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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Chartered Accountant CA(SA) with 12 years' experience in financial services, spanning audit, financial reporting, and management accounting. Expertise in IFRS compliance, financial modelling, and regulatory reporting for banking and insurance sectors. Track record of leading finance teams, driving process automation, and delivering strategic insights to executive leadership. Seeking a finance manager or financial controller role at a corporate in Johannesburg.

KEY SKILLS

- IFRS & Financial Reporting
- Management Accounting
- Team Leadership (15+ staff)
- Financial Modelling & Forecasting
- Regulatory Compliance (SARB, FSCA)
- SAP FICO & Oracle Financials
- Audit & Internal Controls
- Tax Planning (SA Income Tax Act)
- Budgeting & Variance Analysis
- Power BI & Advanced Excel

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Accountant – Group Reporting

Aug 2020 – Present

Liberty Holdings Limited, Johannesburg

- Led the preparation of consolidated financial statements for a R120 billion insurance and investment group under IFRS 17
- Managed a team of 12 accountants and 3 reporting analysts across monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting cycles
- Implemented an automated reconciliation tool in Power BI, reducing month-end close from 12 days to 7 days
- Coordinated the IFRS 17 transition project, delivering compliant reporting 3 months ahead of the regulatory deadline
- Reduced external audit adjustments by 80% over 2 years through improved internal review processes
- Presented quarterly financial results and variance commentary to the Group CFO and executive committee

Finance Manager – Corporate Banking

Apr 2017 – Jul 2020

Nedbank Limited, Johannesburg

- Managed financial reporting and budgeting for the Corporate and Investment Banking division with R45 billion in assets
- Produced monthly management accounts, forecasts, and variance analysis for 8 business unit heads
- Built financial models to evaluate R2 billion+ in structured lending deals, supporting credit committee decisions
- Led a team of 6 finance professionals and developed 2 staff members who were promoted to senior roles
- Drove automation of 15 manual reporting processes using Excel macros and SAP queries, saving 40 hours monthly

Audit Manager

Feb 2015 – Mar 2017

KPMG South Africa, Johannesburg

- Managed audit engagements for 6 financial services clients with combined revenues exceeding R8 billion
- Led audit teams of 5–8 staff across planning, fieldwork, and reporting phases
- Identified control deficiencies that saved a banking client R3.5 million in potential regulatory penalties
- Achieved 100% on-time delivery of audit opinions across all assigned engagements for 2 consecutive years

Audit Trainee / Senior Audit Associate

Jan 2012 – Jan 2015

KPMG South Africa, Johannesburg

- Completed SAICA-accredited training contract with rotations across financial services, manufacturing, and retail audit portfolios
- Performed substantive testing and analytical reviews on audit engagements valued at R500 million+
- Received the KPMG "Rising Star" award in 2014 for exceptional client delivery and technical knowledge
- Passed the Initial Test of Competence (ITC) and Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) on first attempts

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA / CTA)

2011

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Bachelor of Accounting Science (BAcc)

2010

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

National Senior Certificate (Distinction)

2007

Saheti School, Johannesburg

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Chartered Accountant – CA(SA), SAICA, since 2015
- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts Specialist Programme, Deloitte Academy, 2022
- Power BI Data Analyst Associate, Microsoft, 2021
- Advanced Financial Modelling, SAICA, 2019

– Member, South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) Gujarati (Fluent) Afrikaans (Conversational) isiZulu (Basic)

REFERENCES

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