

Geoffrey Svenson CPA CISA

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business – Finance & Accounting, Personnel Relations
(NSW Institute of Technology, Sydney)
Master of Arts - Industrial Archaeology
(University of Sydney)
Certified Practising Accountant (CPA)
Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

Senior Consultant

Geoffrey assists in the provision of change management, review and assessment activities with an interesting mix of line management, operational and IT audit skills. He has operated his own company for the past 18 years after a broad-ranging career in airline operations, minerals extraction, minerals refining and the professions. He has worked in both remote and urban locations across Australia, in Europe, India, the Peoples Republic of China, Fiji and elsewhere. He has built these experiences into a specialisation in the review and re-engineering of management controls where circumstances limit the effectiveness of traditional practices. In this capacity he provides assistance to clients operating in complex joint venture relationships and in situations where cultural and local issues tend to depreciate the control environment.

Geoffrey's formal training in industrial archaeology as well as finance and accounting, human resources and industrial law underlies practical experience to provide an invaluable insight into processes that are not always considered in operational reviews.

Principal Area of Practice

Geoffrey specialises in providing management systems design, implementation and review services, with an emphasis upon:

- assessment of risk associated with existing management systems, including consideration of both the formal and informal management environment, IT systems and interfaces.
- design of cost-effective risk management processes tailored to specific environments and management philosophies.
- implementation of revised risk management frameworks and assistance with changes to the associated organisational environment.
- development and implementation of change management strategies associated with
- merger and divestment activities.
- review and documentation of control breakdown including the identification of causes and impacts.
- assessment of project controls including assessment of significant project cost, timeframe and outcome variations.
- review of IT control frameworks with specific attention to critical systems and associated management arrangements.
- review of IT data migration projects, including gap analysis and data remediation.
- independent review of controls over the design testing and implementation of software development.

In his consulting capacity Geoffrey has provided management systems design, implementation or review services to a large number of entities. The following are indicative:

- Amcor Ltd, (in relation to Sino-Australian joint venture and to Beijing operations) Evaluation of inter-company transactions and relationships; Review of applications change management; Review of inter-system reconciliations; Review purchasing, supply and warehousing systems and processes ; Review and re-engineer production management systems; Evaluate security and efficiency of remote

data transfer; Review security of local and wide area networks. Evaluate access controls for ERP Systems.

- AMP Ltd Evaluate data integration, testing and documentation, Manage applications change management and inter-system reconciliations.
- EnergyAustralia Evaluate software development strategies, testing and documentation, Review applications change management, Review inter-system reconciliations, and controls over purchasing, supply and warehousing systems; Evaluate security and efficiency of remote data transfer; Review security of local and wide area networks; Evaluate of access controls over ERP Systems and interfaces to legacy systems; Evaluate controls over critical infrastructure.
- Johnson & Johnson Pacific Pty Ltd, Evaluate inter-company transactions and relationships, Review inter-system reconciliations, and reconciliations between purchasing, supply and warehousing systems.
- Mallesons Stephen Jacques Re-engineer processes and systems.
- NSW Businesslink Evaluate access controls over ERP Systems and interfaces to legacy systems; Change management services.
- Pinpoint Pty Ltd Evaluate and re-engineer processes and systems, Evaluate software integrity, inter-company transactions and relationships (Y2K readiness project), review applications change management; Evaluate security and efficiency of remote data transfer.
- RailCorp Evaluate inter-company transactions and relationships, Review of inter-system reconciliations, and of purchasing, supply and warehousing systems. Review of IT control framework.

Employment History

Self-employed 1994 to 2012 (Sydney)

Providing management system design, implementation and review services.

Corrs Chambers Westgarth 1992 – 1994 (Sydney)

(First-tier legal partnership)

Administration Manager for NSW

Nabalco Pty Limited 1988 – 1991 (Sydney and Nhulunbuy, NT)

(Bauxite mine and alumina refinery)

Internal Audit Manager then Commercial Manager

NSW Building and Construction Industry - Long Service Payments Corporation 1986 – 1988 (Sydney)

(Fund Manager)

Audit Manager

Qantas Airways Limited 1986 and prior (Sydney and elsewhere)

Various middle management, audit, training and problem-solving roles at locations in Australia, Europe, Asia-Pacific and India.