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COVER LETTER

**To Hiring Manager
Qualified Group – UK**

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Steel Fitter position as advertised on your website. With over 20 years of experience in structural steel fabrication and heavy plate work across various sectors including shipbuilding, mining, oil and gas, and marine industries, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to your shipbuilding team.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated strong proficiency in reading and interpreting detailed technical and European standard blueprints, welding techniques such as GTAW, GMAW, FCAW, SMAW, and SAW, and the fabrication and fitting of heavy structural components under tight tolerances. I am also highly skilled in using various metalworking tools and machinery, and I prioritize health, safety, and quality in every task.

I am eager to bring my expertise and work ethic to your team and contribute to your legacy of excellence in shipbuilding. I am also ready to relocate and am familiar with European standards such as ISO 128 and ISO 129-4.

Please find my CV attached for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background aligns with your needs.

Sincerely,
Gift Zakeyo

CURRICULUM VITAE

GIFT ZKEYO

Heavy Steel Fabricator & Structural Fitter

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: Zimbabwean

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A highly skilled and experienced Heavy Steel Fabricator and Structural Fitter with over 20 years in the industry. Extensive experience in shipbuilding, mining, marine, oil and gas, and plant maintenance sectors. Skilled in reading European standard technical drawings (ISO 128 & ISO 129-4), welding, and fabrication of pressure vessels, structural steel, and complex assemblies. Safety-conscious, quality-focused, and performance-driven.

KEY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Red Seal Trade Test Certificate – Boilermaking
 - Proficient in interpreting complex blueprints and ISO standards
 - Skilled in GTAW, GMAW, FCAW, SMAW, and SAW welding
 - Plate and pipe development (parallel lines, radial lines, triangulation)
 - Operating cutting tools: oxy-acetylene, plasma torch, guillotines, band saws
 - Use of lifting equipment: overhead cranes, chain blocks, shackles, lugs
 - Experienced in confined space and height work
 - Knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations and weld procedure specifications
 - Excellent communication and team collaboration skills
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Westarcor Engineering – Cape Town

Heavy Steel Fabricator | Feb 2024 – Present

Metal Fabricator | Mar 2010 – Dec 2014

- Fabrication of beams, hoppers, 3-frames, and heavy structural sections
- Pressure vessel assembly, nozzle fitting, bundle cage construction
- Compliance with WPS and construction tolerances

SA Metal Group – Cape Town

Heavy Steel Fabricator | Sep 2006 – Jan 2024

- Vessel shop, structural, and plate shop fabrication
- Welding tubes to sheets, fitting attachments, heavy beam work
- Participated in Koeberg Power Station shutdown (Aug 2021)

OLTRK Engineering – Zimbabwe

Heavy Steel Fabricator | Jan 2003 – Sep 2006

- Worked on plates up to 100mm thick and beams up to 1000mm
- Developed, cut, assembled structural frames, vessels, and piping

Kabots Engineering Ltd – Zimbabwe

Apprentice | Jan – Dec 2000 | Fabricator | Jan 2001 – Dec 2002

- Gained foundation in blueprint reading, welding, and fabrication
- Participated in heavy industrial fabrication projects

EDUCATION

Level 4 Certificate in Fabrication Engineering

Chinhoyi University of Technology, Zimbabwe (1999 – 2002)

Grade 12 Certificate

Zimbabwe

CERTIFICATIONS

- Red Seal Trade Test in Boilermaking
- Health and Safety Induction – Koeberg Power Station

- Medically Fit for confined space and elevated work
- No criminal record

AVAILABILITY

Available immediately

Willing to relocate

References available upon request
