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### **Please can you describe your role?**

I am Country Manager of a subsidiary of a British Oil and Gas company: Tower Resources Cameroon. I am in charge of: preparing the drilling campaign of an offshore wells by coordinating all the activities related to the 3D seismic acquisition, Geotechnical survey and the drilling operations. Coordinating the liaison with the administration, identifying and acquiring the required authorisations to conduct the petroleum operations in the safety and professional manner with the respect of the regulation. Review the business model of the company and coordinate all the activities related to the project.

### **What experiences do you think have proved beneficial to your career journey?**

The Oil and Gas sector has similar Mining sector, with the Oil and Gas being such a prominent part of the degree at the University, many skills developed during my time in Aberdeen have been used.

### **What impact did the 2008 financial crash have on your career path?**

That difficult period has affected the research for job because of the low activity and recession in the oil industry.

### **What advice would you give to students thinking about employment in your field?**

New graduates ready to enter the market during this downturn oil period which is associated to a global sanitary crisis have to be creative, patient and ready to accept any job as a footstep into the field of experience while waiting for the right opportunity. The recession is a temporary moment and it is not going to last forever. There will be a need for new graduates who have shown initiative during the difficult time to keep themselves busy and up to date.

### **Is there any other advice you would like to give to current students moving from university to working life?**

Even during a recession, there is always an opportunity, it is hard to said it but new graduates need to be full of hope and dreams and these ingredients will boost them to keep looking for job until they find the right one suitable for them. It may be a direct line for a number of graduates and for others it will be one step to another point before reaching the dreamed job. Fresh graduates have to persevere knowing that the economic situation will come back to the normal and become even better that it was.