



Curriculum Vitae

N. J. A. (Nick) van den Hurk, BSc

An unique skillset, both national as international, in railway technologies & processes and management of large organisations both projects as companies.

His typical personal nature is: passionate, focussed, people orientated, team player, visionair, financial aware, innovative, problem solving, loyal and coach.

General experience:

Within the railway industry, my experience covers all the technical & operational aspects, from engineering, working methods, maintenance methodologies to operational transport processes. An unique linking pin, in required processes to enable transport by rail.

Operational, tactical and strategic management experience in managing (inter) national project organisations with contacts up to board level of large public companies and operationally managing companies with turnover over € 200 million and many hundreds staff.

With creating RailData International, the focus was aimed on world wide application of digital track twins in the railway industry.

Representative in European groups such as European association of Railway track work contractors (EFRTC) and member/chair of several working groups for European based negotiations with European representatives of EIM, CER and UNIFE.

Fully trained and licensed train driver for the Dutch railway network.

Job experience:

Aug 2011 – Present: Spocior BV; Director

Spocior supplies consultancy and project management for and in the railway industry.

Jan 2018 – Jun 2021: Spocior BV; Director

After establishing the targets set by Fugro, the formal responsibility was handed over followed by consultancy services for Fugro focussed on application of different (digital) data sets for improving railway track performances both in terms of technic and finances.

May 2014 – Dec 2017 Fugro RailData; Global Director Rail.

RailData international was acquired by Fugro and my role was to grow the business in all its aspects.

Jul 2013 – April 2014 RailData International BV; Director

RailData supplies absolute track geometry data to the railway industry. In combination with Absolute Track Geometry, RailData also supplies relative track geometry and rail components wear details. In April 2014 the company was sold to Fugro.

Aug 2011 – June 2013 Spocior BV; Director

Spocior supplied consultancy and project management for and in the railway industry. Clients served: ProRail, Strukton Nederland, Strukton Noorwegen, Strukton Zweden, Meteor, Swietelsky Benelux, RailData en Ballast Nedam.

Aug 2011 – 2017: Spocior Uitvoering BV; Director

Spocior Uitvoering supplies train driver and train inspectors to train operating companies in the Netherlands.

Feb 2011 - Sep 2011: VolkerRail Nederland BV; Director Capacity

Responsible for optimal performance in financial and safety terms of all of the production staff (700 people), plant & equipment (€150 million book value). Furthermore responsible for the safety company(Safac BV), Logistical company (M&L BV), welding department and R&D department. Total turnover approx € 70 million/year.

Member Board of Directors of VolkerRail Nederland BV

Nov 2008 – Feb 2011: VolkerRail Plant, Equipment & Logistics BV; Managing Director

Operationally and financially responsible for all the plant & equipment in the Netherlands and Germany. Furthermore strategically responsible for all plant investments in the VolkerRail group, with main countries being United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Estonia and Finland.

Also responsible for the Logistical company of VolkerRail with its own fleet of locomotives, engine drivers and safety certificates as supplied by ministry of transport. Via Logistics also board member of Infrapool, a joint venture of RailPro, Strukton and VolkerRail. Infrapool is responsible for 75% of total transport of track materials such as ballast, rail and sleepers in the Netherlands.

Finally also responsible for the welding department, an organisation of about 40 people. This group produces rail joints using thermitwelding and flashbutt welding. In this job also the initiator together with ProRail for European training of welders.

Member Board of Directors of VolkerRail Nederland BV and Board of Directors of VolkerRail Group Europe.

Sep 2007 – Oct 2008: VolkerRail Group; Chief Development Officer

This was a new role within the VolkerRail Group reporting to the CEO of the VolkerRail Group. Responsibilities included development of new track related products and harmonisation of working methods and implement these within the VolkerRail Group.

During this period also responsible for a large consultancy project for Network Rail: during 6 months working from the head office of Network Rail with an integrated (client and three large European companies) project team and by using System Engineering we found a solution for the renewal of S&C within an 8 hour possession and 25% cost reduction. The findings of this team are being implemented in the UK since 2009.

Also in this timeframe, on special demand of the Board of Directors of VolkerWessels, executed an interim management job in Wales for a Liquid Natural Gas facility.

Member Board of Directors of VolkerRail Group Europe.

Jan 2006 – Aug 2007: VolkerRail Support BV; Managing Director

VR Support was a new, facilitating limited company, supporting the primary operational processes of VolkerRail. Within Support several companies were brought together, such as VR Engineering BV (with full ProRail license), Consultancy BV, Ultra Sonic Impact treatment BV, Safac BV, Plant & Equipment BV, Logistics BV, R&D and Icesolution BV. The activities of all these limited companies were used throughout the VolkerRail Group. Annual turnover approx 30 million.

Member Board of Directors of VolkerRail Nederland BV and Board of Directors of VolkerRail Group Europe.

