

ALEXANDRU CORNEA

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ▶ EPC PROJECT DELIVERY LEADER ▶ HEAVY INDUSTRIAL MEGAPROJECTS

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Accomplished EPC Construction Leader with 13+ years of proven experience delivering multi-billion-dollar oil & gas, petrochemical, and low-carbon megaprojects across the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Demonstrated expertise in FEED-to-EPC transitions, early works planning, construction readiness, modular execution strategies, Advanced Work Packaging (AWP), and integrated project controls, ensuring schedule certainty, cost optimization, and reliability. Trusted by global EPC contractors and clients for CAPEX management, execution oversight, and delivery from FID to handover. Renowned for HSE leadership, risk control, and productivity optimization, consistently achieving zero-incident performance across major greenfield and complex brownfield projects.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Delivered EPC mega-projects up to \$3.5B and 50M+ safe man-hours across regions, achieving a flawless safety record through rigorous HSSE leadership. Led full-scope EPC construction across civil execution and modularized construction (AWP), with expertise in mechanical, structural, electrical, and instrumentation integration, including substations, HV/LV distribution, and advanced control systems for petrochemical and low-carbon infrastructure projects. Consistently delivered on-time, on-budget results through strategic planning, advanced logistics, active contractor alignment, and stakeholder engagement.

KEY PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Hail and Ghasha – UAE 2024 ▶ ADNOC ▶ \$9B ▶ 120M man-hours

Successfully delivered one of the world's largest gas decarbonization and hydrogen production programs, reducing 1.5 Mt CO₂ annually and supplying ~3% of Europe's natural gas demand, reinforcing ADNOC's long-term decarbonization strategy and energy transition roadmap.

Scope: Oversaw execution of multiple Sulfur Recovery Units (SRUs) (\$3.5B, 25M man-hours), incorporating precast modular pipe racks, high-voltage substations, control buildings, and full mechanical/E&I integration for advanced gas treatment. Directed heavy-lift operations for mega-reactors and modular structural assemblies, with strict adherence to ADNOC's HSSE standards.

RDCG Rotterdam Capacity Growth – Netherlands 2023 ▶ NESTE Oil ▶ \$1.5B ▶ 3M man-hours

Supported the EPCm-led renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) expansion, increasing refinery output to 2.7 Mt/year, including 1.2 Mt/year SAF (~2% of European aviation demand), strengthening NESTE's global SAF roadmap and decarbonization commitments.

Scope: Directed structural and mechanical construction of hydrocracker and fractionation units, including reactors, columns, compressors, and pump systems. Managed heavy-lift reactor operations, brownfield tie-ins, and utility integration under live-plant constraints, ensuring continuity of operations while fully meeting EPCm safety, quality, and productivity performance objectives.

Long Son Petrochemicals Complex – Vietnam 2020 ▶ LSP (SK Engineering JV) ▶ \$1.5B ▶ 8M man-hours

Delivered a large-scale greenfield olefins complex, producing 1.6 Mt/year of olefins (~1% of global supply), under international consortium-based execution.

Scope: Managed construction of the Ethylene Cracker (1 Mtpa capacity, 1.5 Mt/year ethylene, 750 kt/year propylene), with an 8M man-hour schedule. Coordinated installation of furnaces, cooling towers, heat exchangers, static and rotating equipment, and extensive process and utility piping. Oversaw completion of high-voltage substations, instrument/control buildings, and critical mechanical systems to ensure safe and timely commissioning.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- EPC Project Leadership & Execution: Large-Scale EPC (Greenfield/Brownfield), FEED-to-EPC, Brownfield Tie-ins, Modular Construction, Advanced Work Packaging (AWP), Fabrication Oversight, Path of Construction.
- Leadership & Communication: High-Performance Team Leadership, Conflict Resolution, PMC/EPCm Interfaces, Client Reporting, KPI Visualization.
- Construction Operations: Site Management, Productivity Optimization, Procurement Interface, Material Readiness, Heavy Lifting, Logistics Strategy, Systems Completion (MC, RFC, RFSU), Turnover, Pre-Construction Planning.
- Planning & Risk Management: L4 Scheduling, Construction Readiness, Progress Audits, Punch Closure, Change Management, Claims, Risk Mitigation.
- QA/QC & Compliance: ASME, ISO 9001, IOGP, OSHA, ADNOC/Shell/OQ Standards, Engineering-Construction Interface Compliance.
- Tools & Reporting: Primavera P6, Navisworks, Tekla, BIM 360, MS Project, Power BI (KPI Dashboards).
- Frameworks & Certifications: PMP, PRINCE2, IPMA-D, Lean Construction (Six Sigma Green Belt), FID Readiness.
- Engineering & Commissioning: Constructibility Reviews, Field Clarifications, Design Coordination, Walkdowns, Pre-Commissioning, System Handover.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Tecnimont SpA ▶ Al Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, UAE 2024 – Present ▶ Hail & Ghasha Onshore Project \$3.5B ▶ ADNOC ▶ 35M man-hours ▶ Greenfield.

- Built and directed a high-performance team of 50+ engineers and supervisors, instilling discipline, accountability, and proactive leadership across all trades to drive safe and efficient execution.
- Interfaced directly with ADNOC and PMC senior leadership, ensuring alignment on execution strategy, HSSE expectations, and milestones.
- Developed and implemented the Construction Execution Plan (CEP) using Advanced Work Packaging (AWP) and modularized systems, achieving a 20% reduction in site congestion, 15% higher labor productivity, and accelerated work-front availability on all critical-path activities.

