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SUMMARY

Mr. Easler is a Director in Berkeley Research Group's Pittsburgh office with over twenty-five years' experience in project management and claims consulting for engineering and construction projects.

Mr. Easler has experience performing a variety of consulting services on both large and small projects. His work has included construction project reviews, economic valuation, cost estimating, liability analysis, schedule analysis, and quantification of property and lost profits damages. Mr. Easler's consulting services have been performed with a number of different contract types, including fixed price, cost plus, time and material and GMP contracts. Mr. Easler has testified in support of schedule delay entitlement and damages determinations.

Mr. Easler recently provided expert testimony regarding a contractor's termination during construction of a shale gas pipeline system. Mr. Easler's provided opinions regarding the contractor's billings for several concurrently constructed and proximately located pipelines. His analyses and expert conclusions included consideration of and opinions on contract structures, change modifications provisions, contractor costs and markups, duplicative billings and over billings.

Mr. Easler presented expert testimony in an Asian court concerning the additional costs incurred by an EPC contractor responsible for the design, procurement and supply of a nuclear power plant safety and control system. Mr. Easler's analyses and expert opinions included the identification of new work scopes as well as acceleration efforts required resulting from design basis changes and their impact on achievement of overall construction milestones.

Mr. Easler recently concluded a water treatment plant project that included the construction of twin 4 meter diameter tunnels for the transportation of raw and treated water. Mr. Easler's work included an expert report on the entitlement to damages and its quantum, which resulted from the initial tunneling contractor's termination and the subsequent procurement and performance of a replacement tunneling contractor. His work included assessing the sufficiency of project budgets, productivity and production, financial forecasting and schedule progress.

Mr. Easler recently completed an engagement for a power plant equipment supplier responsible for turbine as well as associated equipment supply for a greenfield combined cycle plant in Panama. Mr. Easler's expert opinions and arbitration testimony involved the review and analyses of contractual work scopes and responsibilities as well as the

quantification of additional costs arising from construction work performed at the site by the equipment supplier. The matter also included technical design and construction performance issues with site preparation, civil and earthwork construction and mechanical, electrical and piping installation issues.

Another of Mr. Easler's recent engagements was for a contractor responsible for the equipment and piping installation work scope of a chemical facility's major expansion project. Mr. Easler's work, expert opinions and arbitration testimony encompassed engineering and design delays, work scope expansion, productivity impacts and schedule delay issues including force majeure events. Mr. Easler provided analysis and opinions regarding schedule delay and entitlement and the quantification of damages including productivity losses, schedule extensions costs and additional work scopes.

Mr. Easler completed an engagement for the turnkey EPC Contractor of a recently constructed greenfield LNG Terminal. The engagement issues included schedule prolongation and productivity losses allegedly stemming from changed conditions. Mr. Easler analyzed, quantified and provided arbitration testimony regarding productivity impacts in rebuttal to a major subcontractor's claim.

A large educational system engaged Mr. Easler to analyze issues surrounding the system's termination of a general contractor erecting a student activities building. Mr. Easler analyzed schedule and cost impacts stemming from alleged unknown subsurface conditions. His testimony in State Court included conclusions and opinions regarding schedule delay entitlement as well as lost productivity and the quantification of replacement contractor completion costs.

Mr. Easler provided project management assistance on the Owner's side of a casino construction project. The project was halted as the original Owner was unable to secure sufficient funding to complete the project. A new Owner with sufficient resources financed its completion and Mr. Easler assisted with the transition including assessments of delay and additional cost claims put forth by the project's general contractor. After transition, Mr. Easler continued with ongoing weekly assistance reviewing schedules and change orders and contributed toward the project's completion within its budget and planned schedule.

