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Of Counsel/Technical Advisor

Independent External Auditor (ROC nº 2057)



ABOUT

Audit and finance professional with 35 years of experience including 10 years with EU grant compliance audits and verifications mostly acquired in the context of EU external aid programmes. José is a certified/ chartered public accountant.

Nationality: Portugal

Date of birth: 13 April 1962

SKILLS

EU Grants Auditing & Verification, Financial Reporting, Certification of Financial Statements and Systems/ Organisational & Compliance Auditing.

More than 100 engagements conducted in least developed and developing countries (mostly in Africa).

Specific knowledge of EU external aid funding programmes (incl. NDICI-Global Europe, IPA, EDF, EIDHR, HORIZON).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since March 2015: Self-Employed, Lisbon / Portugal. Leading and executing, as a freelancer/ subcontractor, audit and compliance engagements for Baker Tilly France (2015-2018), Deloitte Belgium (2018-2023) and KPMG Spain (since 2024) mostly for the EU under the successive INTPA Audit Framework Contracts including expenditure verifications and systems audits. Management consultancy and assurance services provider to small and medium-sized companies in Portugal and Mozambique. Statutory auditor. Advisor to the Secretary of State for the Treasury of the XXI Government – Portugal.

December 2010 – February 2015: IMOX, Lda (Concept and Management of Real Estate Projects) - Maputo / Mozambique – General Manager. Development of the company's (start-up) processes, policies, procedures.

September 2008 – September 2010: Aquifer Ltd (Venture Capital) – London / UK– Senior Consultant & Commercial Manager. Management, finance MIS and business modelling services provided to the local board of directors in the context of agri-business projects in Mozambique.

January 2002 – August 2008: CPH Pharma (Pharmaceutical) – Lisbon / Portugal – CFO (September 2000 – December 2001) – CEO (January 2002 – August 2008).

January 1999 – August 2000: BDO Portugal (Audit) – Lisbon / Portugal & Maputo / Mozambique – Audit Senior Manager.

September 1995 – December 1999: Distrifa Lda (Pharma) – Lisbon / Portugal – Finance Director.

September 1989 – August 1995: BDO Portugal (Audit) – Lisbon / Portugal – Auditor to Audit Manager.

EDUCATION

2013: Postgraduate in Management (IBS ISCTE Business School – Lisbon / Portugal)

2003: Postgraduate in Finance and Business Administration (IBS ISCTE Business School – Lisbon / Portugal)

1991: Master's Degree in Business Administration (ISLA – Lisbon / Portugal)

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2020: Certified/ Chartered Public Accountant. Member of the Institute of Chartered Auditors of Portugal.

2012: Registered Auditor & Certified Accountant - Mozambican Auditors and Accountants Commission.

LANGUAGES

Portugues: C2 - Native

English: C1 – Fully Proficient

Spanish: B2 – Independent User

French: B2 – Independent User