Kiflom Tesfamariam

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Fully Work Authorized | No Visa Sponsorship Required | Open to Relocation

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

EIT-licensed Mechanical Engineer with over 6 years of experience in mechanical system design, inspections, and maintenance support for power plants, pumping facilities, and HVAC systems. Skilled in preparing and reviewing design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, and technical reports to ensure compliance with codes, safety standards, and engineering best practices. Proficient in CAD, ANSYS, and COMSOL for modeling, simulation, and FEA analysis, with hands-on experience in troubleshooting, investigating equipment failures, and implementing corrective actions. Adept at collaborating with operations, maintenance, and multidisciplinary engineering teams. Recognized for excellent analytical and communication skills, with proven ability to deliver safe and cost-effective engineering solutions while maintaining high professional standards.

Key Skills

- **Mechanical Design tools**: SOLIDWORKS, AutoCAD, ANSYS, COMSOL Multiphysics, Matlab/Simulink
- **Engineering computations:** Structural & thermal analysis, failure investigations, inspections, HVAC
- **Data Analysis & Visualization**: Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, Tableau, Plotly, Seaborn, SQL databases
- **Programming Languages and OSs**: Python, C++, FORTRAN, SQL, MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB
- **Productivity Tools & OS**: Microsoft word, excel, Powerpoint, Windows, Linux
- **ML & AI Frameworks:** Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Hugging Face
- **Professional Communication:** experienced in preparing technical reports, specifications, & engineering memoranda, and collaborating with cross-functional teams, skilled in presenting findings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer
Bisha Mining Share Company | 09/2020 – 08/2023

- Launched a Support Vector Machine for separating the core samples into high-grade and low-grade categories.
- Built a Support Vector Machine for identifying different types of minerals based on their chemical composition.
- Applied SVM for estimating the depth of gold mineral and boosted the performance by 14% over traditional
- Performed statistical analysis, feature engineering, fine-tuning, and built a pipeline for executing ML requests.

Research and Teaching Assistant
Florida International University, Florida | 08/2018 – 08/2020

- Performed design calculations and numerical simulations for transient air, heat, and moisture transfer in a building system using COMSOL Multiphysics to analyze thermal comfort, moisture damage, and energy efficiency
- Created a 3D CAD model and complex TMC geometries in SolidWorks to support the design project
- Conducted Multi-phase flow simulations in ANSYS Fluent to model and optimize recovery of water & heat waste
- Generated computational meshes for complex geometries, preparing technical documentation, sketches, and reports
- Developed, evaluated, and validated a finite element analysis (FEA) of a bicycle crank using ANSYS "Static Structure", applying structural mechanical analysis to assess fatigue, creep, stress, strain, and safety margins
- Prepared clear and concise technical reports and design documentations, ensuring results were aligned with project specifications

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Research and Teaching Assistant
Eritrea Institute of Technology | 01/2014-10/2017

- Designed and performed calculations for a 12 m³ biogas plant to convert cafeteria food waste into energy
- Prepared technical specifications, cost estimates, and layouts to ensure safe and efficient
- Provide technical assistance and coordination to the department head and advise students on engineering projects
- Prepared, assembled, and validated laboratory teaching equipment, including a heat pump & centrifugal pump
- Conducted performance testing on equipment such as pipe friction pipe, centrifugal pump, and compressors
- Taught and coordinated undergraduate CAD and mechanical engineering courses for 300 + students
- Ensured and guided students' use of accurate application of engineering computational software such as SolidWorks, MATLAB, MATLAB Simulink, and AutoCAD

Associate Mechanical Engineer
Beleza Thermal Power Plant, Eritrea | 06/2012 – 12/2013

- Designed and optimized mechanical HVAC systems, including component selection, design calculations, cost estimates, and specifications to ensure desired performance
- Performed quality control inspections of materials, equipment, and operations to verify efficiency and safety
- Directed investigations of equipment failures and diagnosed faulty operations to improve system performance
- Supported preventive and corrective maintenance of HVAC mechanical components, ensuring safety
- Reviewed plans and specifications to verify mechanical system adequacy and prepared material lists

Mechanical Engineer Intern
Alef Aeronautics, San Mateo, CA | 10/2023 – 01/2024
- Designed and developed the suspension system for a prototype flying vehicle using SOLIDWORKS
- Supported the manufacturing, assembly, and testing of the suspension system to validate performance and safety
- Designed and fabricated the vehicle body using advanced composite materials (carbon fiber)
- Documented design criteria, testing results, and technical specifications

Mechanical Engineer, Internship
Beleza Thermal Power Plant, Eritrea| **07/2011 – 08/2011**
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to investigate equipment failures in steam power systems, performing inspections, diagnosing faulty operations, supporting the overhaul, and repairing mechanical components

Mechanical Engineer, Internship
Eritrea Equipment PLC, Eritrea | **07/2010 – 08/2010**
- Assisted senior engineers in the inspection, repair, overhaul, and cleaning of heavy machinery engine components, supporting maintenance activities to ensure reliability, safety, and compliance with operational standards.

EDUCATION
- **Master of Science (MS), Mechanical Engineering | 02/2020**
  Florida International University
- **Bachelor of Science (BS), Mechanical Engineering| 04/2013**
  Eritrea Institute of Technology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATIONS
- EIT from the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists|**08/08/2025**
- Applied Computational Fluid Dynamics, Coursera|**2025**
- Professional Certificate in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, UC, Berkeley Executive Education, College of Engineering, and Haas School of Business|**03/2023**
- Data Science and Machine Learning BootCamp, Udemy
- Data Structure and Algorithms, Udemy
- Computer Vision with OpenCV and Deep Learning, Udemy
- Complete guide to TensorFlow for Deep Learning, Udemy