

GERARD ANTHONY JOHNSON

Education

1978–1982 West Ridge High School, Roodepoort, SA

- Matriculated in December 1982

1983–1986 Johannesburg Technical College

- Qualified for National Diploma in Printing

1987 Damelin College Johannesburg

- Completed Production Management Diploma

Experience

2008 - Present Nampak Gravure Industria

Cylinder Department / Repro Manager

- After completing my assignment in Nigeria, I was offered the above position but had to relocate back to Johannesburg.
- Duties include: managing the Cylinder and repro department, providing a service to the printing presses in terms of cylinders, make readies and pre-press work. Planning the introduction of new designs to be printed and implementing the new designs to first off stage.
- Organise the first production of new work at the Western Cape operation.
- Liaising between new and potential customers to provide repro, cylinders, dies and embossing requirements.
- Optimising the storage systems that we have available at the present time and planning future requirements and expansion.
- Act as liaison between customer artwork departments and cylinder engravers. Our current customers include BAT, SAB, KFC, Carlsberg and SABEX

2004– 2008 Nampak Cartons Nigeria Limited

Logistics Manager

- In June 2004 Nampak decided to open up a factory in Ibadan, Nigeria. They contacted me to see if I would be interested in going there on an Ex-pat contract.
- I was offered the position of Logistics Manager in Ibadan.
- I saw this as a tremendous challenge both personally and career wise, I agreed to being employed by Nampak again.
- My original brief was to be in control of pre-press, cylinders, inks and raw material management. This was soon extended to supply chain, planning and procurement of imported and local items.
- Supply chain – I controlled all the planning, orders and

distribution of product to British American Tobacco in Nigeria and West Africa. This has recently been increased to include some work for Guinness West Africa and Promasidor West Africa.

- Logistics – All raw materials are imported from Europe, America and Indonesia, this means that I had close contact and relationship with Nampak International Isle of Man as all the procurements are directed through their operation.
- Local logistical support – Includes procurement of all local supplies i.e. diesel, fuel and consumables.
- Pre-press – as this was part of my job function in Cape Town, this also formed part of the job function in Nigeria. Involved close relationship with major suppliers in Europe (Keating's, Sauerresig Marbach) and developing designs through to cylinder engraving process.
- I headed a Logistics department of 7 staff members with a monthly turnover of ZAR 8-9 million
- Our humble beginnings matured into a state of the art plant where we produce 80 -100 million cartons per month.
- This position enabled me to gain a lot of experience in import and export of raw materials and general office management.
- Nampak Cartons Nigeria has recently completed the building phase of a new plant in Nigeria and I was involved in the procurement and logistical support of this project. This should have been completed by November 2007.
- March 2008 I informed Nampak that I would not be extending my contract for another year and said that I would be returning to South Africa.

2002–2004

Farthingwoods Cottage Furniture

Owner / entrepreneur

- After 18 years with Nampak I decided to resign from the printing industry and moved into our family business of 3 various Furniture Shops and the factory.
- Here I learned a tremendous amount about small business management and the ordering and maintaining of stock in the shops. I learnt a great deal about customer liaison and was taught to handle pressure on a different and more personal level.

1995–2002

Nampak Gravure Western Cape

Pre-press / QA Supervisor

- I was transferred to Cape Town to control the gravure cylinder store and the pre-press function of the new factory.
- Other functions of this job included press planning, Quality Assurance

and customer liaison. The QA function involved implementing ISO 9002 and setting up testing procedures for product specifications. i.e. Slip and Co-efficient of Friction, PIRA rub resistance, scuff tests and Phillips sampling plans.

- We printed Gravure work for British American Tobacco and Stellenbosch Farmers Winery.

1983–1995 Nampak Gravure Johannesburg

Gravure Machine Minder

- Trained as an Apprentice in Gravure Machine Minding.
- After qualification, stayed on with the company and worked for 10 years as Machine Minder.
- Controlled production outputs and schedules on Chambon, Thrissel and Zerand presses.
- Gained experience in folding carton production and paper label production for the tobacco industry.

REFERENCES

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