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Senior Mining Professional with 25+ successful years in various facets of opencast mining. Cultivation of basics of opencast mining technologies by working at 4 different locations of UltraTech Cement - Largest Cement Manufacturer in India. Rewarded with Chairman Award & with reward for diverse performance in playing various challenging roles.

SKILLS

- Strong interpersonal communication skill • Inherent leadership quality • Team player • Fostering accountability, collaboration, delivery & consistency enabling team appetite for taking risk through innovation, new ideas and new skills • Expert in opencast mining with focus on improving results in EHS, Productivity, Quality, & Cost performance. • Corporate mining strategies • Feasibility study • Reserve calculation & exploration • Obtaining mining and related clearances/permissions/licenses/approvals. • Liaison with local level officials. • Stakeholder management • Land possession • Contractual management • Conversant with latest explosives and blasting technologies • Updated with latest development of mining technologies and mining statutes

EXPERIENCE

UltraTech, GCW, Kovaya, • Department Head – GM - Mines Operation (07/2021) - Present

Achieved 108.684 Ha. land possession through cross functional collaboration. Mines Life Increase through (I) Increasing reserves up to 0mRL from 4mRL – Got mining plan approved – 31 MnMT – 6 years life **AND** (II) Processes for potential Vindh Auction block – 450 Ha. – 182 MnMT – 34 years **AND** (III) Lease amalgamation - Common Boundary Permission + Mining Plan Modification – 2.6 MnMT – 0.6 years. Enabled increase in Al₂O₃ (2.72 / 2.35), Fe₂O₃ (2.61 / 2.5) and reduction in silica (17.46 / 17.49) thus achieved LS to Clinker ratio at 1.18 against 1.1 thus **enabled reduction of raw mix cost by 50 Rs crores.**

UltraTech, SCW, Naliya, • Department Head – DGM - Mines Operation (03/2018) - (06/2021)

Online driver license renewal alert, pocket speed gun to check speed, S-cross speed breaking berm etc. to improve Safety indices. Execution of transfer deeds of limestone mining leases ensuring sustainable future. Led team in adopting process improvements avoiding capex & thus Increased clay% from 10.78% in 17-18 to 16.16% in 18- 19 & 20.43% in 19-20; **saved INR 1665.39 Lakhs.** Enabled management in getting long pending approval for OLBC (Belt conveyor) Capex to reduce transportation lead from 12 kms to 4.5 kms; post OLBC, transportation cost reduced to 26.91 Rs/Mt from 47.72 Rs/Mt with a **saving of INR 893 Lacs/Annum.**

UltraTech, AC, Chittorgarh, • Section Head – Manager – Drilling & Blasting + WCM (09/2012) - (02/2018)

Played central role in achieving “WCM Gold Award-2013” for unit. Enabled management in reducing LSF to 106 from 112 (thru mine planning reserve & sensitivity analysis) thus enabled Mines Life Enhancement by 9 years. Carried out innovation by using empty water bottles in blasting for reducing explosive consumption & ground vibration. Utilized project management skills in ensuring readiness of crusher-3 site for project team - Completion of Crusher 3 months before deadline.

UltraTech, ACW, Awarpur, • Mines Shift Engineer & WCM Section Head (11/1998) - (08/2012)

Lead as Shift Engineer ensuring desired Quality & Quantity of limestone production with focus on EHS. Devised online Quality SMS enabling shift engineers for proactive Quality Management. Developed an excel based software ensuring 100% compliances of HEMM schedule maintenance thus optimized use of spares. Played vital role in achieving “WCM Bronze Award-2009” for unit. Pioneer in launching Kaizen Souvenir at ACW since 2007 - A Best practice replicated across all units of UltraTech. Leader of Chairman’s’ GWTC Awards 2011: Only team from Cement amongst 253 ABG global teams for improving Raw Mill reliability.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Diploma in Mining Engineering from Government Polytechnic Nagpur – 1998
- Bachelor of Science in Process Engineering from BITS-Pilani - 2012
- MBA from GlobalNxt University -Malaysia – 2015
- First Class Mines Manager’s Certificate by DGMS & DataMine Mine Planning Software User Certification
- Trained Trainer by BHR, OPEX Framework assessor & Trained DuPont Safety Trainer