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PIONEERING EFFORTS



Having spent over two decades at TÜV SÜD South Asia, **JK Rajan-** Sr Vice President, Industry & Mobility, has been associated with the company since it commenced operations in India in 1994. He heads a wide range of business verticals that include plant engineering, environmental technology, real estate, infrastructure, rail, traffic, and road safety solutions.

A veteran in auditing, inspection, and certification sector, he is also credited with introducing new concepts

and solutions that $T\ddot{U}V$ $S\ddot{U}D$ has pioneered in India as a replication of global standards.

He has successfully spearheaded various high-level projects for prestigious organisations such as National Highways Authority of India, DIAL, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. Rajan played a pivotal role in setting up the country's first privately invested automotive testing centre of international standards.

Having performed over a thousand Quality Management System (QMS) audits in the automobile and manufacturing sectors within India as well as globally, Rajan is known to instill confidence in clients with regard to issues pertaining to quality audits. He is a lead auditor in ISO / TS 16949:2002, IRIS, and ISO 9001:2000. His collaborative abilities have helped TÜV SÜD South Asia become the most sought after agency for consultation as well as testing and auditing services.

Rajan has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Mumbai and is an alumnus of the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, where he studied strategic management, financial management, and marketing.

ACE CONSULTANT

Ashwajit Singh, the Chairman and Managing Director of IPE Global Group- the largest development sector management consultancy group in South Asia with its headquarters in Delhi, has over 30 years of experience in development consultancy. An Inlaks scholar, he is a chartered accountant, company secretary (gold medallist), and an alumnus of the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Ashwajit is renowned for his innovations in leading many complex urban development and infrastructure projects in over 20 countries in Asia and Africa. He brings an extensive knowledge in areas of reforms, change management, finance, governance, monitoring & evaluation, and institutional strengthening. He has worked extensively with various governments, international aid agencies, and donors. He was the Chairman of the Public Administration and Management-Technical Advisory Panel (PAMNET) of the Africa Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF).

Under his leadership, IPE Global is the leading integrated solutions provider in the urban infrastructure space today-designing and implementation of institutional structures, creating individual infrastructure assets as well as their operation. The group has extensive experience in urban infrastructure and development projects spanning concept development, engineering design, procurement, construction, and operations. Its team of experienced multi-disciplinary professionals provide consulting, engineering, project management, and business & project advisory services across the life cycle of the engineering and infrastructure projects.

EFFICIENT LEADERSHIP

Appointed as the Vice President and Country Director – India of Thales in November 2014, **Antoine Caput** is responsible for leading Thales' operations in India.

He is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in the ground transportation sector. Prior to coming to India, Antoine was in-charge of Thales' road tolling and traffic control business since 2009, which operates largely through public-private partnerships.

Before joining Thales in 2000, Antoine spent 10 years at Alcatel CGA, where he was in charge of export sales for East Asia. At Thales, Antoine has held various senior positions in contract management and later in purchasing. From 2005 to 2007, he managed Thales' joint venture with Panda Electronics in Nanjing, China.

He then moved to Thales' fare collection systems business, where he headed the bids department. Antoine Caput is a graduate from the Institut Supérieur de Gestion de Paris.

