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WAREHOUSE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

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Professional Profile

Warehouse and materials management professional with 15+ years of progressive experience in manufacturing, including senior-level responsibility for raw material, accessories, thread, fabric and production stores. Experienced in end-to-end warehouse operations, inventory accuracy, production supply continuity, FIFO, storage optimisation, SAP/ERP operations, 5S, Kaizen, Value Stream Mapping, SOP implementation and team coordination. Led a major warehouse relocation while maintaining production and supported a SAP system transition and process redesign. Also brings practical entrepreneurial experience in raw-material procurement, production planning, order fulfilment, sales operations and cash-flow control.

Core Competencies

- Warehouse Operations & Materials Management
- Raw Material & Accessories Stores
- Inventory Control & Stock Accuracy
- Receiving, Storage & Production Issue
- FIFO / Non-Moving & Obsolete Stock
- Warehouse Layout & Capacity Utilisation
- SAP / ERP Systems
- 5S / Kaizen / Lean Process Improvement
- Value Stream Mapping (VSM)
- SOP Implementation & Process Standardisation
- Production Planning & Supply Continuity
- Team & Resource Coordination
- Apparel Manufacturing & Textile Materials
- Continuous Improvement
- MS Excel / MS Office

Professional Experience

Entrepreneur | T-Fashion / "Chocolate" Brand | 2021–2026

- Built and operated an online apparel business covering market research, design development, sampling, cutting and bulk production.
- Managed raw-material ordering for fabric and trims and coordinated production plans with production and cutting operations.
- Managed digital sales activity across WhatsApp, Messenger, Instagram and TikTok, including order processing, picking, tracking, delivery monitoring and follow-up.
- Used AI-integrated tools to create social-media sales content, videos and images and monitored promotional performance.
- Managed cash flow across the business, providing hands-on commercial and operational experience.

MAS Linea Aqua (Pvt) Ltd. | Sri Lanka | 06 Jun 2005–15 Feb 2021 | 15½ years

Senior Executive – Raw Material Warehouse | 2017–2021

- Oversaw raw-material warehouse operations with responsibilities comparable to an Assistant Manager-level operating role.
- Led a major relocation of the entire storage operation to a new location while maintaining production and operational continuity.
- Supported the transition to a new SAP version, including changes to warehouse systems, processes and procedures.
- Led Value Stream Mapping, SOP implementation, 5S, Kaizen and continuous process-improvement activities within the warehouse operation.
- Created and coordinated specialist teams for 5S, Kaizen and process improvement.

RM Executive – Accessories & Thread Stores | 2010–2017

- Managed the end-to-end flow from goods receipt through storage and production-module input for accessories and thread.
- Allocated manpower, equipment and overtime to ensure timely material availability to production while maintaining quality and performance requirements.
- Maintained system and physical stock accuracy and supported production continuity through timely material delivery.

- Applied FIFO and sales-order-based storage practices and identified obsolete/non-moving stock to improve storage utilisation.
- Followed production plans and coordinated bulk-stock transfers between sub-storage locations and the main store.
- Maintained Japanese 5S practices and warehouse safety procedures.

RM Executive – Production Stores | 2008–2010

- Managed production-store activities supporting the movement of cut kits, accessories and cut panels to production modules.
- Coordinated manpower, material movement and overtime to support timely production-module input and quantity accuracy.

RM Executive – Fabric Stores & Fabric Relaxing | 2006–2008

- Managed fabric flow from receiving through fabric relaxing and transfer to the cutting department.
- Coordinated manpower, equipment and overtime to maintain timely fabric availability and stock accuracy.
- Monitored C-Tex relaxing-machine efficiency to maximise available capacity.
- Applied FIFO and sales-order-based storage and identified obsolete/non-moving stock.

Packing Executive / Industrial Trainee – Production | 2005–2006

- Managed collection, storage and packing of line-end finished goods to support on-time customer deliveries.

Education & Professional Qualifications

- International Diploma in Logistics & Transport – Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (UK), CINEC, Colombo (2008)
- Higher Diploma in Production & Material Management – Indian Institute of Management & Technology, Sri Lanka Study Centre (2008)
- Diploma in Production Management – Indian Institute of Management & Technology (2008)
- Diploma in Clothing Manufacture – Clothing Industry Training Institute (CITI), Sri Lanka (2004–2005)
- Certificate in Clothing Manufacture – CITI (2004)
- Work Study for Apparel Industry – CITI (2003)
- Associate Member, Association of Professionals – recognition in Production Management (2009–2011)
- GCE Advanced Level – Commerce Stream, Nalanda College, Colombo (2002)

Systems & Digital Skills

- SAP / ERP systems – practical warehouse and process experience, including participation in SAP version transition.
- MS Excel and MS Office applications.
- Internet, email and digital sales platforms.
- AI-assisted social-media content creation and online order management through entrepreneurial experience.

Additional Training

- Industrial training: Ranmalu Fashion (Pvt) Ltd – EPZ Biyagama; MAS Linea Aqua (Pvt) Ltd – Hanwell.
- Industrial training: Katunayaka Garments (Pvt) Ltd – EPZ Katunayaka; Phoenix Fashions – Rathmalana.

International Job Target

Target roles: Warehouse Manager | Warehouse Operations Manager | Raw Material / Materials Manager | Inventory Manager | Distribution / Logistics Manager | Senior Warehouse / Stores Manager

Preferred markets: Australia | New Zealand | Canada | United Kingdom

Mobility: Open to employer-sponsored overseas opportunities and relocation.

References

Professional references available on request.