

JAN DU PREEZ

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Professional Summary

Accomplished professional with extensive experience in military operations, leadership development, and project development. Proven track record in transforming underperforming operations into successful ventures. Expertise in strategic planning, budgeting, risk management, and team leadership. Recognized for successfully managing multi-million-dollar assets, leading complex security initiatives, and developing impactful solutions. Strong focus on operational excellence, with expertise across diverse industries, including real estate, education, and military sectors. Skilled in developing processes that drive efficiency and decision-making.

Skills

- Transformational Leadership & Staff Development
- Facilities Management & Property Oversight
- Logistics Coordination & Asset Management
- Project Oversight & Strategic Development
- Budget Forecasting & Finance Administration
- Resource Allocation & Process Improvement
- Event Security & Emergency Management
- Risk Mitigation Plans & Security Operations
- Customer Service & Stakeholder Relations
- Mentorship Programs & Employee Training
- Procurement Oversight & Vendor Relations
- Contract Negotiations & Revenue Growth

Selected Accomplishments

- ✓ **Appointed Managing Director After Three Months:** Promoted to Managing Director for Trasacco Facilities Management Company within three months of employment, recognizing leadership abilities and contributions to strategic growth.
- ✓ **Created Defense Against Aggression Costing Calculator:** Developed a large-scale Defense Against Aggression Costing Calculator, requested by the Directorate for Landward Defense, currently used for strategic defense planning.
- ✓ **Led Security Operations for High-Value Properties:** Oversaw security for properties valued at over USD 800 million, including upscale developments, hotels, and construction sites, confirming maximum protection and safety standards in West Africa.
- ✓ **Provided Security Consulting for High-Profile Clients:** Delivered safety and security for major clients, including Warner Brothers, Walt Disney Productions, Evans Tools and Die, and Electric Owl Studios, providing security and threat management.
- ✓ **Developed Performance Appraisal System:** Created an employee performance appraisal system that aligned staff performance with the organization's mission, substantially increasing productivity in a diverse workforce of 98% expatriates.
- ✓ **Center of Excellence for Forward Air Control Project Leader:** Established a training school for forward air control in the South African National Defense Force and developed a doctrine for utilizing FAC in conventional theaters of war.

Work History

Owner

Perplexity LLC

05/2018 to Current

- Led safety and security risk assessments, improving security strategies for diverse industries and high-profile customers.
- Executing physical threat management strategies as a fractional service provider, ensuring comprehensive risk mitigation.
- Designing and implementing customized security protocols to improve organizational security standards and mitigate threats.
- Conducting in-depth risk analysis for production studios, manufacturing plants, and large-scale commercial operations.
- Provide comprehensive threat management consultations, aligning operational procedures with cost-saving mitigations.
- Increasing client satisfaction by delivering actionable insights, reducing incidents, and developing security awareness.
- Developing customized safety programs and emergency response plans, strengthening resilience in high-risk environments.

Consultant

03/2017 to 06/2018

Mirdif American Private School – Dubai, UAE

- Conducted security audits, advanced campus safety protocols, and improved facilities administration for school operations.
- Designed and implemented strategic facilities maintenance plans, ensuring compliance with safety regulations and policies.
- Led employee leadership development initiatives, promoting personal growth and staff engagement across all departments.
- Created a performance appraisal system aligned with leadership goals, optimizing efficiency in a multicultural environment.
- Established a mentorship program for youth students, improved disciplinary outcomes, and promoted personal development.
- Built a database for tracking progress in grades 1 and 2, facilitating data-driven decision-making for academic development.
- Delivered training and leadership development programs, updated HR policies, and refined facility operational procedures.

Managing Director & SVP Facilities and Security Trasacco Group

01/2011 to 03/2017

Trasacco Facilities Management Company LTD – Accra, Ghana

- Led the company's growth into a multi-million-dollar enterprise within three years, surpassing the initial five-year expectation.
- Successfully managed maintenance planning and execution for 500+ customers across six prestigious luxury developments.
- Spearheaded thorough maintenance and security operations for the tallest residential building in West Africa, Villagio Vista.
- Represented the Trasacco Group on Homeowner Association boards, aligning property management with customer needs.
- Developed long-term maintenance and security strategies that increased property value and improved client satisfaction.
- Directed a team of professionals, overseeing high property upkeep standards and operations for multiple developments.
- Improved property values by introducing facility management solutions, reducing problems caused by poor HOA management.

Chief of Security

01/2011 to 03/2017

The Trasacco Group

- Served as the Chief of Security for The Trasacco Group, overseeing security operations across 13 companies.
- Managed contractor relationships for five security contracts, overseeing over 200 security guards across multiple sites.
- Collaborated with Ghana CID on land fraud investigations, providing critical intelligence and support to resolve significant issues.
- Executed comprehensive security plans for three luxury housing developments, prioritizing high levels of property protection.
- Directed workforce control and intelligence gathering for more than 2000 workers, streamlining workflows and on-site safety.
- Secured multiple housing developments with an undeveloped land portfolio of 700 Acres. This included the development and execution of Emergency preparedness plans and international expat evacuation protocols.

Additional Work Experience

Director of Operations – Risk Management of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA – 06/2019 to 2025 – Providing production security for

The Walking Dead, Vampire Diaries, VD Originals, VD Legacies, Start Girl, Doom Patrol, Staircase, Naomi, Genius, Tell Me Lies, and several other productions.

Security Professional – Live Nations – 05/2019 to Current – Provided security at Amaris Bank and Lakewood Amphitheaters and farm tours with Luke Bryan

Print Shop Manager – Mount Pisgah Christian School – 01/2019 to 10/2019 – reproduction of all school printing needs, bookbinding, flyers, bookbinding, and printing designs.

Assistant Project Manager – Du'Core Interior Developments – 01/2010 to 12/2010 – Project tracking, contractor coordination, and project administrative tasks

Volunteer History

Emergency Response Team Volunteer – Mount Pisgah UMC, Johns Creek, GA – 05/2018 to 10/2018

Military History

Honorably Retired at the Rank of Major

Major

01/1994 to 04/2010

South African Army

- Led evaluation for the Integrated Sub-Unit Commander's Course, training sub-unit commanders in conventional warfare.
- Commanded the Forward Air Control Centre of Excellence, coordinating projects, planning, and training for air controllers.
- Officer Commanding of 61 Mechanized Battalion, overseeing logistics, including R 34 million in resources and 800 members.
- Acted as Battalion Second in Command, overseeing an R2.3 million budget, procurement, and management of 388 vehicles.
- Appointed as Combat Readiness Officer for 61 Mechanized Battalion, overseeing training, health, budgeting, and planning.

Training & Certifications

- General Officer Commanding Infantry Formation Accommodation Certificate – 2005
- Officer Commanding 61 Mechanized Battalion Accommodation Certificate – 2004
- Strategic Business Planning Training – South African Military
- Leadership, Command and Management Principles and Philosophies: Instructor Training – South African Military

Education

University of South Africa – 2009

UNISA Program in Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Project Management