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Unsolicited Application — Finance & Commercial Leadership

Dear Proxima Fusion Team,

I am writing to you full of energy and with the will to help build up your company for the energy challenges of our times — with expertise, experience, and action. After a rewarding career so far in the media and TV production industry, I want to utilize my skills, based on my solid education and in-depth finance knowledge, to help achieve a sustainable and carbon-free energy supply. Your job postings put it better than I could: turning the designs into a working power plant takes ownership across every discipline, “from physics and engineering to software, manufacturing, law, and business functions.” I am writing about the last one.

I am CFO of LEONINE Studios’ Non-Fiction division — four production companies, more than €100m in revenue — where I own budget governance, resource allocation, cash forecasting and the commercial side of our production contracts; before that I built i&u TV Produktion’s consolidation framework from scratch and executed restructuring worth more than €3m a year, and at ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE I managed group and segment KPIs for a listed MDAX group. Film and television production is, structurally, project business: every title is a contract with milestones, acceptance criteria, suppliers, change requests and a completion risk that lands on somebody’s balance sheet. How much of that carries over to a first-of-a-kind build is for you to judge.

You are not advertising a finance role, so let me be concrete about where I think I would be useful. You are hiring a Commercial & Contracts Lead for a first-of-a-kind facility, a Program Schedule Manager to own the Alpha master schedule, three procurement managers, and an AI Solutions Engineer to automate business operations. Behind all four sits the same question: what has been committed, what will it cost, and when will we know. I would like to own that question — whether it belongs in a finance leadership seat or beside the Alpha PMO is your call rather than mine.

One thing about how I work. Alongside the day job I taught myself to build with AI-assisted engineering, and I use it: an IFRS 15 contract-analysis tool for our production contracts, with versioning, an audit trail and a four-eyes review, because “AI-assisted” must never mean “unaudited”; and a multi-year demand-versus-capacity planner that derives hiring and contractor recommendations from the underlying gap. Both run on a server I set up and administer myself — the same one serving the page below. I do not claim to be an engineer. I claim that I would rather build the tool than wait a year for it, and I notice you are hiring for exactly that instinct.

I am based in Munich, native German and business-fluent in English, and comfortable moving between a board conversation and the detail underneath it. I would welcome a conversation about where a finance and commercial mind could be most useful to you over the next three years.

Best regards,



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