

sa[ice]² Curriculum Vitae of NEC Adjudicator

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Date of birth	24 April 1936		
Present position:	Consultant		

Contract experience

My contract experience dates from 1965 when I first became involved in the submission of tenders for small to medium process plant projects and construction only contracts, and management of resulting work as a contractor. Subsequently from 1971 I became involved in the management of larger contracts and became familiar with FIDIC and GCC forms and client variations of these. Major projects and contract experience dates from about 1977 when I became Projects Director of Engineering Management Services. Mega-project and project experience from the owner's perspective was gained from my involvement in setting up the Moss gas projects and subsequent close out reports and contract finalization. Further experience was gained on the Saldanha Steel project where I handled the major claims by contractors, and in advising another client in FIDIC arbitration proceedings on a large construction claim. Recent contract experience comprises the adjudication of disputes, mainly on NEC contracts, forty seven to date for fourteen different clients.

Experience as a built environment professional at a senior level

I held senior positions in the construction, project management and general management of major process plant projects from 1971 to 1983. Since then I have been a project management consultant, serving, for example, as Chairman of the Procurement Committee for the Saldanha Steel Project in which capacity I also handled the major claims from the contractors. My experience includes all aspects of engineering projects and covers all engineering disciplines, in addition to general company management.

Experience in working with NEC contracts or dispute resolution experience

I have knowledge of all the NEC forms of Contract except the CIDB supply contract. However the NEC disputes I have adjudicated to date have been in terms of the Engineering and Construction Contract (Black Book) or an Eskom or Sasol variant thereof. In addition I advised a Contractor working under the NEC Short Contract. I have also adjudicated a Contract under the GCC(2004). The adjudications covered civil and steel construction, pipelining, maintenance, NDT and equipment hire contracts. Prior to the introduction of the NEC I had considerable experience in negotiating major claims whether as Contractor, Project Manager or Owner.

Career overview including official positions held

Over forty years experience in the design, management and construction of industrial process plants, including six years in process design and project engineering, three years in construction supervision, ten years in contractor project management, six years in Owner Mega-project management, eight years as Chief Executive of a project management and engineering contractor and sixteen years as an independent project management consultant.

- 1959 - 1964 Lummus Co. Ltd. (UK). Initially process design engineer, subsequently commissioning, construction and project engineer on process projects in UK, Italy and India.
- 1964 - 1970 F & C/Grinaker Mechanicals/VPC Ltd. Project Manager on a number of small to medium size projects, ranging from management, design and construction to construction only.
- 1971 - 1973 Lummus Co. Ltd. Field Chief Engineer, including responsibility for sub-contracts, for construction of Lube Oil Refinery at Durban.
- 1973 - 1976 EMS Ltd. Project Manager for multi-million Rand Uranium Enrichment Pilot plant project.
- 1977 - 1978 Projects Director responsible for all EMS projects.
- 1978 - 1986 Managing Director with personal involvement on major and mega-projects.
- 1986 - 1988 Central Energy Fund. Director of Projects for development of a synthetic fuels programme.
- 1988 - 1993 Mossgas Ltd. Projects Director for Mossel Bay mega-project including negotiating management and engineering joint venture contracts. Subsequently Project Counsellor responsible for project close-out reports and advice on major contract finalisation.
- 1993 - Saint Leger Consultants. Independent consultant advising on strategic, procurement, project cost and dispute resolution issues to clients who include both owners and contractors.

Other professional activities and publications

Fellow of the South African Academy of Engineering, until recently Vice President and represented that body at the annual meetings of the international body (CAETS) for four years. Previously President of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineers for two years and Council Member for many more; also a past President of the Federation of Societies of Professional Engineers (FSPE). Vice Chairman of Technical College Student Aid Trust (TECSAT). Member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, UK. Professional Engineer in SA, Chartered Engineer in Europe. M Sc (Chem.Eng.) (UCT), MBL (UNISA), AMP (Harvard)