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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2017 to Present Solis Marine Consultants, London
General Manager, Master Mariner
Marine consultant providing investigation and expert reports on collisions and groundings; providing expertise for all types of marine incidents, including the investigation of allisions, cargo matters, personal injury and ECDIS related casualties. Further advising on safety issues involving inspections and audits relating to operational management, systems and the delivery of training programmes both onboard and ashore. Providing support to P&I Clubs for wreck removal including tender invitations, contract negotiation and attendance on-site.
- 2015 to 2017 Meikle Marine Consulting Limited, UK
Managing Director
Inspector and accident investigator for the Antigua and Barbuda Flag Administration in the UK. Provided project management services, audits and ship inspections to the marine industry both in the UK and overseas. Also oversaw high value projects for cruise ship refits.
- 2013 to 2015 Saga Shipping, Saga PLC, UK
Fleet Director
Responsible for the safe and cost-effective management of a fleet of cruise ships trading world-wide. Oversaw the transition of the in-house technical management to third party management. Directly responsible for the sale and delivery of ships



to new owners. Developed the technical and marine aspects of the programme for new-builds from concept through to contract signing. Also responsible for the technical and budgetary delivery of high value refits and dry-dockings, as well as all operational expenditure. Developed the company's significant cultural change programme following the transition to PLC.

2006 to 2013

Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), UK

Inspector of Marine Accidents (Accredited)

Carried out investigations into collisions, groundings, fatal accidents and cargo related incidents. He provided effective evidence analysis and valuable recommendations to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents. Provided expert witness evidence at Coroner's hearings in UK courts. Carried out safety analysis to determine the underlying causes of similar accidents.

2002 to 2006

EuroShip Services Limited, UK

Safety and Quality Manager

Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and Marine Manager for a fleet of bulk carriers and ro-ro vessels. He ensured compliance with all industry codes and best practice, also introduced the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Code into the fleet.

1998 to 2002

Renaissance Cruises, UK

Master

In command of new cruise ships operating on innovative itineraries. Holder of a pilotage exemption certificate (PEC) for the Society Islands of French Polynesia.

1997 to 1998:

Lowline Cruises Ltd, UK

Master

In command of the cruise ship 'EDINBURGH CASTLE'.

1982 to 1997:

P&O Group / P&O Cruises / Princess Cruises, UK

Deck Officer / Cadet

Deck officer (up to the rank of Chief Officer) and cadet with experience gained on bulk carriers, reefer, container and cruise ships. Experience included of all aspects of navigation, cargo operations and ship's structural maintenance.