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I am a qualified Chartered Accountant and Senior Manager in the Insolvency and Restructuring Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Over the last nine years I have specialised in turnaround and restructuring situations, working with businesses facing distress in the public and private sector.

In respect of my private sector experience, where the greater focus of my work has been to date, this has been predominantly been focussed on cross-border situations with entities facing pressures in relation of their cash and/or covenant positions.

Particular highlights in terms of specific engagements have included:

- Project LABRADOR: review of short term liquidity, strategy, medium term projections of global logistics and freight forwarding business, assisting lenders in determining their exposure to the group and future options;
- Project PYTHAGORAS: company side engagement of a global reinsurance broker business, on the brink of insolvency, advising management in its negotiations of a pre-packaged insolvency sale;
- Project PHOENIX: supporting a parent company in the preparation of revised business plan of its African subsidiary following the discovery of prolonged fraudulent activity by local management.

From an executory standpoint my notable insolvency cases have included ENRON (2001) and Boxclever radio-rentals business: respectively, my role on these assignments was principally in relation to supplier negotiations and disposal of the overall business through a receivership process. [210]

It is clear that the requirement for more effective cross-border contingency planning in conjunction with global restructuring situations is becoming increasingly vital - hence my eagerness to partake in this pilot INSOL course.