Jul 2003 – Dec 2005: Volker Stevin Rail & Traffic Nederland BV; Director Technology

After acquiring several European companies by VSR&T, this role was created with focus on harmonizing of working methods for all the different countries, Financial optimal use of the large rail bound plant and implementation of track related products. Major aspect in this role was the implementation of the philosophy of VSR&T, company rules and attitude in the different Boards, keeping in mind the differences in culture and languages.

Also in the Netherlands responsible for R&D where products such as the mobile workshop, switch heating using geothermal energy, rail noise dampers and the like were developed..

Together with ProRail, BAM and Strukton, we founded an alliance on Track know how, where ideas of the companies in a structured, competitive way were implemented in the railway environment, such as a system for acquiring possessions and the development of video track control.

Member Board of Directors VSR&T BV and Board of Directors of VSR&T Group.

Aug 1999 – Jul 2003: Volker Stevin Rail & Traffic Contracting BV; Director

Responsible for the project organisation for railinfra projects, achieving approx fl 100 million per year. Board member of many joint ventures such as Cross Pact (remodelling over 600 crossovers) and Radar (construction of axle counters)

Responsible for managing a fixed sum design and engineering contract (fl 20 million) with Holland Rail Consult (now Movaris) for the connection of the high speed line to several existing tracks throughout the Netherlands.

Also responsible for the Financial department and R&D.

Member Board of Directors VSR&T BV

Jul 1998 – Aug 1999: GrantRail Ltd; Director of Engineering

Responsible for developing new departments such as Engineering, Signaling division, OHLE division, power supply and plant division. These departments were in a later stage transferred into limited companies.

At the same time new working methods introduced in the UK such as heavy rail bound crane technology and track maintenance equipment. With Railtrack the High output track renewal concept developed, operational since 2006.

Member Board of Directors of GrantRail Ltd.

Sep 1996 – Jul 1998: GrantRail Ltd; Director of Operations

GrantRail Ltd is founded in September 1996 and belonged to two shareholders: British Steel and Volker Stevin. Responsible for acquiring and execution of track renewal projects for Railtrack and London Underground. In 1997 turnover was realised of £ 35 million and the company growing to approx 600 personnel.

Member Board of Directors of GrantRail Ltd.

Jan 1993 – Jul 1996: Railbouw UK Ltd; General Manager and Project Manager.

As project manager responsible for the development, implementation and execution of track renewal methodologies for in first instance the open and subsurface tracks followed by the deep tube of London Underground. Turnover up to £ 20 million per year was achieved in a joint venture of Railbouw UK en Grant Lyon Eagre. Projects were developed and executed in a Construction team with at its peak 24 nightly worksites with 660 personnel. The developed logistical concept is still being used.

As General Manager responsible for a small Railbouw UK organisation where Dutch operators were seconded and acted as employer for the UK operatives..

Apr 1991 – Jan 1993: Railbouw BV; Project manager

Responsible for the execution of several projects: ECT automatic stacking cranes, Construction of a large marshalling yard in Hoorn.

1989 – Apr 1991: Nederlandse Spoorwegen (IS 5.13 now Movares); Project manager ICT

Development and implementation of a computer added design package for the design of track alignments. In first instance the development of specifications for the Dutch market and later on expanded towards other European countries. The constant updated software is now widely used and is known as MX-Rail.

1986 – 1989: Nederlandse Spoorwegen (IS 5.13 now Movaris); project manager Gouda

Responsible for running a project team to remodel of large marshalling yard in Gouda, including the Construction of a large concrete bridge and a flyover. This team wrote the tenders, selected the contractor and supervised the contractor during execution of the works. Activities included groundwork, heavy civils, track construction, OHLE Construction and signalling.

1983 – 1986: Nederlandse Spoorwegen (EP OD); Track maintenance manager

Responsible for the safe and comfortably running of the tracks in the area of Eindhoven, Helmond, Weert by producing and execution of maintenance programs. Total team approx 40 personnel.

1981 – 1983: Nederlandse Spoorwegen (EP OD); Trainee

Traineeship at the Dutch Railways.

Fellow of PWI, United Kingdom

Member of VDEI (Germany), Railforum (Netherlands)

Member Advisory committee of Stoomtram Hoorn – Medemblik

Member of Independence committee of HCC-DRS, Noord Scharwoude, Netherlands

Chair of supervisory board of Multi-Functional Centre De Pluk, Geldermalsen, Netherlands

Other:

April 2019: chairman of Health & Community centre “De Pluk”, Geldermalsen, The Netherlands

2004 – 2008: member of advisory board TopTech studies Delft, Master in Business in Rail Systems

2004 – 2010 Teacher TopTech studies Delft, Master in Business in Rail Systems

Memberships: PWI, VDEI, OVG, EFRTC

Education:

1981: Bsc in civils, road Construction, graduated at computer added alignment design.

1983: Dutch Railways, WO51, traineeship

Dutch Railways: several management courses.

Koninklijke Volker Wessels Stevin: several management courses.

1997 Insead Business School, Fontainebleau, Frankrijk: Advanced Management Program.

2001 – 2006: Stichting Bedrijfskunde: Niet Rationele en disfunctionele processen.

2005 - 2010: Fully classified train driver

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