Mastering Project Engineering Interviews in Australia

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1. **Tell me about yourself.**

Can you tell us about your experience in managing projects in the Manufacturing industry?

Can you tell us about your experience as a Project Engineer in the Engineering industry?

Well, I am a professional Project Manager (/Engineer) with more than 10 years of experience. I have had the privilege of managing five large-scale projects, both domestic and international, with varying sizes, budgets, resources, scopes, and specifications.

In the past 10 years, I have managed projects in complex environments for various clients, with a total budget of $85 million.

I studied Mechanical Engineering at one of the most prestigious universities in my country.

I worked for less than two years as a production expert in a round bar production company.

I then saw an advertisement for a reputable company that my university classmates and I had always dreamed of working for.

After several interviews, I began working as a project coordinator. Once I became familiar with my responsibilities, I realized that this job was a perfect fit for me because I love organizing and interacting with people.

This is a list of equipment that I was responsible for during their manufacturing process/This is a list of projects that I was responsible for. (Provide a printed copy of the list).

My interest in project management led me to earn my PMP certification.

I received special recognition for my skills and persistence, which led to my promotion to project manager.

Our projects often faced delays or limitations in procuring equipment and materials, such as alloy steel plates and motor-operated valves (MOVs), ...

Managing projects under such challenging conditions has made me a strong project manager, capable of staying calm under pressure and successfully managing projects despite limitations.

I pay close attention to scope variations to ensure that related costs and EOTs are submitted accurately. (EOT: Project Extension of time).

I consider myself an experienced project manager because I have faced and overcome various challenges.

2. **How do you handle project governance and ensure time, cost, and quality objectives are met?**

I establish clear project plans, schedules, and budgets while closely monitoring the progress of the project. I maintain regular communication with the project team, subcontractors, and clients to ensure all stakeholders are aligned with project objectives. I have a thorough understanding of the project. I am able to see the big picture while also paying attention to the small details. I can develop and execute high-level strategies while understanding and addressing engineering difficulties. I am both detail-oriented and result-oriented, which is extremely important for successful project management.

3. **How do you manage project change and variations in scope administration?**

Describe your experience in contract administration and handling scope changes in projects.

I believe a project manager/engineer should be completely fluent in the contract, project scope statement (PSS) or Statement of Work (SOW), and estimate. This knowledge allows them to identify any variations and ensure that anything out of scope or exceeding the estimate is claimed as a variation and EOT.

I ensure that any scope changes are thoroughly evaluated, documented, and communicated to all relevant parties. By implementing an Integrated Change Control (ICC) process, I assess all change requests for their impact on time, cost, and resources before making any adjustments to the project.
In my previous job, I was selected to lead the implementation of the ICC system. Collaborating with a dedicated team, we developed comprehensive guidelines and procedures to effectively manage change requests and variations.

4. **How do you ensure effective communication with both internal and external stakeholders during a project?**

How do you handle communication and collaboration with cross-functional teams, clients, suppliers, and contractors?

Effective communication is essential for project success. I believe in honest and transparent interactions with team members, clients, suppliers, and contractors. When there are delays or issues, I inform clients and assure them that our team is committed to finding solutions. I use various communication tools, primarily Outlook and telephone. To keep everyone informed, I schedule regular status meetings and rely on Excel and PowerPoint for documenting project status and presenting them in meetings.

In my previous job, I issued Dashboard Fortnightly Reports for clients and conducted weekly site walks.

5. **Can you share an experience where you resolved a dispute or negotiation within a project?**

I was working on a high-pressure vessel manufacturing project, and during assembly, two members of the cross-functional team had different approaches to a problem we were facing. One was from the engineering department and the other from the workshop. The issue was related to the repair of the vessel head, which was hemispherical and not rolled properly by our contractor. I organized a meeting in the QC department and asked both team members to write down the pros and cons of their solutions on the board. I encouraged them to fairly assess their approaches and ensured that the discussion remained productive and respectful.

In the end, we arrived at a hybrid solution and repaired the head damage.

What was the problem?

It was difficult to assemble the head to the body since it was not fully rounded. Despite the high thickness of the plate, we devised a special angle for beveling the edges to assemble the head and body together.

6. **How do you ensure safety standards and procedures are maintained on the project site?**

How do you ensure safety standards and procedures are maintained throughout the project lifecycle?

