**Ayman Ayyash, BSc (Civil Engineering), MBA, MASCE, AIE.**

Ayman Ayyash is dual National, Australian and Jordanian, graduated in 1984 from the University of South Dakota State University, Brookings, USA with a BSc degree in Civil Engineering, after which he was selected by the major US manufacturer **DuPont** as Sales Engineer based in Kuwait covering the Arab Gulf States “GCC”. He successfully established and grew the market for DuPont products to dominate sales in the region’s construction industry.

His success with DuPont led to his role as MENA Regional Director, based in Jabal Ali, Dubai with Vinidex Tube Makers a subsidiary of the global Oil and Gas giant “BHP Billiton”, Piping division from 1991 to 1994. Again, in a short time, Ayman had led the industrial piping division, PE and PVC pipes, to become a major supplier to construction contractors in the infrastructure, oil, gas and mining industries.

Ayman supplemented his engineering and marketing skills with various management courses in both London and Melbourne, and an MBA from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology “ RMIT” from 1994 after which he joined the Australian Trade Commission, “Austrade” and Department of Foreign Affairs as MENA Commercial Attaché covering Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Areas before being quickly promoted to MENA Regional Attaché’ covering Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE and Oman then promoted to “Minister Commercial” with diplomatic status for Egypt, Libya and Sudan. Over the ten years with Austrade and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, Ayman successfully worked with many Australian supplier/ service companies to enter the MENA markets. That includes Mining, Oil and Gas, Education, Health and Food products.

Key achievements include:

* Established the DuPont “Corian” product to the MENA region where it is now ranked No 1 with a market share over 27%.
* Grew the Vinidex Tube Makers, BHP PE and PVC pipe business selling to mega oil and gas, mining, and construction companies to become a dominant and sought after supplier.
* Establishment of Box Hill TAFE College in Kuwait and Wollongong University in Dubai; a venture to grow Australian education services into the region.
* Facilitated Australia’s being the major supplier of food items, oil and gas and power equipment’s to **IRAQ** during the economic sanctions from 1990 to 2003.
* Facilitated Australia’s being the major supplier of food items to the MENA region that include Health, Dairy products, livestock, rice, and wheat.
* Founder and former Board member of Tuhama Financial Investment a PLC in Amman Stock Exchange.
* Regional Director Gippsland Australia
* Executive Board Member at Tantalum International, Perth Australia
* Executive Board Member at Oryx Asset Management, London, UK
* Special Advisor to ‘AMIRA Industries” St Petersburg, Russia
* CEO of IBC Consultancy Services
* Executive Board Member and Tantalum Egypt a JV between Gippsland and Ministry of Petroleum, Mining Industry
* Executive Board at Nubian Resources, Egypt
* Executive Board Member, Adobha Resources, Eritrea

Ayman is able to communicate and transact very effectively across multiple cultures as a dual national, Australian and Jordanian, with a western education and strong local knowledge of the MENA region. His business acumen and deep long-standing regional relationships are clear with an impressive record of creating and developing business in the MENA region.