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Jon Arnup

Owner & CEO – Trent Port Services & Trent Moscord

Jon is a seasoned executive with over 32 years' port industry experience, in various Senior Management and Director roles, working for 3 large global port operators, P&O ports, Hutchison Port Holdings and DP World. A Senior team member in DP World active in developing and growing a terminal portfolio from 5 to 66 ports worldwide over an 8 year period.

Created, led and implemented the industry's largest ever ISO55000 compliant Asset Management program to African, Americas, Asian and European continents. Lived and worked in seven countries on four continents and visited more than 49 ports worldwide during the course of business.



Heike Bethge

Terminal Manager
Jordan Industrial Ports Company

Heike worked for more than 30 years as an engineer in industrial plant design & construction.

From 2015 she was an M&E Lead Engineer with Royal Haskoning DHV responsible for the rehabilitation and extension project of JIPC. In 2020, she joined JIPC as Terminal Manager.

She holds a diploma degree in Mechanical Engineering / Naval Architecture from the University of Rostock, Germany.



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Jimmy Bhansari
General Manager
Howe India

Jimmy Bhansari, has over 22 years of experience in Planning and Engineering as well as monitoring and implementation of various projects in the area of Port development and specialization in Port Planning, Equipment Engineering, Automation, Material Handling Systems, Liquid Cargo Handling Systems.

Over his career, Jimmy has been involved with multiple international projects, from Lead Engineer for the installation of the largest coal import terminal at Mundra, India to Head of Engineering for a coal, rail and port project in Australia. His current role is to take care of planning of a new port for Adani Port and also heading the Equipment division of Adani Port.



Matthew Hoag
Senior Vice President
DP World

Matthew is currently the Senior Vice President for Global Operations and Engineering at DP World based in Dubai, U.A.E. Matt has functional responsibility for operations and engineering performance across the DP World Ports and Terminals portfolio. He currently serves on the DP World subsidiary Boards of World Crane Services, Zodiac, Antwerp World Gateway and DP World Porsorja.

Matt has over 25 years proven leadership, terminal management, and terminal global consulting experience. Educated as a U.S. Merchant Mariner, he began his professional career as a supervisor of marine operations and advanced to the executive level within the ports and terminals industry.

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Carolina Parro
Engineering Manager

Carolina is an Engineering Manager in Geneva, and is responsible for the equipment strategic CAPEX and decarbonization. Prior to this role, Carolina was leading the Operations, Maintenance, and Logistics areas at TCP, a 2.5 million TEUs facility in Brazil currently owned by CMP.

She became a Maintenance Manager at 25 and an ambassador for women in operational and technical areas. Carolina has 12 years of experience in container terminals, 3 of those managing managers. She holds an Executive MBA degree (w/ honors) from ESMT Berlin with a recognized thesis on leadership in the low-carbon transition.



Edward Tah
CEO
Saudi Global Ports

As the CEO of Saudi Global Ports, Edward is responsible for all facets of SGP's business in Saudi Arabia, both in Dammam and Riyadh. This includes developing and steering SGP's strategies and policies to ensure long-term growth, productivity and service standards and development of its people.

Prior to his appointment as CEO in 2019, Edward was the Head of Operations at SGP for 5.5 years. He was involved in the construction and start-up phase of the second container, SGP's first project in Saudi Arabia. Under Edward, SGP took over operations of the First Container Terminal at King Abdul Aziz Port in 2020, allowing SGP to become the sole container terminal operator in Dammam Seaport.



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