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Cover Letter

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application for position as Engineer, Designer or Project Manager or similar

I am an experienced Civil Engineer currently seeking employment in Oslo, Norway in the fields of Engineering and/or Design. I view a civil engineer as a civil servant -- one with the capacity to drive major positive change in communities through infrastructure, innovation and technical expertise. Because of this people-centric nature of Civil Engineering, I believe Design Led Thinking to be very effective on projects. This has been a recent focus in my career, which I would like to develop further going forward.

I am a doer – driving efficient processes in the workplace and feed innovation by investigating and implementing more effective processes, tools and approaches. Design has been a big part of this process. I have planned and facilitated several workshops with internal and external clients, using design tools to help clients and colleagues alike navigate complex, humancentric problems.

At Aurecon, I have contributed to several projects (see project experience), a number in hydropower, developing the necessary commercial awareness and pragmatism required to deliver under the limited budgets and tight timelines that characterize projects in Africa and South Africa. Most notably, my role as Team lead on a 2.4 MW hydropower in Rwanda has given me exposure to delivering a project with a multi-cultural team of varying ages.

My technical aptitude and experience helps me to ask the right questions and formulate a holistic view of each project. Together with good people skills, I excel in leadership and management of technical projects. Clients and stakeholders who have worked with me enjoy my “just do it” attitude and don’t forget my optimism.

I am a confident traveller and speak three languages of varying levels and am ambitious enough to thrive in a new environment. I love being outdoors and particularly enjoy flyfishing, surfing, dancing and running (none of which I am particularly good at). Working in a team has always been a strong focus for me, as I have participated in a team sport at National level. I value time greatly and enjoy spending it with friends and family.

Everything I take on I do with passion and hard work and look forward to becoming part of your team.

Best Regards
Khanya