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Samir is a professional manager/engineer/supervisor/leader who has proven success in international environments with set up, start and finish out operations in areas such as the Sahara Desert, the Amazon and sensitive regions of the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. With more than 19 years of leadership experience in locations such as Iraq, Venezuela, Peru, Mozambique, Angola, Gabon, France and Algeria. He directed and/or supervised hundreds of field personnel in remote and challenging areas while maintaining communications with head offices around the globe.

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