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### Personal Profile

Simon is an experienced and passionate Engineer with a deep understanding of materials, complemented by strong management & leadership skills. He has a proven track record in delivering projects on time and to budget. As a self starter who's able to communicate at all levels and regularly goes 'the extra mile', he's a strong asset to any management team.

### Experience

- I have represented Jaguar Land Rover at a European and Global level in the development common processes, standards and test methods across different companies. This includes being selected as a member of what was initially a 3 man team, responsible for defining and implementing the worldwide sheet steel strategy for Ford Motor Company.
- I have managed a range of complex and diverse, technical projects, with budgets in excess of \$200k. As the project leader I've ultimately been responsible for delivery of all aspects from concept through to completion.
- I've presented numerous times, both internally and externally at Conferences & Seminars. I've also written and regularly delivered two, half day duration, technical training sessions in materials that became official courses.
- I'm a Mentor to newer members of the team, responsible for training plans as well as support and direction on a daily basis. I also provide feedback on performance as an input to appraisals.

### Achievements

- I've supported Elephants for Africa, since it began as a research project in '02. I've organised & completed numerous events such as climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and cycling Coast-to-Coast, as well as delivering the Calendar project each year, which together have raised thousands of pounds. I've also worked on the stand at Festivals and have provided technical & logistical support to the field research throughout.
- I initiated and co-led the Greenpower Corporate Challenge project within Jaguar Land Rover for 26 new Graduate starters. The task was to design and build a single seat electric racing car and encompassed all aspects including project management, timing, and finance, purchasing, marketing & PR.
- I received a Jaguar Land Rover Technology Award in '07 in acknowledgement of my promotion to Technical Specialist (a position held by less than 1% of the workforce).
- In '08 I organised, and presented, the Jaguar Land Rover 'Industrial Masterclass'. It was a one day seminar on Lightweight Vehicle Strategy at the International Materials Congress held by the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM<sup>3</sup>). I am also the Vice-Chairman of IOM<sup>3</sup> Automotive Applications Division.
- I led the Materials Engineering Department team in the Jaguar Challenge for 5years. The event is essentially orienteering with additional physical and mental tasks for the team and individuals.

## Career History

- 1998 – 2009 Materials Engineering Department, Jaguar Land Rover
  - '07 – May '09 Technical Specialist – Material Characterisation  
Responsible for strategy & innovation in materials.
  - '02 – '07 Project Engineer
  - '00 – '02 Senior Engineer
  - '98 – '00 Graduate Engineer

## Qualifications

- 2.1 BEng. (Hons) Materials Science & Engineering - University of Wales, Swansea
- 4 'A' Levels – Maths, Physics, Geography & General Studies
- 8 GCSE above C including Maths & English
- Full UK Driving License
- PADI Open Water Diver

## Hobbies

I regularly play 5-a-side football and participate in many outdoor activities including hiking, wild camping, running, climbing, mountain biking, diving and snowboarding. I have been fortunate enough to travel to many different places around the World to enjoy them, such as Southern and Eastern Africa, Europe and North America. I also enjoy motorsport and have built my own kit car.

References available on request.