 years has been within the petroleum industry. Advisor/Manager in crisis management, security compliance, regulatory management and operations. Achievements include the arrangement and setting up of security for offshore production facilities, land-based drilling operations, major capital projects (construction) and new country entry programs. Experienced in competitive security contracting for International Oil Companies with Government liaison, approvals and cost reduction. Dedicated and versatile professional with an extensive background in planning and execution, crisis management, policy formulation, personal protection, emergency response and critical decision making. Broad international background with experience in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. Noted for managing, training and mentoring employees and contractors. Strong analytical, problem solving and decision-making skills with a record of success. Trusted member of leadership groups with a recognized ability to consistently perform and coordinate in critical situations.

Strengths:

Strategic Planning • Business Continuity • Crisis Management • Risk & Vulnerability Assessments • Asset Protection • Security Operations Center • Management & Regulatory Compliance • Team-building • Competitive Contract Tendering Processes

Achievements:

The safe and successful evacuation for Chevron from Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) prior to a security emergency (2020). Architect for the remobilization of Chevron to the KRI with an increase in security infrastructure to enable safe and secure operations, subsequent to an emergency security evacuation (2015). Security lead for Chevron's new country entry into KRI (2013). Security lead for the competitive tendering of various security contracts over 7 years driving down costs while maintaining world class security operations. Oversight for the training of over 300-armed protection officers, 24/7 security operations center and logistical back up. Security oversight for Chevron during numerous demonstrations and riots for a major capital project in Nigeria (2005-2012). Part of a team who won the first Lloyd's List award for security services to the maritime industry (2004).

Professional Experience & Achievements

Chevron - Security Advisor, Kurdish Region of Iraq

January 2013– March 2020

Security lead in the design, implementation and management of a risk-based security program for Chevron's new country entry for operations in Iraq to achieve world class and cost-effective operations in a high threat environment. The security program is centered on the identification, analysis, evaluation and mitigation of risk to Chevron personnel and assets, including; Corporate offices, warehouses, residences, drilling, seismic and production facilities in multiple operating blocks. Security lead in Government approved competitive contracting for service providers, budget forecasting to achieve value without reducing effectiveness while building a world class security team and security operations program. Review internal audits to ensure compliance with corporate policies.

- Subject matter expert on security for international oil companies in high threat environments.
- Implement cost effective security policies and procedures while maintaining safe and secure operations.
- Develop and implement physical security programs.
- Advise on, and provide, executive protection.
- Develop Operational Excellence awareness exercises, security drills and policies.
- Conduct security management reviews.
- Advise and evaluate security systems country wide.
- Develop and write security plans, Standard Operating Procedures, evacuation and crisis management plans.
- Lead and conduct evaluations for competitive award of security services contracts.
- Maintain and implement security standards and requirements.

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- Development of a cost oversight and forecasting program for a multimillion-dollar budget.
- Government liaison.
- Develop and maintain liaison with other security professionals in Iraq, to provide proactive security advice and initiate preventive action.
- Team building between all departments with Chevron's operations.

Chevron - Security Manager, EGTL/EGP3 projects, Nigeria

2005–2012

Security Manager for oversight, compliance and auditing of the prime contractor's security groups to both joint major capital projects (Escravos Gas to Liquids and Escravos Gas Project phase 3). Both projects had a combined workforce of over 12,000 persons of which the security contingent exceeded 950.

- Advise on security risk, provide mitigation strategies, and implementation of preventative measures
- Supervision and compliance oversight of the contractor's security obligations under the contract
- Management of contracted security personnel and supervision of government forces
- Project management team member for security incidents and emergency response
- Crisis management program development and implementation
- Security budget oversight
- Local national staff training and development
- Advise on security service providers for contract award
- Liaison between the base business unit and the joint projects
- Oversight of the security audit program

IDS International / Lloyd's Register - Senior Maritime Security Consultant, London

2003-2005

Senior maritime security consultant for IDS International, and maritime security specialist to Lloyd's Register for the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility code (ISPS Code). Global consultancy for major shipping companies, port facilities, private organizations and foreign governments – USA, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Singapore, Sweden, Greece, Italy and Spain etc.

- Presented Lloyd's Register ISPS Port Facility Security Officers, Company Security Officers and Ships Security Officers courses globally
- Writing Port Facility Security Assessments and Plans, and Ship Security Assessments and Plans
- On Scene Security Surveys, Gap analysis and Threat Risk Assessments
- Surveillance, close protection, investigations and surveys for commercial entities and private individuals
- Operational responsibilities for force protection of US support vessels in UK waters
- Business development for a cruise line company looking at new opportunities - Libya

Saladin Security Ltd - Close Protection Officer, France

2002-2003

Close protection team member to a prominent VIP's family, predominately based in France but travelling elsewhere as required.

BP - Area Security Manager, Colombia

1997-2002

Responsible for 5 land-based drilling rigs in the Cusiana and Cupiagua fields during the FARC / ELN insurgency.

- Responsible for the design, manpower and infrastructure of the defenses for the drilling rig locations
- Conducting risk assessments and security reviews, and implementation of mitigation measures
- Incident response coordination, evacuation planning and execution
- Liaison with local government security forces
- Supervision of contracted private security guards

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- Professional development training of local security team members

Texaco - Security Advisor, Angola

1994-1997

Responsible for the security of 3 Offshore Production Platforms during the MPLA / UNITA conflict.

- Design and implementation of the offshore security plan
- Supervision of armed guard force
- Incident response coordination, evacuation planning and execution
- Professional development training of local security team members

Freelance Security Consultant

1992-1994

Primarily conducting private security surveillance and close protection.

Publican

1989-1992

Manager of a public house in Poole, Dorset.

Military Service

1978-1989

Royal Marines Commando.

Education & Professional Development

Secondary School, Ounsdale, Wombourne, UK

Royal Marine Commandos and Parachute courses

Maritime Counter Terrorism – SBS team member (not badged)

Accredited Lloyd's trainer (UK Gov.) for maritime security

ISPS Port Facility Security Officers course - trainer

ISPS Company Security Officers course - trainer

ISPS Ships Security Officers course – trainer

Member of the winning team for the Lloyd's List Award for Maritime Services to the Industry

Control Risk Security Consultants course

Security Industry Association (SIA) for Close Protection

Languages: Spanish – Intermediate

Fully familiar with Microsoft suite: MS-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio, MS-Project

References are available on my LinkedIn profile; I can also provide email and hard copy references as required:

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