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Professional Summary

Geophysicist with more than 45 years of international experience in seismic exploration. Highly experienced in 2D and 3D seismic data acquisition, processing, survey design, field quality control (QC), and seismic operations management. Proven expertise in tendering, contract negotiation, business development, and mentoring multidisciplinary geophysical teams.

Core Competencies

- 2D & 3D Seismic Survey Design and Field QC
- Seismic Data Processing QC and Supervision
- Seismic Operations and Project Management
- Tender Preparation, Bid Evaluation, and Contract Negotiation
- QHSE Auditing and Compliance
- Well Seismic Surveys (VSP, Check-shot)
- Business Development and Client Relations
- Training, Mentoring, and Technical Presentations

Education

M.Sc. in Geophysics, Ankara University, Turkey (1992)

Thesis: Application of Vibroseis Sweep Techniques in Different Geological Media

B.Sc. in Geophysics, Istanbul University, Turkey (1980)

Thesis: Petrophysical Analysis Using Well Log Data (Çamurlu-4 Well, SE Turkey)

Professional Experience

Senior Geophysicist/Acquisition-Processing Projects Manager – Murzuq Technical Services Limited (MTSL) in Tunis-Tunisia (July 2024 – Present)

Business Development Manager – CNPC BGP Inc., Abu Dhabi (2017–2024)

- Seismic data processing business development and QC across UAE, Turkey, and Northern Iraq.

Country Manager – CNPC BGP-GRI, Turkey (2015–2016)

- Led seismic acquisition and processing business development in Turkey and Northern Iraq.

Senior Geophysical Coordinator – TransAtlantic Petroleum, Turkey (2010–2015)

- Managed 2D/3D seismic acquisition and processing projects and VSP programs.

Senior Staff Geophysicist – Waha Oil Company, Libya (2002–2010)

- QC supervision of over 16,500 sq.km of 3D seismic and 10,000 km of 2D seismic surveys.

Exploration & Operations Roles – TPAO / TPOC (1980–2001)

- Held progressive roles from Field Seismologist to Exploration Manager across Turkey, Egypt, Kazakhstan, and Libya.

Technical Skills

Seismic Software: OMNI, MESA, ProMAX, Kingdom Suite

Tools: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Surfer, Grapher

Languages

Turkish (Native)

English (Fluent)

Arabic & Russian (Basic)

Professional Affiliations

Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)

European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers (EAGE)

Chamber of Geophysical Engineers of Turkey (JFMO)