In my previous role, we had a robust HSE department. Before project execution, we held meetings to explain the scope and specifications, prepared on-site HSE procedures, and had resident HSE advisors at all sites. All equipment usage, including cranes and the installation and commissioning of equipment such as vessels and piping, was under their full supervision.

We collaborated closely to identify potential safety hazards and implemented preventative measures to avoid accidents and incidents. Our production line adhered to strict HSE procedures, and all tests, including hydrotests based on the ITP, were conducted under close HSE supervision. Additionally, I coordinated with the HSE department to facilitate workshop and client visits, ensuring compliance with all safety protocols.

I hold a White Card and have a comprehensive understanding of workplace safety regulations for on-site projects, including both brownfield and greenfield environments.

- A brownfield site is defined as any land that has previously been built on.
- A greenfield site refers to land that has not yet been developed.

In the HSE domain, my responsibilities included organizing inductions for new employees, preparing the Safety Management Plan in line with the Execution Management Plan, obtaining Safe Work Method Statements (SWIMs) and tickets from all subcontractors, and submitting them to the HSE advisor for approval. Additionally, I assisted the site supervisor in conducting daily pre-start meetings and toolbox meetings.

7. **How do you manage multiple projects simultaneously with tight deadlines and limited resources?**

How do you approach project planning and scheduling to ensure timely delivery?

Managing multiple projects with tight deadlines requires effective time management and strategic resource allocation. In my team, we had a dedicated scheduler. I utilized project management tools like Primavera P6 to create comprehensive schedules and allocate resources based on project priorities. Regular project status reviews enabled me to identify potential conflicts early and address them promptly, ensuring projects remained on schedule. In my previous role, we held bi-weekly project control meetings to review project progress. If delays were identified, a compensation plan, such as establishing overtime and other acceleration plans, was implemented to ensure the project timelines were met.

8. **How do you manage project budgets and ensure cost-effective project execution?**

Cost management in projects has always been a personal interest of mine, and I received significant support from my manager in developing strategies in this area. Taking the initiative, I designed Excel spreadsheets to enhance efficiency in managing project costs. My responsibilities included meticulous recording and tracking of variations, actual and forecasted cost details, commitments involving purchase orders for vendor or subcontractor payments, client invoices, and various project-related costs and revenues. Due to the effectiveness of this system, these templates were later adopted by other projects within the company.

Additionally, I collaborated closely with site supervisors to accurately record site labor time sheets. I consistently accounted for all pricing details based on the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA), including considerations for overtime and various allowances such as travel, Living Away from Home Allowance (LAHA), crib, meals, airfares, and accommodation.

We held monthly cost report meetings where we assessed the actual costs compared to the estimates and forecasts. During these meetings, we calculated the remaining margin of the project. Each month, we prepared a chart to monitor any reductions in the margin and to identify strategies for compensation, such as submitting variations.

9. **How do you handle project risks and conduct risk assessment meetings?**

At the beginning of each project, I led a risk assessment meeting with team members and representatives from all relevant departments. We used a risk assessment form to document all identified risks, which were then rated on a scale from low to high based on their potential impact on time and cost. This scoring system helped us prioritize risks and determine which ones required a mitigation plan.

To ensure continuous improvement, we hold risk assessment meetings every three months. During these meetings, we reviewed the effectiveness of the mitigation plans and updated the list of risks as necessary.

Additionally, I created a list of potential variations as opportunities to increase the project margin and avoid scope creep.

10. **How do you keep yourself updated with the latest project management methodologies and best practices?**

I have a strong passion for project management and continuously seek to enhance my knowledge. To stay updated, I take courses and obtain additional certifications. I also actively connect with professionals on LinkedIn and stay informed by listening to podcasts like the Business English Podcast.

11. **How do you ensure effective documentation and reporting throughout the project lifecycle?**

Effective documentation is crucial for successful project management. By maintaining accurate and detailed records of costs, scope changes, and reasons for delays, I can closely monitor work progress and effectively address any client claims. We consistently deliver monthly updated project S-curves and Fortnightly Dashboard Reports to provide clear and comprehensive updates on the project's status.

Additionally, weekly progress meetings and site walks are excellent ways to keep the client informed and involved in the project's progress.

