

Steven Nattan

Manager | Manufacturing

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced Production and Maintenance Professional with hands-on expertise in daily production planning, machine maintenance and industrial operations within manufacturing environments. Skilled in servicing and installing printing, cutting and sewing machinery, including New Long DN2HS sewing machines, as well as managing machine relocations, rigging and piping systems. Proven ability in procurement of spares, inventory control, cost management, and supplier coordination. Strong problem-solving capabilities with a reputation for working efficiently under pressure, ensuring quality standards, operational efficiency and customer satisfaction. Communicates effectively across teams and stakeholders, with the ability to support both production and maintenance functions in fast-paced environments.

SKILLS, COMPETENCIES AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Sewing Machine Mechanic (New Long DN2HS)
Machine Maintenance, Repairs & Preventative Maintenance
Production Planning & Quality Control
Production Process & Manufacturing Operations Knowledge
Procurement of Spares, Parts & Operational Supplies
Inventory, Stock & Resource Management
Cost Control & Budget Management
Machine Relocation, Installation & Commissioning
Rigging Support & New Machinery Installations
Piping Installation & Maintenance (Water & Compressor Air Lines)
Cable Installation & Basic Machine Rewiring
Forklift Operation (Licence Expired)
Supplier & Customer Relationship Management
Problem Solving & Fault Finding
Ability to Work Under Pressure & Meet Deadlines
Strong Decision-Making & Ethical Integrity
Well-Developed Communication, Listening & Verbal Skills
Team Collaboration & Cross-Functional Coordination
Dedicated, Reliable & Loyal Work Ethic
Customer-Focused & Service-Oriented Approach
Fluent in English; Able to Speak and Understand isiZulu

EXPERIENCE

Director

Ezakheni Trading

08/2022 - Present

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversaw production processes for solvent recovery and LDPE plastic recycling to ensure efficiency and output targets.
- Managed refurbishment, maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment.
- Liaised with customers, addressing inquiries, orders and service requirements.
- Coordinated delivery and collection of materials ensuring timely logistics.
- Handled financial management, including budgeting, cost control, and reporting.
- Identified operational challenges and implemented effective problem-solving solutions.
- Ensured quality control across all production stages, maintaining compliance with standards.
- Delegated responsibilities to team members, optimizing workflow and accountability.
- Supervised staff to maintain efficiency, productivity, and adherence to company policies.
- Recruited, hired, and trained new employees, supporting skill development and team growth.

Factory Manager

Polyung Bags

03/2001 – 02/2025

Key Responsibilities:

- Planned and coordinated daily production schedules to meet operational targets.
- Performed maintenance, repairs and servicing on printing, cutting and sewing machines.
- Managed installation and removal of machinery, ensuring compliance with safety and operational standards.
- Conducted installation, maintenance and repairs on piping systems, including water and compressor airlines.
- Procured and sourced spare parts, identifying and liaising with new suppliers to support operations.
- Collaborated with contractors and rigging companies for specialised installation and maintenance tasks.
- Served as a sewing machine mechanic, specialising in new Long DN2HS machines.
- Oversaw shutdown maintenance activities to ensure minimal downtime and operational efficiency.
- Operated forklifts (licence expired) for material handling and production support.
- Managed relationships with customers and suppliers, addressing inquiries and ensuring smooth operations.

Manager - Finishing Department

UFI Bags

01/1994 – 02/2001

Key Responsibilities:

- Planned and coordinated daily production activities, including printing, cutting, sewing and machine maintenance.
- Provided customer support, addressing inquiries and ensuring satisfaction.
- Procured, purchased and outsourced spare parts, identifying new suppliers as needed.
- Operated forklifts for material handling and production support (licence expired).
- Managed rigging of machinery, including removal of old machines, installation of new machines and rewiring of equipment.

EDUCATION

Matric | Ladysmith Secondary School | 1993

REFERENCES

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