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Gerhard is a Chemical Engineer with qualifications in Production Management and Quality Management. Before becoming involved in business analysis and consulting, Gerhard worked in various positions in chemical and pharmaceutical plants. He also spent time working underground and in beneficiation plants in the mining, metals and minerals industry. Gerhard believes that a properly designed and implemented Manufacturing Operations Management (MOM) system can add tremendous business value to any manufacturer. MOM, when done right, will improve operational effectiveness and efficiency and will assist in increased business value for companies from discreet manufacturing to continuous processing.

Gerhard is a Divisional manager for Bytes Universal Systems, a Software integration and services company with more than 600 employees. He is responsible for the Process Management and Control (PMC) business. This business focuses on MOM, and has done so for the past 20 years. Gerhard is responsible for strategy and direction, product and solution development and managing a team of automation and MOM engineers. He is very involved in the Consulting and Operations side of the business, specifically from a functional delivery and design perspective. Gerhard manages relationships with technology suppliers such as Schneider, Wonderware, GE, InStep, Parsec, Siemens, OSI Soft and others, as well as with current and potential clients.

Gerhard is regarded as a thought-leader in his chosen field of MOM in South Africa and has published various articles in the fields of Change Management, Automation and MOM. His book "Practical E-Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management - ISBN: 9780750662727" was published in July 2004 through Newness Press. Gerhard has co-authored a number of MESA White Papers and has been involved in the review of many more. He was also heavily involved in the development of the content for the MESA Global Education Program.

Gerhard is a MESA Authorized Instructor for the Global Education Program and instructs programs in English.