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Objective

Experienced Chartered Accountant with 17+ years of diverse finance and accounting expertise across multiple industries. Proven track record in financial management, cost reduction, and strategic planning. Seeking a challenging role to leverage my skills and contribute to organisational success.

Professional Experience:

Finance Manager

AFADLINK International Resource, United Kingdom

November 2022 – date

- Oversee financial operations, budgeting, and cash flow management, including the processing and posting of monthly accruals, prepayment, fixed assets, and other reoccurring entries feeding into the management account.
- Maintain a strong control environment, updating processes where necessary while ensuring accuracy in overhead reporting, balance sheet integrity and management of intercompany transactions.
- Prepared management accounts and monthly management packs and ensured timely month-end closure.
- Complete and review monthly balance sheet and P&L account reconciliation to ensure accuracy and compliance with statutory accounts, HMRC, and company house submissions.
- Review all client's management accounts, Advice, prepare and file clients, Final account, VAT, CT600 and other statutory reports.

Key Achievements:

- Implemented additional internal control processes to achieve financial accuracy and specific risk mitigation.
- Achieved a 40% reduction in operational costs through cost-cutting measures, process optimization and technology implementation.
- Aided strategic decision-making by enhancing financial forecasting accuracy with advanced financial models.
- Attained 25% team productivity improvement through Performance Metrics, Industry benchmarks and Cross-functional collaboration.
- Supports budget holders by providing financial expertise, analysis, monitoring, and guidance to ensure that budgets are effectively managed, financial goals are met, and resources are allocated per the company's strategic priorities.

Financial Controller

AZ Petroleum Product Manufacturing Limited

February 2022 – November 2022

- Streamlined financial reporting processes with enhanced accuracy through centralised and automated data collection, automated data entry and reconciliation, data integration and connectivity, reducing monthly closing time by 60%.
- Worked with the internal audit department to design, implement, test, and regularly review internal controls process. This step decreased financial irregularities by 35% and significantly reduced the risk of errors, omissions, and fraudulent activities in financial processes.
- Led the implementation of Microsoft Dynamics 365 ERP and assisted the implementation team with user requirement analysis, GL codes, financial data migration, internal control configuration, all modules implementation, customized reports and dashboard creation, testing and quality assurance of all modules and post-implementation review.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Broron Oil & Gas Limited

November 2020 – February 2022

- Led financial strategy development, resulting in a 20% increase in revenue over three years.
- Implemented cost-saving initiatives, reducing operational expenses by 15% without compromising quality.
- Negotiated and secured a \$10 million credit facility to support business expansion.
- Oversaw successful mergers and acquisitions, integrating new subsidiaries seamlessly into the company's financial structure.
- Developed and implemented financial controls and policies, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Energy Bocks Limited

March 2019 – November 2020

- Played a pivotal role in restructuring the company's debt, saving 40% of annual interest payments.
- Implemented a comprehensive budgeting and forecasting process, leading to a 10% improvement in cost accuracy.
- Established key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor financial health and performance, resulting in better decision-making.
- Collaborated with the CEO to develop and execute a growth strategy, leading to a 15% increase in market share.
- Spearheaded an ERP system implementation, streamlining financial operations and improving data accuracy.

Financial Controller

Ringardas, Nigeria (Multinational Oil & Gas Distribution Company)

March 2016 – March 2019

- Implemented a forecasting model that improved revenue projection accuracy by 20%, enabling more informed investment decisions.
- Prepared and presented monthly financial and other management reports to the management.
- Conducted in-depth variance analysis to identify areas of improvement, resulting in cost-saving initiatives.
- Collaborated with the audit team during annual audits, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Energy Bocks Limited

May 2013 – February 2016

- Led financial due diligence for a potential merger, contributing to a thriving multi-million-dollar acquisition.
- Improved vendor management strategy by 80%, resulting in favourable credit terms and working capital efficiency.
- Implemented a new ERP system that improved financial data accuracy and reduced processing time by 50%.

Group Financial Accountant

Nestoil Limited

Oct 2006 – May 2013

- Prepared monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements compliant with IFRS standards, ensuring transparency and accuracy.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to develop and monitor annual budgets, achieving a 10% increase in revenue and a 15% decrease in overhead costs.
- Conducted financial analysis and presented actionable insights to the executive team, enabling data-driven decision-making.
- Managed a team of three junior accountants, providing training and mentorship to enhance their skills and productivity.

Audit Trainee

Ich Dien Consulting

June 2004 – September 2006

- Assisted in conducting comprehensive audit engagements, including risk assessment, testing, and evaluation of controls, resulting in accurate and reliable financial statements for clients.
- Successfully managed time and resources to meet tight deadlines, completing assigned tasks promptly while maintaining accuracy and thoroughness.
- Utilized data analytics tools and techniques to identify anomalies, trends, and potential areas of concern, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of audit procedures.

Education:

MBA

Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife

April 2012 – June 2014

BSc Accountancy

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka Anambra State

October 1999 – April 2004

Professional Qualifications and Memberships:

- ACA (Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria), August 2012
- ACTI (Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Taxation of Nigeria), August 2017
- ACE (Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria), May 2010

Training and Certificates:

- **Corporate Finance II: Financing Investment & Managing Risk**, The University of Illinois, USA, May 2020
- **Decision-Making Scenario Analysis**, The University of Pennsylvania, USA, August 2019
- **Senior Financial Analysts**, The Pan-Atlantic University (Lagos Business School), October 2018
- **Advanced Financial Modelling and Forecasting**, Philips Consulting, Lagos, Nigeria, May 2018
- **Enterprise Leadership and Strategic Thinking**, PIPA Training, Ghana, June 2018

Key Skills:

- Financial analysis and reporting
- Budgeting and forecasting
- Cash flow management and advanced Excel & financial modelling
- Balance sheet reconciliation
- Management Accounting
- Tax Compliance
- Intercompany transactions
- Relationship management
- Audit coordination
- Proficient in accounting software (QuickBooks, SAP, dynamics 365 & Navision, Sage 300 & 50)
- Strong knowledge of financial regulations and standards
- Internal Controls, Process Improvement, Mergers and Acquisitions, Stakeholder Management,