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KEY EXPERIENCE

Simon is a Chartered and Registered Professional Civil Engineer with over twenty five years' experience in Hong Kong and the UK. Simon advises clients on claims, compensation events, contractual and dispute issues on large infrastructure and power projects. His experience covers the preparation of contractual claims for extension of time, quotations for NEC compensation events and acceleration proposals, prolongation and variations relating to technical issues. Simon also has experience in the research and drafting of statements of claim for mediation and arbitration, the presentation of issues to tribunals and negotiation of claim issues. These skills are supported by his strong technical engineering and project management background. He is an Accredited NEC4 Project Manager.

CAREER SUMMARY

2008 to date - Managing Consultant, Contract Dispute Consultants, Hong Kong

Simon advises clients on contractual and commercial matters on large, complex infrastructure projects. His current assignments include:

- Contractual advice to a contractor undertaking the upgrading of a façade to a logistics hub;
- Advice to a main contractor constructing a landscaped deck under an NEC3 contract;
- Advice to an international power transmission company regarding delays to a nuclear power plant.
- Advice to a contractor on an urban highway tunnel fit-out project being constructed under an NEC3 Target Cost contract and preparation of acceleration proposals and papers to support the issue of compensation events;
- Providing ongoing contractual advice to a Hong Kong contractor involved in the construction of a major airport project including preparation of EoT submissions, focussing on roof steel fabrication and erection;
- Preparation of claim submissions for EoT on a district cooling system constructed as part of a major technology manufacturing centre;
- Assisting a contractor involved in mediation proceedings arising from the construction of traffic management systems on a major highway and tunnel project;
- Assisting a specialist subcontractor on final account issues arising from a high profile cultural development.

Simon's previous assignments included:

- Advice to a joint venture and preparation of supporting papers and quotations for a disputed compensation event affecting the construction of a sewage treatment plant under an NEC4 Target Cost contract;
- Advice to a specialist nominated subcontractor for audio visual installations on a high profile luxury mall and hotel development on recovery of sums due in final account negotiations – settled through negotiation;
- Contractual advice to a contractor involved in the concrete supply to a major airport development;
- Providing claim preparation services and contractual advice to a Hong Kong contractor on various building and infrastructure projects;
- Assisting a specialist subcontractor on final account issues arising from a telecommunications project on a major rail project;
- Contractual advice to a contractor involved in the concrete supply to a major airport development;
- Advising a contractor involved in the construction of a large cultural development directing a team in negotiating resolution of claims with the employer and architect.
- Preparation of claims documents and contractual management on a large columbarium;
- Preparation of claims and assisting senior management with negotiation on a large CCG power station project;
- Assistance to a contractor on an arbitration with a subcontractor arising from a large infrastructure development – settlement reached before pleadings; and
- Developing claims to assist a contractor with negotiations on a final account on an infrastructure project – FA settled through negotiation.

Other assignments included:

• **Airport Terminal – 2018 to 2019**

Providing adhoc support to two projects related to the construction of an airport terminal building.

• **Border Crossing Facility – 2014 to 2019**

Advice to a joint-venture contractor responsible for the construction of a large-scale infrastructure project on reclaimed land providing contractual, technical and programming advice to the management team and construction teams. His responsibilities included:

- The preparation extensions of time and cost claims to the client in respect of late handovers; ELS; ground conditions; structural steelwork; design work; ABWF and E&M works;
- Providing early contractual advice and support to constructions teams including guidance on records to be maintained and assistance in drafting correspondence on technical issues with potential contractual implications;
- The assessment of sub-contractor claims; providing advice on and assisting in subcontract negotiations;
- The preparation of responses to correspondence from the client, engineer and sub-contractors on contractual, management and technical issues which affected the works;
- Liaising with the in-house and external legal teams on main contract and subcontract issues with legal implications and responsible for drafting relevant correspondence;
- Identifying and advising the contractor on risks and opportunities under the contract, developing and preparing position papers and formal correspondence in support of the opportunities including missing items and BQ errors;
- Providing advice, preparing position papers and assisting in negotiations with the client through the contract dispute resolution system.