EDUCATION

MBA	University of Pittsburgh
BS, Chemical Engineering	Lehigh University
BA, Applied Science	Lehigh University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Navigant Consulting
- IT Corporation
- ICF Kaiser Engineers, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Planning & Scheduling Professional – PSP
- Pittsburgh Chapter Treasurer of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering, International (AACEI)
- Engineer's Society of Western PA

PUBLICATIONS

Easler, R., Hervol, J., Rose, J., and Viiala, J., "LIFAC Sorbent Injection for Flue Gas Desulfurization", Coal Symposium, September 1992

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Mr. Easler's experience prior to BRG includes a variety of coal and coke chemical, steel manufacturing, environmental remediation, and commercial projects with diversified assignments such as Project Manager, Construction Manager, Project Controls Engineer and Construction Claims Analyst. His areas of expertise include planning and scheduling, contract administration, claims prevention/analysis, cost control, project document control, scope management, and project control procedures.

IT Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Project Director
Mr. Easler served as a Regional Project Director within the company's Commercial Engineering and Construction Services Group. The position included responsibility in a three-state region (PA, NY and WV) for all aspects of construction projects: opportunity identification and development, proposal preparation and review (both work scope and costing), contract award and project execution (work scope, schedule, budget and health and safety).

Project Manager
Mr. Easler served as a Project Manager in the Commercial Engineering and Construction Services Group. Responsibilities included financial and schedule accountability for individual remediation projects. Notable projects included an EPA Superfund Site in Kokomo, Indiana requiring the remediation and demolition of over 1,500,000 square feet of industrial buildings on 100 acres. Mr. Easler managed an expanded work scope (project revenues increased from $8 million to over $28 million) within the EPA's Superfund framework while maintaining the original fast-track schedule. One task performed was the construction and operation of an onsite wastewater treatment plant. The project team included as many as 80 direct-hire personnel.

ICF Kaiser Engineers, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Project Manager
Mr. Easler served as a Project Manager for various remediation projects. Included among these was construction management of the demolition and decommissioning of the 750,000 square foot Old Airport Terminal Building at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. He assisted during the design phase in specification review and procurement processes and reduced overall project cost $2 million by providing cost-effective demolition methods. Mr. Easler was also involved in mitigating the final overall project cost by providing claims evaluation and negotiation assistance at project close-out.

Project Engineer
Mr. Easler performed a wide variety of project engineering tasks for both remediation and construction projects. Mr. Easler served as Project Engineer for the demolition and remediation of numerous coking facilities. His responsibilities included the oversight and supervision of contractors, performance of inspections to ensure adherence to specifications, review of field engineering modifications for fulfillment of standard design and safety requirements, and review of subcontractor's invoices and extras for approval.

Project Controls
Mr. Easler performed project controls functions for various ICF Kaiser Coal Group construction projects, which included cost tracking, development and updating of construction schedules, procurement tracking, and budget tracking. Information was integrated through the use of a database management software package to assist project managers by forecasting trends from historical data.

Testimony:

Case Name	Forum
R.F. Fisher Electric, Inc. v. Lurgi Lentjes North America, Inc.	Judicial Arbitration Mediation Services (JAMS) – Trial Testimony (2007)
Spectrum Engineering, Inc. v. N.A. Water Systems, LLC	American Arbitration Association - Deposition (2010)
Shippensburg University v. Lyons Construction	Pennsylvania Commonwealth Board of Claims – Trial Testimony (2010)
Bay, Ltd. v. Aker Solutions, Inc.	American Arbitration Association - Trial Testimony (2011)
Kvaerner Industrial Constructors v. Air Liquide, LP	American Arbitration Association - Trial Testimony (2013)
ProEnergy v GENA	International Chamber of Commerce – Trial Testimony (2013)
Westinghouse Electric Company LLC v. Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co., Ltd.	Korean Commercial Arbitration Board – Trial Testimony (2015)
Appalachian Pipelines v MarkWest Energy Partners	Ohio Court of Common Pleas – Trial Testimony (2015)
Crestwood Midstream Partners, LP v Mountaineer Keystone, LLC	American Arbitration Association – Trial Testimony (2015)