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B1/B2 U.S. Visa – Valid until June 2033 | Willing to attend in-person interviews in the U.S.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Manager with 37+ years in maintenance, repair, and operational leadership of heavy ground support vehicles and airport equipment. Proven track record in multi-airport operations, budget control, vendor management, and conversion of fossil-fuel GSE to electric. Skilled in procurement, preventive maintenance, and compliance audits. Former Indian Army Junior Commissioned Officer with strong technical, leadership, and safety management background.

CORE COMPETENCIES

GSE Maintenance & Repair (Diesel, Electric, Hybrid)

Fleet & Workshop Management

Multi-Airport Operations

Preventive & Corrective Maintenance

Electric GSE Conversion & Implementation

Vendor & Contract Management

Budgeting & Cost Control

FAA/OSHA Safety Compliance

Team Leadership & Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager – Ground Support Equipment (GSE)

IndiGo Airlines, Hyderabad International Airport, India | Feb 2019 – Nov 2023

- Led GSE operations for 12 airports, overseeing maintenance of 100+ equipment types.
- Managed maintenance for 159 daily departures at Hyderabad Airport.
- Directed procurement, budgeting, and inventory.
- Spearheaded electric GSE induction projects.
- Negotiated service-level agreements, improving uptime.

Assistant Manager – Ground Support Equipment (GSE)

Jet Airways, New Delhi & Hyderabad Airports, India | Jan 2007 – Jan 2019

- Oversaw GSE maintenance for narrow- and wide-body fleets.
- Directed repairs of various GSE units.
- Trained technicians in safety and preventive maintenance.

Junior Commissioned Officer – Electrical & Mechanical Engineer Corps

Indian Army | Feb 1985 – Mar 2006

- Supervised repair and trial evaluation of advanced military equipment.
- Led teams in fire safety, security operations, and inspections.

EDUCATION

Diploma – Electronics & Communication Engineering
Military College of Electronics & Mechanical Engineering, Hyderabad, India

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Security & Fire Safety (Indian Army, GMR RGIA)

First Aid & Emergency Response

Jet Ambassador Leadership & Decision-Making Program

Technical Training – GPUs, ACUs, Electric Tugs, Passenger Coaches, Heavy Vehicles

TECHNICAL SKILLS

GSE diagnostics, electrical/mechanical repair, preventive maintenance scheduling, spare parts logistics, technical documentation, Microsoft Office Suite, inventory control software.