

François Schneider, Master Black Belt

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Background Summary

Mr. Schneider is a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt with 30 years of strong operational experience in batch processing industries. Mr. Schneider has applied his 'hands-on' expertise in training and coaching over 400 Black Belts, Green Belts, Leaders, Sponsors and other Continuous Improvement actors.

Expertise

- Lean Six Sigma training, coaching, projects leading and curricula improvement
- Continuous Improvement curriculum design
- Continuous Improvement Assessments; senior auditor
- Operations management
- Industrial restructuring programs as facilities director

Career Chronology

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François Schneider Conseil SARL, a continuous improvement consultancy, Founder, 2006

George Group SARL, Associate, 2006

Alcan Engineered Products, Paris, France, Black Belt and Master Black Belt, 2004 – 2005

Pechiney, Paris, France, VP Continuous Improvement Leader for worldwide aluminium sectors, 2003 - 2004

Pechiney Electrometallurgy Chambéry, France, VP Director of Operations and CI (8 plants)/CEO of Silicon Smelters, 2001 – 2002

Pechiney Electrometallurgy, Paris, France, Technical Director, Cost-cutting project leader, CI Director and member of Pechiney Electrometallurgy Executive Committee, 1994 – 2000

Pechiney Group, Paris, France, Production engineer and project manager, plant manager in 3 locations, 1976 – 1993

Key Accomplishments

- Delivered a significant measurement system improvement for attribute data (aspect and color defects) in a fashion industry
- Implementation of the Pechiney Continuous Improvement System (PCIS) at Group level (global aluminum producer - 100 plants, 35,000 employee) as auditor, trainer, internal consultant, and coach
- As Electrometallurgy Continuous Improvement Director, implementation of the PCIS, ISO 14001 certification (achieved in 1999 for all plants – a company first)
- As a core team member, creation of the Pechiney Continuous Improvement System after benchmarking (including Japan tour)
- As “Challenge” Project Leader, coaching of the project leaders at plant level (12 plants / cost-cutting by 20% in 3 years)
- As plant manager, led 25%+ productivity without CapEx, in Eurominas/Portugal (Mn alloys plant, 190 employees); industrial restructuring actions including downsizing (-50) and plant equipments flow transformation, quality (ISO certification), reliability (99.5% operating rate)

Educational Background

PhD (Materials Science), ENSCS, Strasbourg, France

Engineer (Mechanical), ENSAIS, Strasbourg, France

Statistics, Mathematics University of Strasbourg, France

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