



MOHAMMAD RIZAL ZAKARIA (FCCA)

A dedicated and organized professional, with a strong ability to thrive in dynamic work environments, boasting more than 15 years of tenure within the realms of Internal Audit and Finance. Possessing a genuine and fervent interest in the field of sustainability, determined by a passion to integrate eco-conscious practices into our professional endeavours. Driven by a profound motivation to excel, I seek to ascend as a successful leader, leveraging my expertise to inspire and guide my team toward unprecedented achievements. A staunch proponent of methodological and client-centric approaches within the professional business environment.

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QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ Master of Sustainability, The University of Sydney, Australia
- ▶ BSc. Accounting and Finance, The University of Warwick, U.K.

AFFILIATIONS

- ▶ Fellow, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- ▶ Member, Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
- ▶ Member, The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (IIAM)

KEY SKILLS

- ▶ Internal Audit
- ▶ Risk Management
- ▶ Investigation
- ▶ Forensic Accounting
- ▶ Environmental Audit
- ▶ Business Transformation
- ▶ Project Management
- ▶ Financial Reporting
- ▶ Performance Reporting
- ▶ Sustainability Reporting
- ▶ Supply Chain
- ▶ Data Analytics

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEAD, INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

2021 – Present

Alam Flora Sdn. Bhd. subsidiary of Malakoff Corporation Bhd.

- ▶ Immediate report to the Chairman of the Board Audit Committee (BAC) in assuring the risk management, governance and internal controls are operating effectively.
- ▶ Seconded from the Group to effectively set-up the new Internal Audit Department within the company including but not limited to; establishment of Internal Audit Charter, BAC Terms of Reference, annual audit plan & audit universe, recruitment of personnel, budget preparation, establishing the departmental guidelines and risk-based audit processes in accordance to the IIA(M) framework.
- ▶ Spearhead the execution of Annual Audit Plan, ad-hoc assignments/investigations and deliberation of the audits executed during the BAC meetings.
- ▶ Custodian of the Whistleblowing Policy and developed the integrity framework in collaboration with MACC (Policy, Planning and Research Division).
- ▶ Perform advisory role to the management in the area of business process improvement activities and initiatives e.g. procurement, human resource etc.
- ▶ Develop Training Competency Framework for Auditors following IIA(M) recommended trainings and required soft skills as part of the team professional development.
- ▶ Achievements include identification of value creation through optimization and cost savings from the finance and procurement process as well as identification of leakages from misconduct identified or reported.

SENIOR MANAGER

2017 – Present

GROUP INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION, Malakoff Corporation Bhd.

- ▶ Accountable for the planning and execution of day-to-day Internal Audit activities with direct reporting to the Chief Internal Auditor (CIA).
- ▶ Spearhead complex investigations involving personnel committing breach of conducts and collusion with third parties.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- ▶ SAP – (ERM, FM, SCM)
- ▶ Microsoft Office
- ▶ Audit Analytics Management Software

LANGUAGES

Proficient in both writing and communication:

- ▶ English
- ▶ Malay

PEDAGOGICAL

An affiliate of the research team from The Alliance of Bioversity International (ABI) and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) involved in the global research project and publication of research paper on Mobilizing Agrobiodiversity for Nutritious Food and Climate-resilient Agriculture in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of Samoa and Tonga.

REFERRAL

Rizal Khalid

Vice President
Corporate Assurance
Astro (M) Holdings Bhd
☎ 012-6048725

Mustakim Ilman Mustafa

General Manager
Managing Director's Office
PLUS Malaysia Bhd
☎ 019-4325325

- ▶ Responsible for the final clearance for Related Party Transactions (RPT) prior to the announcement under Bursa Malaysia listing requirements.
- ▶ Perform advisory roles on identified process improvements within the companies for e.g. review of groupwide procurement processes.
- ▶ Responsible for trainings and coaching for development and progress of auditors within the division emphasizing in innovative risk-based auditing approach.

SENIOR TAX ACCOUNTANT

2016

PETROLEUM TAX DEPARTMENT, PETRONAS Carigali Sdn. Bhd.

- ▶ Involved in the tax planning, estimation, instalment and computation of Petroleum Taxation. Responsible for individuals and contiguous Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) for Peninsular Malaysia.
- ▶ Diligent assessment had assisted Senior Management in prudent tax position i.e. optimizing cash management for tax instalment and avoidance of penalty from authority for underpayment of tax instalment.
- ▶ Appointed as a panel presenter during an Oil & Gas Upstream Business Sharing Session with the management of Inland Revenue Board in the review methodology of tax computation which resulted in consensus by the authority with the proposed approach.

SENIOR PROJECT ACCOUNTANT

2013 – 2015

FINANCE OPERATIONS, PETRONAS Carigali Sdn. Bhd.

- ▶ Accountable for an end-to-end finance activity from project funding, annual budget and cost monitoring, month end processing, payment to vendors, cash flow forecast, joint venture accounting and closure of the project whilst ensuring adherence and rights per regulations. Notable projects are:
 - ▶ Gas Evacuation System for Joint Development Area with HESS worth RM5billion of which with prudent cost management had resulted to savings of RM600million.
 - ▶ Infill Drilling Project with ExxonMobil worth RM495 million whereby the project had successfully achieved cost savings of RM30million.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

2009 – 2012

GROUP INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION, PETRONAS

- ▶ Specialized in Project Management, Corporate Services and Information Technology encompassing major subsidiaries under PETRONAS Holding Company (Malaysia and International operations e.g. Turkmenistan, Venezuela, Brazil and Japan).

ASSURANCE ASSOCIATE

2008 – 2009

PricewaterhouseCoopers

- ▶ Responsible in executing full statutory audit on financial statements for various sectors namely in plantation, logistics and retail industries.