12. **Tell us about a project where you had to make critical decisions to keep the project on track and within budget.**

In one project, the client's specified preservation method for manufacturing NGL vessels involved filling them with nitrogen gas before shipping to the site. This was a procedure we had not previously implemented in our company. After obtaining quotes from various contractors, it became clear that the costs were prohibitively high, and the bid team had not included this method in the initial estimate and pricing.

To address this issue, I organized a series of meetings with the QC team, production technology, production support, and HSE departments. Together, we developed an internal procedure for handling the nitrogen gas preservation, resulting in a 60% reduction in costs. This solution not only kept the project on track and within budget but also earned me an award for this achievement.

13. **Can you share an experience where you successfully led and motivated a project team? Describe a challenging project you managed and how you successfully handled any obstacles or delays.**

We had a project with an extremely tight deadline, and the client followed it up every day. To address the challenges and expedite the work, I decided to hold daily meetings. These meetings were scheduled each morning at 7:30 a.m., with the first item on the agenda being a review of work progress.

To manage potential delays, we devised a compensation plan that included establishing overtime. During these daily reviews, I encouraged team members to openly discuss any obstacles they encountered, fostering a better understanding of the work progress and creating a collaborative environment. This approach motivated the team to attend and actively participate in the meetings.

As procuring raw materials is often a bottleneck in manufacturing projects, I closely monitored the procurement process to ensure there were no shortages on the production line. Through these efforts and the dedication of my stellar team, we successfully delivered the project on time.

Motivation:

To motivate my team members, I invited them to accompany me to all internal meetings as well as important meetings with the clients. When a problem arose, I encouraged them to suggest solutions, and I often asked them to work on likely decisions before I made the final decision. This approach, which I learned from my manager, helped them feel valued and involved in the decision-making process.

I set clear goals and provided regular feedback and encouragement. By delegating tasks based on each team member's strengths, I motivated them to take ownership of their work. I also emphasized effective communication and provided continuous support to foster a collaborative and positive work environment.

14. How do you ensure quality in project delivery and maintain client satisfaction?

Quality is the most critical aspect of project delivery. At the beginning of each project, we held a pre-inspection meeting to align quality expectations and standards. I worked closely with the Quality Control (QC) department to develop the Inspection Test Plan (ITP) and Quality Control Plan (QCP). All production steps, from Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) on raw materials to cutting, machining, assembly, welding, painting, packing, and final inspection, were executed under the meticulous supervision of the QC team, adhering to the ITP.

For specific hold points in the ITP, we issued invitation letters to the client's supervisor, enabling them to oversee the work at critical stages and approve the progress before moving forward. This process ensured transparency, maintained high-quality standards, and fostered client satisfaction throughout the project lifecycle.

For any technical issues, I submitted Technical Queries (TQs) to ensure all technical changes were tracked and recorded. This process helped maintain clear communication and documentation of any modifications, ensuring that all parties were informed and in agreement with the changes.

15. Have you managed projects with remote or distributed teams? How do you effectively manage such teams?

Yes, I have managed projects with remote or distributed teams. Effective management in these situations involves clear communication, the use of collaboration tools, setting clear expectations, and fostering a positive team culture. Regular virtual meetings, transparent timelines, and actively engaging team members in decision-making processes are key to success. By maintaining open lines of communication and ensuring everyone is aligned with the project's goals and timelines, we can overcome the challenges of working remotely and achieve our objectives.

16. Can you share an example of a project where you had to negotiate and resolve disputes with subcontractors or vendors?

In a previous project, we faced a dispute with a subcontractor over the delivery timeline for critical equipment. To resolve the issue, I initiated a meeting to listen to their concerns and understand their challenges. Through open communication, we were able to negotiate a revised timeline that aligned with the needs of both parties. This approach not only resolved the dispute but also maintained a positive working relationship and ensured the timely delivery of the project.

17. How do you monitor and measure project performance? What key performance indicators (KPIs) do you track?

I monitor and measure project performance using various KPIs, including project milestones achieved, cost performance, schedule adherence, resource utilization, and customer satisfaction. Regular status meetings, Earned Value Analysis, and progress reports help track project progress and ensure we stay on track to meet our goals.