• **Express Rail Tunnels – 2011 to 2014**

Representing a contractor on a major drill and blast tunneling contract for the Express Rail project. Simon prepared extensions of time and cost claims relating to the contract GBR and unforeseen physical conditions; site formation works; secant pile construction; tunnelling; road works and drainage works. He was responsible for all aspects of the claims on the project including;

- Managing and leading a small team in the preparation of documents and negotiation of a supplemental agreement through an adhoc mediation for additional time and cost;
- Liaising with the construction team, programming team, technical and legal consultants on claim and contractual issues;
- Managing the preparation of technical reports by independent experts on key claim issues, including piling works, overbreak and underbreak in tunnels, rock quality, as well as water inflows into shafts and tunnels;
- Negotiations with the client on all claim issues;
- Preparation and delivery of position papers and presentations to the client to support claims submissions;
- Advising and assisting the contractor in keeping and compiling key records to support the claims;
- Working with the contractor to mitigate commercial risk arising from construction operations;
- Preparing position papers in preparation for mediation with the client.

• **Cable Stayed Bridge – 2009 to 2011**

Representing a joint venture contractor, Simon was responsible for preparation of claims for extensions of time and additional payment for technical issues relating to the steel deck fabrication and erection, composite steel/concrete towers, heavy lifting operations and E&M (WASHMS) system on a significant cable stayed bridge project in Hong Kong. Simon was responsible for liaising with technical and legal consultants during the preparation of the claims and prepared presentations to support discussions with the engineer and employer on the various claim issues. Simon also undertook, in close cooperation with the legal consultants, the research and drafting of statements of claim for mediation and arbitration proceedings. These statements of claim covered technical issues related to steel fabrication, steel deck erection, reinforced concrete construction, heavy lifting operations, stay cable erection and fabrication as well as the E&M (WASHMS) system.



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2007 to 2008 – Claims Consultant, Maeda Hitachi Yokogawa Hsin Chong Joint Venture (MHYHJV) Stonecutters Bridge Project

- **Stonecutters Bridge Project** – Simon was responsible for the identification of claim issues on site and the preparation of claims for extensions of time and additional payment for technical issues relating to the welding and steel deck erection, the composite steel/concrete towers and the heavy lifting operations. Simon was also responsible for liaising with and providing support to the construction team on claim and contractual issues in order to mitigate the commercial risk arising from the construction operations.

2002 to 2007 – Project Engineer, Henry Chan & Partners Consultant Engineering Ltd.

Simon's duties included project management, preparation of tender and contract documents, detailed design and site supervision of structural, slope upgrading, site formation, excavation and lateral support (ELS), foundations and ground investigation (GI) works. Main projects included:

- **ArchSD** - Redevelopment of the St Stephens Girls Primary School.
- **No 73 Mount Kellett Road, The Peak** - Residential development.
- **216 Victoria Road** - Residential development.

1999 to 2002 - Design Engineer, Maunsell Geotechnical Services Ltd.

Simon undertook various geotechnical design and project management assignments including:

- **Slope Remedial Works, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong**
- **Residential Development at 64-66 Mount Davis Road**
- **Cyberport Development Landscape Deck CII-CIII Office**

1998 to 1999 - Graduate Engineer, Hyder Consulting Ltd., UK

- **M40 Motorway 15-Year Major Maintenance, UK** - Responsible for carrying out impact assessments (pier, parapet and superstructure) on some of the 200 bridges included in the project.

1995 to 1996 - Assistant Engineer, Bachy Soletanche Group, HK

Responsible for the design and detailing of the diaphragm walls and barrettes foundations for Lincoln House Tower, Quarry Bay and W501 MTRC Hong Kong station.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law and Arbitration (Distinction) - Hong Kong University (2008-2009)
Masters in Civil Engineering with Computing with Distinction (First Class) - University of Surrey (1993-1997)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

NEC4 Project Manager Accreditation Course (2019)
Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2009)
Registered Professional Engineer (Civil), Engineer's Registration Board, HK (2004)
Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, UK (2003)
Chartered Engineer, Engineering Council, UK (2003)

OTHERS

Fluent in English and French (spoken and written)
ENS Negotiation and Influencing Course



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