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Director-General ICETRA
(Icelandic Transport authority)



Previous Career

Independent consultant within the field of management and operation 2018 – 2019

Feasibility studies for new investment projects.

Managing Director of Actavis Pharmaceutical plant in Iceland 2007 – 2017

Pharmaceutical company operating as a launch site for new products and a scale up from development to commercial manufacturing. Annual capacity of 1.5 billion tablets depending on volume and product mix. Part of a large international pharmaceutical company requiring extensive collaboration with different units from Research and Development to Marketing.

Operations Director at Alcan Lynemouth Aluminium smelter in the UK 2005 – 2006

Aluminium smelter operations (carbon, electrolysis and casting) with production close to 180K tons of aluminium per year.

Casthouse manager at Alcan Straumsvik Aluminium smelter in Iceland 2000 – 2004

Aluminium smelter casting operation with 180K tons of aluminium produced per year and delivered to customers as sheet ingots.

Production Director at Slaturfelag Sudurlands in Iceland 1988 – 1999

Food manufacturing company operating abattoirs, meat processing and wholesale of food. Leading brand name in its area generated by extensive product development.

Education and Teaching

M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from the Technical University of Denmark – 1987

Main topics included management, production planning, process management and statistics.

B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Iceland – 1985

Lecturer at the University of Iceland (Mechanical Engineering Division) 1990 – 1991 and 1999 – 2001. Lectured on cost accounting and production / facility planning and logistics.

Guest lecturer at several conferences, seminars and university courses through the years.

Participation in various seminars and conferences throughout career. The main focus areas have been management skills, environment, health and safety, operation excellence (Lean Manufacturing) and technical training in the field of professions.