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**Personal Statement**

A very experienced person with proven organization and managerial skills, strong communication capabilities and extensive know how in the field of construction including costing, handling of claims and value engineering.

As managing director of my own company which has been in operation since 1988, it was imperative to communicate not only with consultants and subcontractors but also with all personnel ranging from office and site engineers and administrators down to foremen and technicians.

I have had to work with clients of different background and disciplines which necessitated human interaction and capability to execute in a cost efficient manner and to deliver the projects in time and within budget.

I have completed works such as power stations, office blocks for major multinational companies, factories, water treatment plants, hotels and basically all kinds of construction works.

I have acted, at occasions as adjudicator for contract disputes and claims for other companies and organizations at their request.

**Skills**

**Communication**

* Having worked at various professional levels prior to my current position, I have learned to cooperate with all personnel, solving problems and devising methods for the better execution of all disciplines in the works.
* Working with different nationalities necessitated exercising techniques in communication and human interaction for the successful completion of all the projects.

**Planning /Organizing**

* Before starting a project I had to coordinate all forthcoming activities so as to avoid delays and unnecessary incurred costs. It included planning and organizing approvals , purchasing,

labour allocation and work’s programming.

* Working to a tight deadline utilizing all available assets was normal and sought for early completion thus minimizing running costs.

**Teamwork**

* Worked as part of joint ventures, sometimes under great pressure, being able to perform thus not delaying the projects and without any adverse consequences to my company.
* Having an Engineering background has enabled me to structure and assess all activities within the organization, following not only the financial and administrative part of the works but also the actual ongoing site activities.

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**Experience**

**Managing Director**

CH.P.KARAKANNAS ELECTRICAL LTD (1998 - present)

* Managing director of one of the largest and most prestigious electrical contracting companies in Cyprus. The company under my management has completed more than 85 projects, all profitable, and on time to the full satisfaction of the consultants and the clients.
* Projects ranged from simple residential, office blocks, complex factories, hotels and process plants to high voltage distribution stations (132kV).
* Have cooperated with foreign manufacturers and contractors such as ALSTHOM AREVA, IVO INTERNATIONAL etc for multimillion dollar projects in the island.
* For a period of 9 months in 2011, I acted as general manager of the company ERE Contracting WLL in Qatar in an attempt to review and finally purchase the company in partnership with a civil company. Eventually the deal did not go through as the past owner, at the end refused to sell it.

**Construction manager**

CH.P.KARAKANNAS ELECTRICAL LTD (1988 - 1998)

* During this period I acted as construction manager as well as site engineer in parallel to pricing, purchasing and in general building up the company. I tried to accumulate as much knowledge as possible prior to feeling capable of managing the company fully.

Foseco (F.S) Ltd – UK (1987 – 1988)

* Worked as part of a team of engineers, investigating the possibility of producing refractories, for the foundry industry, including testing samples, evaluation of machinery and finally drafting a feasibility study.

**A sample of completed projects of which I was responsible are the following:**

*1. Vasilikos Power station (all Phases): Installation of 132kV GIS switchgear, panels and HV cables*

*2 .Deloitte Central Offices: Multistorey office block including MEP, Fire alarm and security systems*

*3. Coca Cola Factory: Bottling plant and Fire alarm system*

*4. Cyprus Stock Exchange: Four storey building including all services*

*5. KPMG Central Offices: Multistorey office block including MEP, Fire alarm and security systems*

*6. Nicosia Municipality Theatre: 1220 person’s capacity Theatre including Central stage equipment*

*7. Aphrodite Resort: Helios heights Villas complex and Village Center Public buildings*

*8. Paphos Military airport: All buildings including combat Unit facilities*

*9. University of Cyprus; All Services Support buildings*

*10. Fasoula Water Treatment Plant: Plant feeding the island’s second largest town.*

*11. Various Hotels in excess of 150 rooms: (Adams, Malama, Kermia, Sunrise beach Hotels etc)*

**For the complete list of finished projects under my supervision** **please visit**: [www.karakannas.com](http://www.karakannas.com), ‘List of major executed works’.

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**Education**

**MSc(Eng) Manufacturing Management and Technology**

**Birmingham University – UK. 1986-1987**

**BSc(Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering**

**Swansea University – UK. 1983-1986**

**Apolytirion Pancyprian Gymnasium (Greek High School – 1975– 1981)**

(Leaving Certificate )

**A-Levels Maths (2 subjects) , Physics and Modern Greek**

**Professional Qualifications**

* **Chartered Engineer** from the UK Engineering Council since 1999. **( CEng)**
* **Electrical Engineer 1st Class** (Ministry of Public Works - Cyprus)
* **Member** of the Institute of Electrical Engineers – UK and Cyprus **(MIET)**
* **Member** of the European Federation of Engineering Associations(FEANI) **(Eur Ing)**

**Additional Information**

* Elected President of the Association of Electrical Contractors (Three terms)
* Currently Vice President of the Association of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors (following a merger between our associations)
* Member of the Committee responsible for all Electrical Related subjects of The Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ΕΤΕΚ) for 10 years.

**Personal Information**

* Married with three children (Aged 24, 22 and 18 years)
* Fluent in English and Greek
* Served, as part of the National Service, as an NCO Instructor in the Greek Cypriot Special forces at the Commando Units (1981-1983)
* Knowledge of Windows Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project.
* Hard Worker and fast Learner.
* Born 21 February 1964

**Hobbies**

* Sailing, skiing, swimming, Diving, Reading, Theatre.

**References: Upon Request**

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