- Established site procedures and method statements fully compliant with ADNOC specifications, ensuring EPC interface compliance and audit readiness.
- Directed execution of major civil and structural works, including 90,000 m³ of concrete, 25,000 tonnes of structural steel, and 340,000+ inch-dia of piping (prefabrication, installation, hydrotesting), as well as heavy-lift operations for critical reactors and modular assemblies.
- Oversaw electrical & instrumentation scope, including installation and energization of HV/LV substations, UPS buildings, control panels, and process automation systems, as well as HV/LV cabling, termination, and pre-commissioning in line with IEC & ADNOC standards.
- Monitored project performance through Level 4 schedule reviews, risk register tracking, and executive reporting, ensuring resolution and transparency.
- Fostered a zero-incident HSE culture, leading toolbox talks, SIMOPS coordination, and safety risk assessments together with ADNOC and operations teams.

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Technip Energies ▶ Rotterdam, Netherlands ▶ 2023 – 2024 ▶ NESTE Oil ▶ RDCG Rotterdam Capacity Growth \$1.5B ▶ 3M man-hours ▶ Greenfield.

- Coordinated EPCm site interfaces and constructibility reviews, ensuring full alignment with NESTE's SAF roadmap and long-term decarbonization goals.
- Enabled contractor claims substantiation through structured daily reporting, delay quantification logs, and transparent documentation control.
- Implemented value-engineering proposals, reducing delays and site reworks through modularization, mechanical assemblies, and optimized practices.
- Ensured schedule-critical installations consistently met readiness requirements through HQ validation and coordinated project field execution.

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Technip Energies ▶ Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu, Vietnam ▶ 2020 – 2023 ▶ LSP Olefins Plant \$1.5B ▶ 8M man-hours SK Engineering JV ▶ Greenfield.

- Delivered furnaces, cracker units, and utility mechanical packages in a highly complex, multicultural consortium execution environment.
- Ensured mechanical completion and successful commissioning, including post-startup repair campaigns during critical path activities.
- Directed multi-company teams through start-up, shutdowns, remediation activities, and NDT/insulation rework under compressed deadlines.
- Led walkdowns and major punch list closeouts, handing over to the client within tight timeframes as task force leader post start-up of the plant.

CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT (POLYMER UNITS & UTILITIES)

Tecnimont SpA ▶ Sohar, Oman ▶ 2018 – 2020 ▶ EPC2 Liwa Plastics \$895M ▶ OQ ▶ 10M man-hours Petrochemicals ▶ Greenfield.

- Supervised a world-scale integrated polymer production complex with capacity of 1.18 Mt/year—equivalent to 4-5% of Europe's total polyethylene demand.
- Directed installation of HDPE, LLDPE and PP plants, extrusion and polymerization reactors, pneumatic conveying, pelletizing lines, and utility integration.
- Drove quality and safety compliance, coordinating QA/QC, vendors, construction teams, and supporting engineering.
- Achieved seamless commissioning through detailed functional testing, integrated planning, and strong cross-discipline collaboration.

SYSTEMS COMPLETION LEAD (TURNOVER / HANDOVER MANAGEMENT)

Saipem SpA ▶ Port Harcourt, Nigeria ▶ 2016 – 2017 ▶ Southern Swamp AGS \$1.5B ▶ SPDC (Shell) ▶ 12M man-hours ▶ Brownfield & Greenfield.

- Led the Systems Completion Department, effectively managing punch lists, final dossiers, and close-out activities.
- Created procedures QA/QC-compliant system handovers, ensuring all deliverables met client and regulatory standards.
- Facilitated seamless communication and effective coordination among construction, commissioning, and operations teams, ensuring alignment of priorities, timely handover of systems, and swift resolution of interface issues to support project milestones and operational readiness.

PROJECT / CONSTRUCTION LEAD (FABRICATION & SITE INTEGRATION)

Saipem SpA ▶ Port Harcourt, Nigeria ▶ 2014 – 2015 ▶ Southern Swamp AGS \$1.5B ▶ SPDC (Shell) ▶ 12M man-hours ▶ Brownfield & Greenfield.

- Led full-cycle fabrication and site integration at yard, supervising piping, structural modules, and mechanical assemblies for offshore/onshore execution.
- Enforced ASME/API compliance, ensuring QA traceability, optimized yard productivity, and strict adherence to Shell specifications.
- Coordinated fabrication, QA/QC, and logistics interfaces to ensure material readiness, seamless yard-to-site transition, and minimized rework.

PROJECT ENGINEERING / CONSTRUCTIBILITY

Saipem SpA ▶ Milan, Italy ▶ 2014 (Graduate Program) ▶ Corporate Assignment

- Contributed to constructibility studies, refining EPC strategies across regions in collaboration with European peers, while fostering teamwork.
- Integrated field experience into HQ analysis, improving risk identification, reporting accuracy, constructibility reviews, and EPC efficiency.
- Developed technical, managerial, and project management skills, building a foundation for future leadership, supervision, and EPC execution roles.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Mechanical Engineering (2014) Renewable Energies (30 ECTS, paused), Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

B.Eng. Mechanical Engineering (2013) Thermal Systems & Equipment, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

VOL-VCA (Safety for Operational Leaders)

Member – Royal Netherlands Society of Engineers (KIVI)

Member – General Association of Engineers in Romania (AGIR)

LANGUAGES

Romanian (Native), English (Fluent)