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An Environmental Scientist with international work experience with an environmental and geotechnical consultancy. Successfully completed university studies on environmental issues focusing on earth environment, one-year research study within Italy and UK for a thesis about soil pollution, MSc on contaminated land issue. Significant experience in Phase 1, 2 and 3 contaminated land projects is allied with ability to work with various international teams and excellent communications skills; an accomplished problem solver.

Key skills: client relationship and communication, site supervision, risk assessment, contaminated land.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May – Oct 2003: **SCOTT WILSON** (Ashford, UK).

Leading UK multi-disciplinary consultancy specializing in environmental project implementation and management. GROUND SOLUTIONS GROUP: specialist department committed to the provision of high quality environmental, geotechnical and surveying services.

Environmental scientist

Carried out a variety of site investigation and contaminated land projects within the UK and France. Specific responsibilities include: Desk Studies, Database Research, Window Sampling; Dynamic Probing; Site Supervision; Logging of Soil Samples; Contaminated Land Surveys; Laboratory and In Situ Testing; Risk Assessment; Development and Supervision of Site Remediation.

Particular projects of note include:

- Supervision of a large Environmental Investigation of a distribution depot (Droitwich, UK), where a spill of diesel had occurred. Carried out supervision of six cable percussion boreholes, over twenty window sample holes and survey/levelling of all locations. Carried out routine monitoring of free-floating layer and water in the boreholes.
- Supervision of an Environmental Investigation of a depot (Southampton, UK). The investigation included drilling nine window sample holes and logging of the ground conditions. Supervision of three cable percussion boreholes.
- Ground investigation (Plaxtol, UK) to assess contamination and ground conditions for a proposed residential development. The task included window sampling, installation of gas and water monitoring standpipes, dynamic probing and levelling. Preparation of final report.
- Environmental investigation (Brenzett, UK). The task included window sampling, logging of soils and gas monitoring.
- Part of the team of an ongoing environmental monitoring programme at operational landfill sites (Whitehall Quarry and West Hythe Quarry, UK). The task included landfill gases and water quality monitoring and reporting in relation to available national guidelines, to the Environment Agency.

1997 - 2000: **COOPERATIVA ATLANTIDE** (Ravenna, Italy).

Italian environmental company, main national provider of high quality environmental, educational, cultural and tourism services.

Environmental guide

- Responsible for environmental and scientific excursions within Po River Delta and Mesola wood, Cervia salt pans (a 827 hectares Ramsar site), "Itinerario azzurro" (scientific excursions about the sea ecosystem).

1996-2002: Voluntary service for World Wild Found (WWF) (Rimini, Italy). Carried out landscape monitoring, rescue animals, fund raising for several WWF campaign.

2001 - 2002: Voluntary services for coop. "Famiglie Cerebrolesi" (Encephalopathic families) (Bologna, Italy).

OTHER JOBS

2002: BARMAID in the "Blumen" Hotel (Rimini, Italy).

2002: SHOP MANAGER in European Outlet (Sydney, Australia).

2001: CONGRESS COORDINATOR for Annual Meeting of Cardiology (San Marino).

2000 - 2001: FRONT OF HOUSE and BAR ATTENDANT in the Savoy Theatre (London, UK).

QUALIFICATIONS

Due Dec 2003: International MSc in "Science and technology for sustainable development of contaminated sites" (University of Parma, Italy).

2002: Environmental Sciences Degree (University of Bologna, Italy). [Thesis's title: "*Application of Thermal Desorption, Pyrolysis GCMS and High Performance Liquid Cromatographic for determining and examining Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Park's soil of London*". The research has been done within the Department of Environmental Science of King's College in London (UK) and in the Department of Environmental Science of University of Bologna (Italy)].

2002: "Environmental-Excursions guide" certificate (regional law n°4 1/02/2000 (art.11)).

1997: Training on environmental education in schools (Forli, Italy).

LANGUAGES

Italian: Mother tongue.

English : Very good.

French : Good.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Good ability with Windows and McOs; Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access); MassLab; CONSIM 1.06 (2002); Internet; Outlook.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Interest: trekking, skiing, theatre, Indian food.

Date of birth: 29 August 1975

Nationality: Italian

Driving license: yes