ILLUSTRATIVE SAMPLE

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Group Chief Financial Officer | Listed Logistics Group | IFRS Reporting, Treasury and Capital Raising

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Group CFO of a logistics company listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange, with revenue of LKR 22 billion (about £49 million) and a 34-person finance function. Led a rights issue, a full debt refinancing and the move to quarterly reporting within 30 days. Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Targeting finance director and CFO roles with UK logistics, distribution and infrastructure businesses.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Capital raising:** led a LKR 3.5 billion (about £7.8 million) rights issue in 2024, subscribed 1.4 times.
- **Refinancing:** refinanced LKR 8 billion (about £17.8 million) of group debt, cutting the average cost of borrowing by 310 basis points.
- **Reporting speed:** cut the monthly close from 15 to 6 working days and brought quarterly results inside 30 days.
- **FX risk:** introduced a hedging policy for US dollar freight contracts. Annual foreign exchange losses fell from LKR 410 million to LKR 60 million.

CORE CAPABILITIES

IFRS reporting | Listed company disclosure | Audit committee reporting | Treasury and FX hedging | Debt and equity raising | FP&A | SAP S/4HANA | Power BI

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Group Chief Financial Officer

2020 to present

Kalumet Logistics PLC, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. Freight forwarding, warehousing and port logistics. 1,900 employees, revenue LKR 22 billion (about £49 million).

Scope: four direct reports (Financial Controller, Head of Treasury, Head of Tax, Head of FP&A) and a 34-person finance team. Reports to the CEO and the board Audit Committee.

- Implemented SLFRS 16, Sri Lanka's adoption of IFRS 16, across 42 warehouse leases, with no audit qualifications.
- Prepared the board's annual risk report and led the group's first ESG disclosure under the GRI standards.
- Moved budgeting from spreadsheets to a driver-based model in SAP. Forecast accuracy improved from 82% to 94%.
- Represented the company in investor briefings and analyst calls each quarter.

Head of Group Finance

2015 to 2020

Meridale Holdings PLC, Colombo (internal title: Assistant General Manager, Finance)

Diversified listed group in plantations, hotels and trading.

- Led consolidation and reporting for 11 subsidiaries with a 22-person team.
- Ran the group's move from Sri Lanka Accounting Standards to SLFRS, completed one quarter ahead of plan.
- Negotiated LKR 2.5 billion of working capital lines with four banks to fund the hotel refurbishment programme.

Audit Manager

2008 to 2015

International audit firm, Colombo

- Audited listed clients in logistics, manufacturing and financial services, leading teams of up to 12.
- Spent six months on secondment to the firm's Singapore office, auditing regional subsidiaries of a shipping group.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK (FCMA, CGMA)
- Associate Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ACA)
- BSc Accountancy, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

SYSTEMS AND LANGUAGES

- SAP S/4HANA, Oracle Hyperion, Power BI
- English (fluent), Sinhala (native)

£ figures converted at LKR 450 per £1 so UK readers can compare scale. SLFRS are Sri Lanka's adoption of IFRS. Figures are illustrative.