BERNELY CHAUSTRE, MBA

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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Bilingual corporate finance professional for global oil and gas industry and financial institutions with an engineering background. Masters in Management and Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY). Expertise in business case evaluations, financial planning and analysis, root cause analysis, financial modeling, project finance, decision-making process, change management, and project management. What sets me apart is my analytical thinking, with outstanding abilities for finding the way to meet goals, cross-functional and C-suite relations, problem-solving, effective communication, detail-oriented, leadership, management, and negotiation.

**KEY SKILLS**

* Financial planning and analysis
* Financial Statements analysis
* Decision-making documentation
* Financial modeling
* Economic analysis
* Business strategic planning
* Reports preparation
* Negotiations
* English & Spanish fluency

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Senior Consultant.**  **02/2024 - Current**

**Grid Advisors, LLC. Houston, Texas**

*Consulting and training in project financing and due diligence reviews and audits of projects in the energy sector*

* Evaluate investments for the operation and maintenance of electric transmission and distribution systems, and advise in independent due diligence reviews and audits

**Financial and modeling advisor. Houston, TX** **01/2022 – 02/2024**

**Independent global Oil and Gas industry advisor. Houston, Texas**

*Consulting for Energy, Oil & Gas, and Education sectors*

* Performed evaluations to support decision-making processes, including root cause analysis, business case assessments, financial modeling, risk analysis, and project feasibility evaluations
* Developed proforma cash flow projections incorporating financial ratios, scenario and sensitivity analysis, and financing structures. Delivered presentations.

**Petrochemical and Oil and Gas Industry Investments financial advisor 09/2019 - 12/2021**

**Gamma Quimica**

*Gamma Quimica develops solutions for the oil and gas, petrochemical, and related industries, nationally and internationally,*

* Provided strategic counsel to the CEO and senior leadership to prioritize the project portfolio, facilitating the decision-making process
* Conducted national and international business case evaluations, prioritized project portfolios, and presented expected outcomes to the CEO and stakeholders for various projects, including the participation in four ongoing oil production projects in Trinidad & Tobago, water treatment plants for oil and gas companies, and construction, revamping and overhaul of petrochemical plants
* Delivered executive reports, business plans, and presentations including sensitivity and SWOT analyses, financial projections and incentives, financing options, proforma annual financial statements, and key business issues
* Designed and executed long-term financial planning seminars for the C-suite personnel and managers

**Treasurer / Oil and Gas-Energy Industries Investments financial advisor 04/2017 - 01/2020**

**Esvenca (Environmental Solutions de Venezuela).**

*ESVENCA is a Venezuelan company that provides support activities for the Energy and Oil and Gas industries*

Treasurer (04/2019-01/2020)

* Led financial planning, quarterly cash flows, large receivables management, line of credit renewals
* Cultivated and nurtured strong external relations with local and international financial institutions, ensuring access to financial resources

Oil and Gas-Energy industries investments financial advisor

* Supported management in achieving project investment goals by developing robust financial models, conducting economic evaluations, and presenting projected returns, and financial reports, for the decision-making process
* Conducted business case evaluations for oil and gas projects, prioritized project portfolios, evaluated project finance structures, and presented expected returns to the CEO, Board of Directors, and international investors
* Evaluated a business partnership with Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) to produce light aromatic solvents, valuation of a 40% stake in an ongoing oil production joint venture, secondary recovery strategies for oil wells (water, steam), recovery of deferred production in the Orinoco Belt, development of a combined cycle power plant in Guyana and a bioethanol power plant in Argentina
* Evaluated the reactivation and potential project financing of a nickel production mining area and associated industrial facilities, a gold secondary recovery project utilizing sand derived from small-scale mining gold production, and conducted a market study and economic evaluation for the renovation of a calcium carbonate plant

**Oil and Gas – Energy industry investments financial advisor 03/2014 - 11/2018**

**Pentech Ingenieros 05**

*Spain-based multinational consulting organization specializing in services for the oil and gas and energy industries*

* Supported management in achieving their objectives on long-term project proposals, by developing financial models and conducting economic evaluations, considering financing, sensitivity and SWOT analyses, and delivering presentations with proforma financial statements and indicators, to facilitate the decision-making process
* Conducted business case evaluations for the upgrading of the Aruba Refinery to process, disposal of accumulated petroleum coke in the Jose area, cogeneration in Agro-industrial Complexes, a $220 million steel plant in Florida, participation in an ongoing oil pipeline transportation company, and the solvent recovery in an upgraded oil cycle
* Prepared economic evaluations and evaluated financing structures, for Energy projects such as the construction and operation of a power plant in Panama, the supply and operation of four gas compression modules, and infrastructure reconditioning for Maracaibo Lake oil projects. Updated Petrobicentenario Refinery’s economic evaluation
* Prepared and performed two training seminars, each attended by 50 managers and project leaders, focusing on financial planning strategies for medium to long-term projects

**Administration Manager. Change management 03/2010 - 09/2011**

**Banco de Venezuela, S.A.**

*One of the largest banks, transformed into a public institution when acquired by the government in 2010. +500 agencies nationwide*

* Led change management initiatives within the administrative domain, facilitating the on-time transition from private to public bank. Included contracting, payments, delegation levels, insurance coverage, budget control, and infrastructure management. Used Oracle ERP system
* Directed the Contracting Committee, establishing policies and a new contract system while providing executive-level training. Coordinated comprehensive property coverage, maintenance, and surveillance contracts for all national assets. Achieved a 30% cost reduction in the infrastructure maintenance contract
* Developed and executed a communication strategy to distribute information nationwide regarding the updated legal framework governing contracts administration, payments, assets, and cash management

**Finance and Administration Manager 07/2005 - 03/2010**

**FOGADE (Equivalent to FDIC)**

*Venezuelan institution for banks deposits insurance. Same administrative regulations as for public oil and gas companies*

* Coordinated the Accounting, Financial Planning & Budget management, Treasury, and Contracting units. led the investment and Contracting committees, and reported to the CEO and Board of Directors. Handled budget and finance in-company developed software. Managed cross-functional and C-suite relationships with global financial institutions, insurance companies, and regulatory authorities. Used Bloomberg
* Updated the investment guide, led the update of the correspondent organization manual, and led the solution of 80% of pending audits and regulators’ observations
* Led the negotiation of a US$ 1 Billion private note with PDVSA (global Oil&Gas company), the payment of the bank’s deposits guarantees during the 2008 bank crisis, and the planning of a massive real estate sale proposal

**EDUCATION**

* **Master in Management Engineering, (MBA),** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – New York
* **Master in Power Engineering,** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – New York
* **Bachelor's Degree, Electrical Engineering,** Universidad Simon Bolivar