

# Ali Haydar Firik Country Manager Turkey

#### **Experience Summary**

With over 21 years of experience in planning, monitoring and controlling processes across major transportation/infrastructure construction projects, Ali is a fast-learning individual who excels at team leadership and has developed interpersonal professional skills that result in long and fruitful partnerships.

He is an analytical thinker and problem solver by nature with an aptitude for timely project execution and excellent communication skills that benefit both company and client.



## **Highlights**

- Over 21 years of industry experience.
- Proficient in Primavera P6 EPPM, TILOS and Microsoft Project.
- Skilled in planning and scheduling, cost control, progress and productivity tracking, reporting, change management and construction management.
- Geographical experience through working in Doha, Turkey and Kazakhstan.

### **Qualifications and Associations**

- BSc Mechanical Engineering.
- LLM/MSc Construction Law, Arbitration and Adjudication Ongoing.
- Achieved Pg. Cert. with Merit.
- MCIArb (Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators).
- PMP (Project Management Professional Project Management Institute).

#### **Sectoral Experience**

- Roads and infrastructure.
- Rail.
- High-rise, office buildings and housing projects.

# **Geographical Experience**

- Doha.
- Turkey.
- Kazakhstan.

#### **Expert Works**

- 2023 (Ongoing) Party appointed expert witness on matter of delay. Ali is acting as the party-appointed Delay Expert for a Turkish claimant in a Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) arbitration for a mixed-use tower project in Istanbul, Turkey. Quantum undertook to prepare the delay expert report with a total disputed value in the regions of US\$ 120 million. The arbitral proceedings are about to commence, and Ali prepared a preliminary expert report for the party's efforts for an amicable settlement. Also, Ali has been involved in the preparation of a Joint Report with the other party's expert for the aforementioned amicable settlement process.
- 2021 Preparatory works and assistance to the party appointed expert witnesses on matters of delay and quantum. Ali acted as assistant to the party appointed Delay Expert for a Turkish claimant in an ICC arbitration for a metro project in Qatar. Quantum undertook to



prepare both delay and quantum expert reports with a total disputed value in the region of US\$ 55 million (mn). Over the course of the arbitration, Ali assisted in production of the delay and quantum reports, as well as the joint expert reports for both delay and quantum including the accompanying exhibits. The hearing was held in Doha, Qatar in September 2022 and at the time of writing, the award is expected to be issued to the parties in 2023. Instructing solicitors – Akinci Law, Turkey, Istanbul

- 2021 Preparatory works and assistance to the party appointed expert witness on technical matters. Ali acted as assistant to the party appointed Technical Expert for the claimant and owner on a geothermal power plant project in Turkey. Quantum were engaged to provide opinion and expert testimony on technical process matters relating to the existence and causes of the well collapses and whether the concrete works were adequate in accordance with the contract documents. The award is expected in the coming months. Instructing solicitors – Akinci Law, Turkey, Istanbul.
- 2021 2022 Preparatory works and assistance to the claimant in the preparation of claims for arbitration on matters of delay and quantum. Ali provided dispute management support and assisted a Turkish contractor in preparation of EoT and cost claims for potential arbitral proceedings with their employer under London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) rules on a project in Basra, Iraq related to the engineering, procurement and construction of five substations and accompanying overhead transmission lines in the Basra area. Instructing solicitors Yazici Law, Turkey, Ankara and Mayer Brown, UK, London.
- 2020 Preparatory works and assistance to the claimant in mediation. Ali assisted a Turkish electrical sub-contractor in relation to their 400kV substation project in Erbil, Iraq. Ali was acting as the Technical Expert providing opinion to the mediator on the review of the respondent's claim documents and arguments, and assisted preparation of a presentation that was used by the client in the mediation. Instructing solicitors Akinci Law (Turkey, Istanbul).
- 2018 2020 Preparatory works and assistance to the party appointed expert witnesses on matters of delay and quantum: Ali was part of a Quantum team representing a Turkish respondent in a case against their sub-contractor in a dispute arising from an Istanbul real estate development project. Quantum were instructed to undertake both quantum and delay expert reports in this dispute. The respondent was represented by a reputable Turkish law firm. The case was heard in Istanbul under the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Arbitration and Mediation Centre Rules (ITOTAM Rules of Arbitration. In the client's view, the outcome of this expert opinion was a highly successful one. Instructing solicitors TAA Legal (Turkey, Istanbul).
- 2018 2019 Arbitration support work: Ali was a part of the Quantum team assisting a
  Malaysian contractor on their case against a Qatari government entity. Ali and the team
  assisted the preparation of the statement of case and the accompanying exhibits. Instructing
  solicitors DWF (Doha, Qatar).



## **Career History**

October 2018 – Present

Country Manager - Turkey - Quantum Global Solutions, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 – October 2018

**Country Manager - Nurol Construction and Trading, Doha, Qatar** 

2016 - 2018

Planning Manager – Lane Construction, Doha, Qatar

2014 - 2016

Project Controls Manager - DOGUS INSAAT - Doha, Qatar

2011 - 2014

Planning and Tender Preparation Consultant - Dogus Insaat - Istanbul, Turkey

2010 - 2011

Planning Manager - Dogus Insaat - Istanbul, Turkey

2008 - 2010

Senior Planning Engineer and Mechanical Engineer - Bureau Veritas - Almaty, Kazakhstan

2006 - 2008

Mechanical QA/QC Supervisor - Bureau Veritas - Almaty, Kazakhstan

2004 - 2006

Technical Manager – Ucgen Mekanik - Atyrau, Kazakhstan

2003 - 2004

Mechanical Works Supervisor - Fintraco-Tepe JV - Atyrau, Kazakhstan