

Paolo Sala

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Profile Highlights

- Professional with more than 15 years of expertise in project control, successfully managing diverse oil and gas projects, including pipelines and refineries.
- Certified PMI Disciplined Agile Scrum Master (DASM) dedicated to achieving organizational goals through effective communication, cooperation, and collaboration.
- Demonstrated time-management, creative thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills, enabling the delivery of high-quality results on complex projects.
- Adaptable and quick learner, thriving in challenging environments while maintaining composure under pressure, ensuring project completion to the highest standards.
- Holds European citizenship (Italian) with a Mexican Permanent Resident Permit, and proficient in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian, facilitating seamless international communication and collaboration.

Professional Experience

Chevron Corporation - Tengizchevroil LLP (NES Fircroft Limited)

Project Control Consultant

Tengiz, Kazakhstan
September 2019 to June 2023

*Future Growth Project/Wellhead Pressure Management Project,
High Pressure High Temperature Pipelines (14", 57.5mm wall thickness), Conventional Pipelines and Facilities.*

- Supervised the Company Project Control Team to guarantee efficient planning and scheduling activities to reflect the actual conditions and progress from the field, produce accurate forecast and reports in a timely manner.
- Assumed major duties of a Lead Planner and Project Controls Lead to work with the Team and manage all the interfaces with other Contractors, Base Business and Drilling Team.
- Acted as mentor, trainer, and consultant to the Contractor team to teach the skills necessary to produce quality detailed schedules that facilitate effective project controls and progress reporting.
- Introduced ad-hoc construction progress report to optimize manpower utilization in a complex environment with many simultaneous operations and interfaces.

Chevron Corporation - Cabinda Gulf Oil Company Limited (Applus Velosi Limitada)

Project Control Consultant

Cabinda, Angola
October 2014 – August 2019

*Facilities Engineering,
various refurbishment and maintenance projects and turnaround.*

- Supervised planning requirements for off-shore and on-shore construction projects at all stages and provide solutions to problems.
- Developed the Downtime Evaluation Project, a study of productive/non-productive time calculations which has improved construction manpower efficiency.
- Analyzed, reviewed, and optimized the information and document distribution processes within the Facilities Engineering organization.
- Appointed as mentor of national workforce, facilitated specific training sessions to introduce them into planning and scheduling standard methodologies, tools and software (i.e. Oracle Primavera P6).
- Oversaw work progress updates, efficiency calculation, analysis, and control of associated costs, forecasting resources and expenditures, planning budgets, classifying costs and tracking man-hours (earned value management - EVM).

Saipem S.p.A.
Planning Leader

Calgary, Canada and Mexico City/Chihuahua, Mexico
March 2010 – September 2014

“El Encino-Topolobampo Pipeline” EPC Pipeline and Facilities Project for TransCanada.
“Gasolinas Limpias 1, Tula and Salamanca” EPC Refinery Expansion Project for Pemex.

- Coordinated the preparation and updating of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction project baseline.
- Oversaw Engineering Document Management System, Procurement and Construction progress systems set up and follow-up.
- Reviewed and presented weekly and monthly progress reports to Client and Sub-Contractors to discuss project status, physical progress, areas of concern and change orders.
- Performed analysis and simulation to support the Project Manager decision-making process and allow completion of the project according to the baseline and in compliance with contractual dates and requirement.
- Participated in the project Risk Analysis and Invoicing process.

Saipem S.p.A.
Planning Engineer and Field Planning Engineer

Milan, Italy and Khurais, Saudi Arabia
December 2007 – August 2010

“MTPD Urea Plant” Engineering & Procurement for a New Urea Plant for Matix Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.
“Refineria Batalla de Santa Ines” Feed Engineering for a New Refinery for PDVSA.
“Khurais Crude Contract” EPC Gas Oil Separator Project for Aramco.

- Prepared and updated the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Project Baseline schedule.
- Set up Engineering Document Management System, Procurement, Construction progress systems.
- Analyzed and reported on Engineering, Procurement and Construction project progress and performance.
- Structured, discussed and updated Pre-commissioning and System Completion schedule and progress trackers.
- Developed Project Close-out Report.
- Managed the planning activities on various bid projects.

Education

Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy

Master’s degree in Operation and Supply Chain Management, Industrial Engineering, October 2007

Politecnico di Milano, Piacenza, Italy

Bachelor’s degree in Transport Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, September 2005

Additional

Languages

Italian – Native

English – Fluent

Spanish – Fluent

Portuguese – Intermediate

Technical Skills

Proficient in Oracle Primavera P6 and Microsoft Office (Excel, Power BI, Word, and Power Point).

Personal Interests

Cooking, because it boosts my creativity. Sports and fitness, exercise is part of my daily routine. Traveling, because it takes me out of my comfort zone.