In my previous role, we issued CPI (Cost Performance Index) and SPI (Schedule Performance Index) monthly. I actively participated in monthly cost control meetings where we developed cost reports. These reports involved a comprehensive analysis, comparing all project costs and revenues against the contract and previous reports. We

utilized various spreadsheets, including one for raw data to highlight actual costs and another for detailed forecasts.

18. What is your greatest strength?

My greatest strengths are my persistence and self-motivation. When assigned a task, you don't need to follow up—I will come to you with the results.

I am equally comfortable communicating with managers, engineers, site laborers, supervisors, and clients. Managing projects in different cities with stakeholders from diverse cultures has enabled me to build trustful relationships quickly. This ability allows me to connect with stakeholders from various departments and perspectives efficiently.

Additionally, I have a strong understanding of project dynamics. While keeping an eye on the small details, I can also see the big picture. I can develop and execute strategies at a high level while understanding the engineering challenges involved.

I am both detail-oriented and results-oriented, which is crucial for a project manager. "Motivated" is the best word to describe me. My deputy often appreciates my enthusiasm for my job. For instance, before meetings with the technical team, I frequently stay up late to study the equipment so that I can lead discussions effectively. A successful project manager must be aware of the technical team's requirements to schedule tasks more efficiently.

Influencing and persuading are also among my strengths, as successful project management relies on excellent teamwork.

I love organizing and planning, and I'm quite good at it. This passion extends to my personal life as well.

19. What is your greatest weakness?

Considering we are often rushing to meet tight deadlines; I always want things to move quickly and precisely. I have realized that this can sometimes make my partners a bit anxious.
To address this, I am working on being more patient. As part of my efforts to ensure everyone is comfortable with the project timeline, I have scheduled more frequent check-ins with the teams. I have also made myself more approachable, encouraging team members to share any concerns or missed opportunities they see. The advantage of this approach is that we can anticipate potential issues and ensure everyone is aligned, even as we work quickly.

20. Why do you want to work here?

I have worked for a large and professional organization before, and I'm eager to continue working in a similar environment. As I reviewed the job description, your website, and your LinkedIn page, I found that many of my experiences align with what the company is looking for. I believe I could not only thrive but also actively contribute to this type of environment.

21. As a project engineer, how is your leadership approach?

My leadership approach is rooted in collaboration, communication, and accountability. I believe in fostering a supportive team environment where every member feels valued and empowered to contribute their unique skills and expertise. I lead by example, demonstrating integrity, professionalism, and a strong work ethic in all aspects of my work.

I prioritize open and transparent communication, ensuring that project goals, timelines, and expectations are clearly communicated to all team members. I encourage feedback and input, fostering a culture of innovation and continuous improvement.

Additionally, I set clear expectations and hold team members accountable for their responsibilities. I provide guidance and support when needed, but also empower team members to take ownership of their tasks and make decisions autonomously. When I have an expectation, I start with why, rather than just stating what needs to be done.

Flexibility and adaptability are also essential aspects of my leadership approach. I recognize that projects can be dynamic and unpredictable, and I am adept at adjusting plans and strategies as needed to overcome challenges and achieve success.

Overall, my leadership approach is centered on building strong relationships, fostering a positive team culture, and driving results through collaboration, communication, and accountability. I believe that as a leader, what you say in the morning can set the tone for the entire day.

22. Tell me about a situation where you had a problem with quality?

We received some spectacles as free-issue items. Upon inspection before installation, I observed corrosion marks on them. This was likely due to poor preservation. I asked our workshop to improve material preservation methods. Additionally, I had our design engineer calculate the minimum thickness required for the spectacles after face machining, as per ASME standards. After client approval, we sent the spectacles to a subcontractor for machining.

23. As a project engineer how is your approach to safety issues?

I take a proactive and comprehensive approach to safety. I conduct daily site walks, ensure strict adherence to safety protocols, and foster open communication to promptly address any safety concerns with our safety advisor. Additionally, I regularly provide safety topics to our supervisors for communication during pre-start meetings or toolbox talks.

24. How is your day-to-day routine as a project engineer?

As a project engineer, my daily routine involves overseeing project progress, coordinating with team members, clients, and stakeholders, and conducting site inspections to ensure that project timelines and budgets are met. Key activities include managing documentation, reviewing subcontractor invoices, facilitating communication, monitoring on-site activities, preparing project reports, and managing procurement processes.

