

AHK Graduate Programme Case Study: Rhonnie Powell

**Name:**

Rhonnie Powell

Job Title:

Operations Coordinator & Technical Liaison

Qualification:

Masters in Mining Engineering (MEng)

Rhonnie's AHK journey first began back in 2018 when she joined the company as a Graduate Trainee. Since then she has had the opportunity to travel and build on her professional experience. As an Operations Coordinator and Technical Liaison, Rhonnie coordinates resources and oversees operations, executes internal audits, manages key accounts, handles technical enquiries, orchestrates and successfully implements bulk cargo security and integrity protocols, provides a learning and development function to AHK's offices and sites in South Africa, plus much more. Rhonnie also provides support with the optimisation of day-to-day operations and is a direct line of communication with the clients and UK points of contact.

Rhonnie's AHK Journey

I have been given great opportunities to travel around the operations I have been based at. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the South African teams, they are an incredible group of people that have made me feel extremely welcome and have been a pleasure to work with.

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One of the main highlights has been learning from people within the company, AHK has a great family ethic and that applies to their global operations. Whichever operation you might end up at, you are always welcomed warmly and people usually impart their knowledge and experience with you freely. As an inspection company every person you meet has observed different commodities or situations, all of which you can learn from.

A major highlight of my employment with AHK has been the ability to constantly move around within the South African operations as well as the global group operations. This really allows you to get a fresh view of new challenges and draw upon little tricks and ways that different operations have made improvements or thought of a better way to operate!

Advice to Graduates

Being part of the AHK group definitely provides you with a well-rounded base of experience whilst getting to do extensive travelling! My advice to any one applying to the AHK graduate programme is if you want a job that covers a range of fields, if you are prepared to frequently relocate or be sent to different operations at short notice, work independently as well as work alongside colleagues from all departments and positions and can self-motivate yourself to produce value adding work then this is the job for you!

