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## Background

Craig has over 30 years of international experience as a chemical engineer, in a variety of technical corporate governance roles, mainly in the upstream oil and gas sector. This includes 21 years with Schlumberger as their lead chemical engineer globally. He was presented with the Schlumberger Chairman's Award for his contribution to an oil field reactivation project in Colombia.

In recent years, he has gained significant experience of major international arbitration cases, determined under ICC and UNCITRAL rules. The international disputes were in North Africa, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union. He has also advised on the resolution of domestic industrial disputes in England and in The Netherlands.

Directed an international due diligence study of the world's largest-scale carbon capture and storage project, exceeding stakeholder expectations of quality, cost, and schedule. Developed Schlumberger's process safety and integrity management system and rolled it out to all producing assets worldwide, achieving 80 percent (%) compliance within 2 years. Created, from scratch, Schlumberger's competence assurance system for production facilities professionals, boosting job satisfaction and slashing attrition rates from 9% to 3%.

Key skills include hydrocarbon asset development, petroleum economics, project management, process safety management, process engineering, production optimization, flow assurance, plant commissioning, and operations.

## Education and Certifications

- **Chemical Engineering, BSc (Hons):** University of Strathclyde (1984)
- **Chartered Engineer:** Engineering Council (CEng) (1988)

## Professional Memberships

- **Member:** Institution of Chemical Engineers (MIChemE) (1988)

## Continuing Education

- **Project Management Institute: Project Management Professional (2005)**
- **Academy of Experts: Foundation (2017)**
- **Academy of Experts: Into Court (2018)**
- **Bond Solon: Report Writing (2018)**

- **Bond Solon: Courtroom Skills (2019)**

## Geographies

**Americas**
**APAC**
**Middle East and Africa**
**UK and Europe**

## Sectors

**Chemicals and Refining**
**Oil, Gas, and Mining**
**Utilities, Power, and Renewables**

## Expert Advisory Experience

### Chemicals and Refining

**Europoort Refinery Share Purchase Agreement, The Netherlands**
Advised the Amsterdam District Court on the determination of a dispute, relating to an oil refinery Share Purchase Agreement, under the instruction of NautaDutilh, Rotterdam.

### Oil, Gas, and Mining

**Investor State Production Sharing Agreement, Former Soviet Union State**
Advised a tribunal, set up by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, on the determination of a US multi-billion-dollar international arbitration case, under the instruction of Squire Patton Boggs, Atlanta, Georgia. The dispute arose from a former Soviet Union investor state production sharing agreement. Provided technical expertise in hydrocarbon asset development.

**Gas Treatment Plant Cost and Schedule Overrun, Tunisia**
Advised a tribunal, set up by the International Chamber of Commerce, on the determination of a US multi-million-dollar Tunisian international arbitration case, under the instruction of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Milan. Provided technical expertise in hydrocarbon asset development, project management, process engineering, and plant commissioning.

**Professional Indemnity Claim, United Kingdom**
Advised an engineering design house, on the merits of a professional indemnity claim, for an offshore platform design, under the instruction of Pinsent Masons, Aberdeen.

**Megaproject Cost and Schedule Overrun, Algeria**
Advised a tribunal, set up by the International Chamber of Commerce, on the determination of a billion Euro international arbitration case, under the instruction of Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris, France. Provided technical expertise in hydrocarbon asset development, project management, process safety management, process engineering, plant commissioning, and operations. The dispute originated from a fixed-price engineering, procurement, construction, installation, and commissioning contract to build a new LNG plant in Africa. The facilities included natural gas import, purification, liquefaction, metering, and marine loading. The main contractor claimed the cost of supplying additional materials and services that were not included in the contract price. The operating company counterclaimed for lost production because of the delayed start-up.

### Utilities, Power, and Renewables

**Natural Gas Commercial Dispute, Trinidad and Tobago**
Advised a tribunal, set up by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, on the resolution of a Caribbean gas sales dispute, under the instruction of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London. Prepared sections of the technical expert witness report covering the economic feasibility of importing LNG to supply a domestic natural gas market.

## Project Experience

### Chemicals and Refining

**Air Separation Plant Commissioning, United Kingdom**
Led the commissioning of the Trostre cryogenic nitrogen generation plant, supplying the steel works at Llanelli, South Wales.

**Moerdijk Refinery Redevelopment, The Netherlands**
Led a brownfield hazard and operability study of one of Europe's largest oil refinery redevelopment projects.

### Oil, Gas, and Mining

**Oil Company Technical Corporate Governance, Global**
Corporate governance of oil and gas assets, producing over 200,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, in China, Colombia, Ecuador, Malaysia, Romania, Russia, and the USA. Led the assessment of hydrocarbon resources, equipment, processes, people, and infrastructure, ensuring that investment risks were aligned with rewards.

**Dorra Offshore Gas Condensate Field, Saudi Arabia**
Directed the concept selection phase of a key offshore gas condensate development in Saudi Arabia, organising and facilitating the workshops, bringing together surface and sub-surface disciplines, and delivering the concept selection report.

### Utilities, Power, and Renewables

**White Rose Carbon Capture and Storage Project, United Kingdom**
Directed an international due diligence study of the world's largest-scale carbon capture and storage project, exceeding stakeholder expectations of quality, cost, and schedule.

## Professional Experience

- **Rimkus (Formerly Capital Consulting International, CCi)** **2024 – Present**
  - Director
- **DAC Consulting Services** **2023 – 2024**
  - Consultant
- **Petroleum Development Consultants** **2022 – 2023**
  - Senior Consultant
- **Driver Consult Limited** **2018 – 2019**
  - Technical Director
- **Petroleum Development Consultants** **2017 – 2018**
  - Senior Chemical Engineer

- **Thyssenkrupp** **2015 – 2016**
  - Principal Facilities Consultant
- **Schlumberger** **1993 – 2014**
  - Principal Engineer
- **Aspentech** **1991 – 1993**
  - Applications Engineer
- **BOC** **1984 – 1990**
  - Process Engineer
- **ICI** **1983**
  - Student Intern