

# Alex Godon BSc

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## Profile

Creative Project Manager, Business Leader and Engineer with a passion for tackling big business challenges, taking personal accountability and executing each project with total commitment.

Proud to have worked on some very exciting and challenging infrastructure, manufacturing and technological projects, with a career spanning the energy, metals, utilities, process and defence sectors - from ABB and Alstom Grid's Alliance substation projects for National Grid, GE's substation projects in Europe and ALSTOM T&D's substation projects in Nigeria - to the execution of various heavy industrial steel mill processes for GE Worldwide and plasters plants for Saint-Gobain in Africa.

Experience in the United Kingdom, Nigeria, the USA, Europe and other regions of the world.

Probes to uncover the issues and leverages his engineering talent and project management expertise to develop and drive impressive and innovative solutions. It is this perseverance to get to the most effective solution that adds value and sets the difference.

Seeks to deliver further successful projects, using the same high level, goal driven, diligent and systematic approach.

## Key Skills and Achievements

- Delivered high-profile, complex projects with companies including National Grid, ScottishPower, General Electric, Chaparral Steel and Saint-Gobain, with values ranging up to £33m.
- Built relationships with potential clients, prepared proposals and secured multimillion pounds of new business.
- French and Italian languages - business conversational: Spanish - conversational.
- Project managed the design of two plasters plants driving the initial cost down by roughly 50%.
- Utilised exacting control of suppliers to ensure that their project deliverables were maintained to original cost and programme.
- Maintained project costs and timeframes, whilst working under client's challenging contractual conditions, requiring resolution by polite diplomacy.
- Promoted to Projects Group Manager, at AREVA T&D, leading the export group of project managers for large turnkey substation projects, in addition to delivering his own projects.

### 2016 - 2017 Godon Consultants Limited

**Project Manager**

Offered Project Management Consultancy Services to the HV Transmission and Distribution sector...

- GE (ALSTOM Grid Ltd.) - 2016 Jan: 2017 Oct
  - Closure of several South East Electricity Substation Alliance, SEESA, GIS and AIS substation projects at Elstree, Kingsnorth, Hackney and Tilbury, as part of the Alliance disbandment.

### 2011 - 2015 ABB Limited - Power Systems

**Project Manager**

Turnkey 400kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation and two 400 / 275kV Interbus Transformers for National Grid, as part of the Electricity Alliance Central...

- Green field GIS double busbar substation to facilitate the connection of various 400kV cables and End User circuits against tight delivery schedules for London Power Tunnels.
- Interbus Transformer addition to AIS substation to enable upgrade of the existing twin Overhead Lines from 275kV to 400kV.

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## Career Summary *continued*

### **2008 - 2011 Saint-Gobain Gypsum Manufacturing Technology** **Project Manager**

Delivered business improvement for plasters production facilities in Algeria and South Africa and secured considerable savings for this worldwide products manufacturer.

- Effected change of approach by leading a tendering team of nine staff for kiln, milling and formulation facilities for plasters processing plants.
- Drove contract negotiations with clients and suppliers to establish beneficial commitments and expectations in scope, to drive down cost.

### **2007 - 2008 AREVA T&D** **Senior Project Manager**

Tendered under the South East Electricity Substation Alliance, SEESA, for the multimillion pound replacement of the whole National Grid AIS 132kV substation at the Littlebrook 132kV site, with a 15 bay GIS substation, including power cable extension works, P&C equipment and civils works.

- Analysed the client's objectives, priorities and operational issues to optimise the final cost level.

### **2004 - 2007 General Electric Energy Services** **Programme Manager**

Project managed and delivered the replacement of the ScottishPower SPPS, 132kV substation over three yearly outage cycles consisting of relevant demolition and reinstatement of the previous functionality with new equipment - all within an operational site.

- Solicited the Health and Safety Executive's intervention to gain a contract variation for the removal of a live 132kV oil filled cable across the client's substation.
- Played a significant role in the winning and contractual closure of the Romanian tender.

### **2001 - 2004 ALSTOM T&D** **Projects Group Manager**

Managed the new turnkey 330/132kV substation project for National Electric Power Authority, NEPA Nigeria, and the refurbishment of their additional five 330kV substations, under a separate contract, executed in parallel.

- Completed material design and delivery stage, maintaining the original budget and programme.
- Greatly supported local office's market profile and capabilities in Nigeria, resulting in further contracts.
- Oversaw, under his direct control: 11 new 132kV GIS and AIS substations for the Ceylon Electricity Board; 132kV GIS substation for the Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority

### **1996 - 2000 Hatch Associates, USA** **Electrical Supervisor/Specialist**

Headed the electrical team to deliver the detailed cost estimate, specification, design coordination and procurement of the Chaparral Steel 230kV AIS substation, following a cost reduction of approximately 20%.

Additional remit included the detailed design specification and order placement of the specialised electric arc and ladle metallurgy furnace transformers and related high voltage equipment, and the 69/34.5/13.2kV power distribution to other plant processes, with a total 305MVA connected load.

- Cost reduction achieved following careful supplier package bundling and supply chain management.

## Professional Development and Qualifications

BSc Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Manchester University 1975 - 1978

On-going project management, contractual and managerial development.

Health and Safety accreditations: CDM, IOSH - Managing Safely in Construction, BESC.