As a project engineer, my day starts with checking my schedule for the day's meetings. I make sure to review my calendar first thing in the morning. Next, I go through my emails to catch up on any new progress. A key part of my morning routine is reviewing the Daily Site Progress Report, prepared by the project supervisor. I carefully read this report to understand what tasks were completed the previous day, the progress made, and any delays encountered. Inclement weather often causes delays, as most site activities halt during heavy rain or strong winds.

I then check the Welding Traceability Sheet, updated by the QA team, to see how many welds were approved the previous day and update my own report on the remaining works accordingly. I conduct site walks to inspect the project's status. During these walks, the team often brings up site issues such as technical problems, material shortages, equipment needs, or safety concerns.

Throughout the day, the site supervisor frequently consults me on engineering issues that may halt their work, require equipment, or need client authorization. I directly communicate any engineering issues to the Design and Engineering department. This typically involves taking a screenshot of the 3D model, marking the precise location, and emailing it along with a description of the problem and relevant documents and drawings. I issue a Technical Query (TQ) immediately, as all design changes must be formally documented and sent to the client.

A significant portion of my day is spent assisting the site supervisor to ensure the project progresses smoothly without interruptions. This includes supplying Project Gears.

Part of my time is also dedicated to coordinating the hire of equipment needed on specific days, according to the project schedule and the supervisor's input. This includes items like cranes, Franna, compressors, and generators.

Additionally, I manage coordination with various site contractors, such as painting, scaffolding, and civil contractors. Lastly, my most important responsibilities include issuing Variations and preparing the Project Cost Report.

25. **How do you adapt to different workplace cultures, particularly in an international setting like Australia?**

In my experience, adapting to cultural differences is key to effective communication and collaboration. The Australian workplace values direct communication, equal relationships, and work-life balance. I've embraced these by promoting open dialogue and creating a team environment where everyone's input is valued. This has helped me build strong, trusting relationships with colleagues and clients from diverse backgrounds.

26. **How do you incorporate sustainability into your projects?**

Sustainability is a key consideration in all my projects. I prioritize the use of sustainable materials and methods, such as sourcing eco-friendly construction materials and implementing energy-efficient processes. For example, during a recent project, we opted for recycled steel and low-VOC paints to minimize environmental impact. Additionally, I actively seek ways to reduce waste and enhance resource efficiency, contributing to a greener and more sustainable project outcome.

27. **What skills do you think are most in demand for project engineers in Australia?**

The Australian job market for project engineers and site engineers is currently focused on infrastructure development, renewable energy projects, and the mining sector. Employers are looking for candidates with strong project management skills, a solid understanding of local regulations and standards, and the ability to work in multidisciplinary teams. Additionally, there is an increasing demand for engineers with experience in sustainability and green technologies, reflecting the country's commitment to environmental conservation.

Manufacturing Process Overview:

Project engineers need to be aware of the manufacturing process sequence. This includes various processes such as design and engineering, material procurement, cutting, rolling, forming, machining, welding, NDT, blasting, painting, heat treatment, hydrotesting, and more.

Some important Terms in Managing a Manufacturing Project:

- **Gang Rates:** This term is used to group multiple workers together to create an average hourly rate for their work, either in fabrication or installation.
- **RDO (Rostered Day Off):** Workers typically work on Saturdays and get every second Monday off.

- **R&R (Rest and Relaxation):** This refers to time off from work for rest and rejuvenation, essential for maintaining productivity and well-being.
- **EBA (Enterprise Bargaining Agreement):**

An EBA is a negotiated contract between an employer and employees that outlines terms of employment, including wages, hours, and additional benefits.

