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SKILLS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 25 years practical experience with Reliability, Mechanical Operations, Rentals and Business operations.
- Customer satisfaction and service to a high degree of success.
- Currently obtaining a Maintenance Management Certification (MMP.)
- Management and Leadership training with effective results as a Supervisor / Leader.
- Responsible for development and implementation of Budgets and capital expenditures
- Successful Entrepreneur Growing and developing business operations.
- Zero incident safe work practices, strong promotion of safety standards and situational awareness.
- Able to deal with situations effectively and in timely manner, able to manage a busy high stress environment.
- Focus on continuous improvement and employee development
- Build teams resulting in low rework and low to zero turnover of staff.
- Able to plan, organize and implement work effectively.
- Journeyman HD Mechanic / Motor Mechanic both Red Seal /Successful Entrepreneur.

CAREER HISTORY

Finning Power Systems Edmonton AB Service Supervisor 2017 to August 2019

Worked at Edmonton Power System looking after 15-30 staff in the industrial repair division. This was a Union Environment which required discipline and steady leadership.

Highlights:

- Engine Rebuild repair processes
- Manage a union staff
- Drive and implement Service excellence strategy
- Support all Rental operations, Air compressor and generation rentals
- Strong focus on quality and reliability
- Diagnose determine failures conduct FA reviews
- Zero safety incident on my direct team.

Maintenance Coordinator / Maintenance Dept Nexen Energy, Ft. Nelson, BC, Camp job 2/2 shift 2012 – Oct. 2016

Nexen Energy Inc. is an International oil and gas company, with 3000 employees; I had Maintenance responsibility for 2 gas plants and various field generators and process equipment. One plant site was just commissioned, and one was an existing pilot project. Duties included managing and performing all Maintenance and Planning, was promoted to Maintenance Coordinator where we developed from scratch all PMs and Maintenance protocols, while also performing field work and managing E @I and Mechanical contractors on location. The entire site housed approximately 25-30 staff.

Highlights:

- Responsible for Managing and leading the daily safe execution of all plant maintenance for Mechanical. Electrical and Instrumentation Service contractors
- Identify and troubleshoot equipment irregularities and mentor trades to determine appropriate method of correction
- Maintain Gas compression equipment, Cat 3600/ Waukesha VHP, Plant Air compression, all process pumps PD and centrifugal and all aux equipment in area, light plants, water pumps the list is extensive.
- Assist as required to Diagnose malfunctioning systems, apparatus and components using test equipment to locate and correct problem
- Improved up-time on field equipment to 98% and incurred savings and efficiencies more than 80k per year
- Ensured inspection records were updated and maintained as outlined by established maintenance procedures
- Use of SAP to roll out work schedules, manage backlog, update failure codes, open and close service orders
- Performed FLIR inspection on electrical/ mechanical systems and fugitive emission inspections using FLIR equipment
- Support ongoing safety in field inspections, audits, permitting and evaluation
- Maintained oil sampling and documentation for PM history for the field

Contractor Support / Contract Mechanic Cenovus Energy, Medicine Hat, AB**2009 – 2012**

Support Cenovus Energy to assist in improving reliability, assist mechanics, and handle special projects as directed, worked with a team of 8 technicians and managers, a small effective group, supervision of field work and overhauls that were performed by other contract companies, responsible for QA/QC , supported RCFA Functions with Engineering group . End goal was to reduce warranty and rework improving overall reliability.

Highlights:

- Conducted pre-job assessments, oversaw and supported contractors to maintain high degree of QA/QC
- Field repairs to all gas compression, Cat 3306, 3512, VHP, VGF engines, water disposal pumps.
- Provided input into systems, support JDE system, open work orders and maintained backlog
- Conducted field reviews of equipment repair issues affecting production and reliability
- Implemented and followed the safety strategy with zero incidents
- Worked in JDE, IMS and all aspects of the PM program in BN
- Worked with team to develop job plans and procedures
- Team accomplishments in maintaining 98.5% run time

Service Manager / Support the Branch Manager – Pamco / Enerflex (Medicine Hat AB) 2002 – 2009

Brought into the Branch as Service Manager; at that time there was very high turnover of staff, committed to long term employment to help grow the business. Over my 7 plus years working at the branch our team achieved steady growth in sales and profitability and greatly reduced warranty. We also made significant reductions in employee turnover and improvement in moral overall. Responsible for satellite branches in Kindersley and Swift Current Saskatchewan as well. Total staff was approximately 20-25.

Highlights:

- Improved QA/QC on all field and shop work, resulting in sustainable reduction in rework and less warranty
- Assisted the Parts and management Team with yearly budgeting and operational change reviews and strategy, as well as monthly P@L statements analysis.
- Engaged and supported staff to be part of the process of building Maintenance and customer support systems, resulting in large strides in moral
- Increased factory training for techs resulting in more confidence and more repeat business
- Improved and grew business relationships with vendors, improving quality of service
- Brought in new business processes; this increased customer satisfaction with our field service to a higher level
- Developed capital and operational budgets with key focus on cost control
- Introduced cost controls and empowered staff to find cost reductions
- Personnel development and employee reviews
- Active HS&E committee member
- Zero Incidents

Contractor / Business Owner Northern Rotating Equipment Services, FT ST JOHN, BC 1989 – 2002

Relocated family to FSJ for new opportunity, operated field service truck in the entire NEBC region, over time this small business turned into a full service and parts company, including an in-house full-service shop. Duties included managing all aspects of the business with staff of approximately 25-40.

Highlights

- Managed and developed a robust team of individuals to support numerous product lines of equipment with field and shop and Parts services.
- Conducted Major overhauls to White superior, Waukesha, Cat, Ajax, Ariel, CP, Worthington, Ingersoll Rand, and numerous other types of gas compression and engines
- Manage and Oversee Machine shop work with Machinists to build processes to improve efficiencies
- Shop work of overhaul to engine components, water pumps, and all engine accessories.
- Enhanced business by developing new services and parts lines to customers, drill into niche opportunities.
- Established international contacts for materials and support throughout North America
- Strong support of local community

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

- Dealing with Difficult People
- OSHA
- SEFSAM Business Training
- Root Cause 5 Why Training
- RCFA Investigation
- ERP Training
- Ground Disturbance
- Incident Investigation
- FLIR Infrared and Fugitive Emissions training
- H2s Alive
- Genie lift
- Fall Protection and Rescue
- First Aid
- **Engine Courses:**
- Waukesha gas engine 1
- Waukesha ESM
- Cat 3600 Masters
- Cat Atom. 3
- Cat gas engine 1,2
- Failure Analysis Level 1,2,3
- **Journeyman Automotive Mechanic - Interprovincial Red Seal Certification 1982**
- **Journeyman Heavy Duty Mechanic - Interprovincial Red Seal Certification 1985**
- **Certified Thermographer - Thermography Inspection Tasks 2010**
- **High School Diploma**

