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UK PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD 2010

Mr. Habibu Juma Suluo
Finance Manager – SUMATRA
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission of the United Kingdom (CSC) has offered Mr. Habibu Juma Suluo (Accounting Professional) an opportunity, through the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship Scheme to come to the UK. The concept of the scheme is to provide fellows with exposure to working practises in UK firms with the aim of sharing knowledge, experience, best practices; challenges and building competence in order to have a 'catalytic' effect on the fellow's home country (in this instance, Tanzania).

Mr Suluo was selected as one of only 56 successful candidates in the year 2010 over the Commonwealth Countries.

This award is sponsored by Fulcrum Maritime Systems Limited for three (3) months from 20th September 2010 to 20th December 2010.

Mr. Suluo is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA-T) and registered in Tanzania in the category of Associate Certified Public Accountant (ACPA-1516) with the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA). Mr. Suluo holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons) from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree with Distinction from the University of Sheffield (UK). His MBA programme in the UK was financed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK) under the Chevening Scholarships scheme.

The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) of the UK recognised Mr. Suluo's membership from the Sheffield University Management School and after successful completion of his MBA program he became an Associate member of the Chartered Management Institute (ACMI-4032732) of the

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UK. He was also the best MBA student (2005) in the field of Management Information Systems and was awarded the Fretwell-Downing Group 'Information Management' Prize by the Management Institute.

Mr. Suluo is a holder of Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) Certificate in MS Windows 2000 Server and MS SQL 2000 Database Design and has attended several ICT and Accounting Packages training sessions locally and abroad such as Microsoft SQL database, Microsoft Windows Operating System Administration; and Scala, Epicor and Quick Books Professional Accounting packages.

Mr. Suluo has worked with the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) as Systems Analyst for three (3) years and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for twelve (12) years in the positions of Senior Business Analyst, Manager for Financial Systems, Manager for Budget Management cum Quality Manager (QMS - ISO 9001:2000) and Manager for Expenditure Accounting. Currently, Mr Suluo is the Finance Manager at the Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA) in Tanzania.

The achievements of Mr. Suluo include having played a key role in the computerisation (system change-over) of expenditure accounting and payroll systems for TANESCO and TRA. He has participated in the preparation of expenditure accounting and operational manuals and the financial regulations for TRA. He has attended a Comprehensive Training of Trainers (TOT) course on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and has been providing in-house training to TRA staff on the application of IFRSs. Likewise, he has been providing in-house training to TRA accounting personnel on the application of the various accounting packages, Activity Based Budgeting with focus to Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2000) as well as the implementation of the Epicor accounting system.

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The UK's scholars are proud of Mr. Suluo's research work on Business Intelligence and its Relevance to Enterprise Resource Planning (University of Sheffield, 2005). The UK scholars are also proud of Mr. Suluo's contribution to the Premier UK Reference Book: *Managing Strategic Intelligence: Techniques and Technologies*, by Marx Xu, published in May 2007 on Chapter II *Business Intelligence: Benefits, Applications and Challenges* (by Dr Stuart Maguire and Mr. Habibu Suluo).

Mr Suluo is married with four (4) children. His wife is also a Professional Accountant holding a Bachelors Degree in Accountancy. She works with the Public Service Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Mr. Suluo can be contacted at Fulcrum Maritime Systems after 20th September.

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