- **Free-Issue Items:** These are materials or components provided by the client or another party at no cost to the contractor. These items, specified in the contract, can include equipment, parts, or materials needed for the project. The contractor is responsible for incorporating these items into the project as required.
- **SIMOPS (Simultaneous Operations):** This refers to multiple activities happening at the same time in the same area. For example, construction and maintenance work might be done simultaneously, requiring careful coordination to ensure safety and efficiency.
- **Superannuation:** This is a mandatory system in Australia where employers contribute money to their employees' retirement funds. It's like a pension plan that helps ensure you have savings when you retire.
- **Fair Work**: Fair Work refers to Australia's national workplace relations system. It ensures that workers receive fair wages and working conditions. The Fair Work Commission is the body that oversees these regulations.
- **Probation Period:** This is an initial period of employment, usually lasting 3 to 6 months, during which both the employer and the employee can decide if the job is a good fit. During this time, the employer evaluates the employee's performance and suitability for the role.
- **LAHA Allowance (Living Away from Home Allowance**): This is an allowance paid to employees who have to live away from their usual place of residence for work purposes. It helps cover additional costs such as accommodation and meals.
- **Inclement Weather:** This term refers to weather conditions that are too severe to work in, such as heavy rain, extreme heat, or storms. In such cases, outdoor work may be stopped for safety reasons.
- **Estimation:** In project management, estimation involves predicting the amount of time, money, and resources needed to complete a project. Accurate estimation is crucial for planning and budgeting effectively.

Project Management Procedures:

- **Kickoff Meeting:**

Kickoff meetings are held at the beginning of each project by key departments such as Operations, Job Control, Engineering, Safety, Quality, Finance, Estimating, Commercial, and Project Management. Each department has a crucial role in project execution, from maintaining operations to managing finances and ensuring quality standards.

- **Cost Estimation and Scheduling:**

The budget of the project is typically estimated before the tender stage. The bid manager compiles a comprehensive table covering all costs, including procurement of materials, fabrication and installation, NDT, Painting, galvanizing, project management team (PMT) costs and ... A margin is then added to this total, and the bid is submitted. Once the project is awarded, the project manager meticulously reviews all costs and forecasts expenses on a monthly basis.

project schedules are typically created by project planners or schedulers. They use specialized software like Primavera P6 or Microsoft Project to develop comprehensive schedules that outline the sequence of activities, their durations, dependencies, and resource requirements. These schedules serve as a roadmap for project execution, helping teams stay organized and on track to meet deadlines.

Project managers/Engineers are responsible for developing detailed cost estimates, tracking expenses, and updating project schedules. Regular updates and client reviews are essential to ensure alignment with project requirements.

- **Procurement and Material Management:**

A project manager is responsible for overseeing the procurement process from requisition to purchase order issuance and material receipt, as well as managing free-issue items effectively. They should maintain detailed records in the procurement register.

This careful management helps keep costs down and ensures materials arrive on time.

- **Project Assurance Checklist:**

Established at the beginning of all projects, the Project Assurance Checklist serves as a comprehensive guide during the construction phase, ensuring adherence to key project requirements and standards.

- **Navigating the Triple Constraints:**

In project management, finding the right balance among the Triple Constraints of Schedule, Budget, and Scope is crucial. It involves:

- ✓ Monitoring Project Timelines: Project managers must closely track schedules to ensure timely completion.
- ✓ Preventing Scope Creep: Diligence is needed to prevent scope creeps, which can derail projects.
- ✓ Meticulous Cost Management: Detailed cost management ensures projects stay within budget.
- ✓ Adherence to Quality Standards: Upholding quality standards is crucial for project success.
- ✓ Ensuring Compliance: Compliance with health, safety, and environmental regulations is non-negotiable.

Project managers and engineers must also be proficient in Project Cost Reporting (PCR) processes to effectively manage project finances.

Safety Terms:

Daily On-site Pre-start Meeting: This is a short, daily meeting held on-site before the start of the workday. During this meeting, the team discusses the tasks for the day, reviews safety protocols, identifies any potential hazards, and ensures everyone understands their roles and responsibilities. It helps keep everyone informed and promotes a safe working environment.

PSSR (Pre-Startup Safety Review): This is a process conducted before starting up a new or modified facility or system to ensure that all safety requirements are met, and that the system is ready for safe operation.

SWMS (Safe Work Method Statement) and Ticket: A SWMS is a document that outlines the high-risk construction work activities to be carried out, the hazards that may arise from these activities, and the measures to control the risks. A "ticket" refers to a certification or license that proves a worker has the necessary training and qualifications to perform specific tasks safely.

Toolbox Meeting: These are regular, informal safety meetings conducted on-site to discuss safety issues, reinforce safety protocols, and ensure everyone is aware of any changes or new hazards. These meetings help maintain a strong safety culture within the team.