

**Name:**

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Company:EG PLAST – AL INTISSAR – Prime Pack –
Novo Pack – Eramco**Job Title:**

Group Quality Assurance & Compliance Director

What is your background?

I am a technical consultant specializing in the broad field of food science and food packaging materials. I provide technical support on food safety, quality and compliance to a group of major companies in the food packaging materials industry, namely Prime Pack, Novo Pack, Eramco, Al Intissar, EG PLAST. I help provide scientific understanding of technical research conducted on the safety and quality of ingredients for food packaging materials.

I hold a bachelor's degree in food sciences, a diploma in biochemistry, a master's degree in food science and technology, and a master's degree in total quality management, quality assurance and statistical control. I also hold a diploma in preparing leaders and a master's in professional business administration. I am currently studying project management on the safety and quality of ingredients for food packaging materials.

Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

I am committed to the culture of learning and development as it enables me to provide a high value service to my customers. Food safety and quality is constantly evolving and presenting new challenges to food safety experts so there is the need for experts to constantly stay abreast with current industry trends. The BRCGS Professional Programme supports this culture of learning and development and provides me the opportunity to stay up to date with industry trends.

What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?

The confidence and recognition associated with being a BRCGS Professional enhances my value to the company I work with. It confirms my competence as a food safety and quality expert and provides me with a structured programme for ongoing learning and development in the evolving field of food safety and quality management.

How has the training helped improve operations at your site?

As a BRCGS Professional, I have the competence and confidence to provide solutions to food safety and quality issues and to contribute substantially to maintaining a thriving food safety culture in the businesses I work with.

What did you enjoy most about the training?

I enjoyed the exchange of experiences between myself, the trainer and the other trainees. My understanding has expanded on how to transfer the culture of food safety from the community in which I live, to the companies I work with and my future trainees. Also, my tutor Dr. Mohamed Mohamady was very professional and his method of explanation was excellent. He offered us practical solutions.

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How did you get to your current role?

I have 12 years experience in the manufacture of special packaging materials for food with major companies in the packaging materials industry. In addition, I have experience in the manufacture of liquid food, powder, dried fruits and snacks. I am scientifically qualified as I obtained a Master of Total Quality Management and a Lead Auditor in the quality management system, occupational safety and health food safety.

How do you plan to keep your skills up to date?

I plan to keep up to date by following all BRCGS updates, accessing further training courses for my professional and scientific development, and through the BRCGS PPP system. This will include activities such as enrolling on more training, and attending international conferences and exhibitions that are held for the exchange of experiences and best practice.

What are your career ambitions/aims?

For the past 16 years I have worked as a research scientist in food and food packaging materials, studying the effects of various processing, safety and quality techniques of different diets and their components. I look forward to using all of my analytical, commercial and leadership skills to maintain the thriving food safety and quality culture in the food industries and food packaging materials, and through my own company that will provide technical consulting and training services in this field.