# Rigo Duran's BIO.

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Gruptech International, Inc.**

8686 N. Central Ave. # 176. Phoenix, AZ 85020; Ph: 602-331-4569 gruptech\_rigo@gruptech.com President-owner-Founder.

#### **1992 to Present**

In 20 years Rigo has successfully launched many companies and product lines into the Latin American market as well as opened up markets for Mexican companies to do business in the USA.

#### Revlon, Inc.

Phoenix, AZ

1988-1991-Assistant Director, Filling and Assembly
Grupo Promolca-Molanca (Keyes Fibre Company, USA) Valencia, Venezuela
1966-1988- Assistant Operations Manager
Atlantis Venezolana-A Fundacion Diego Cisneros Company

1985-1988-Production Superintendent and special projects

Kellogg's Foods (USA Corp,)

1982-1985-Production Manager
Jefferson Smurfit (European Corp)
1979-1981-Methods & Manufacturing Engineer
Ceramicas Carabobo- Valencia Venezuela.
1973-1975-Techncial Electrician

### **EDUCATION**

University of IllinoisChampaign-Urbana CampusB.A., Electrical Engineering & Minor in Industrial Engineering, 1979Graduated 18th out of 1200 engineering graduates.Attended many Managements courses and seminar

# LANGUAGES: English, Spanish, & Italian.

**TRAVELS**: Mexico, Panama, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Domenican Republic, Puerto Rico, Canada, 30 of the 50 USA States, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Germany, Spain, England and very soon in December 2012 China & Taiwan.

FAMILY: 2 Daughters, 2 Sons & 4 Grand kids.

### **OTHER INTERESTS**

**2012-Present:** Launching A Health Fitness machine for American Get Skinny. LC. Name "Vibeze" Machine into the USA market.

Phoenix, AZ, USA.

www.gruptechinternational.com

Maracay, Venezuela

Valencia, Venezuela

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Launching a New Company Named <u>www.urentelectric.com</u> (e equipment and ebikes and e scooters).

Opened a sister company in Mexico. GTM-GRUPTECHMEX, S.A, de C.V.

**2008-2009**: Launched A Mexican Motor Oil Brand "ROSHFRANS" into the USA market.

2004-2006: Private Real Estate Investor Phoenix, AZ Investor

Purchased, remodeled & sold real state

2004-2006: Stock holder on an Incubator company named: VideoRithem, Inc. Tucson, AZ - Investor

**2005-2006: Kahawa Kanteen, Inc.** (Wholesale Bakery) <u>www.kahawakanteen.com</u> *President-owner* 

2003-2004- Launched my own Cheese Dispensing machine for NACHOS name 'RIGONACHO''

2002-2003: Cazaz Magazine (Real State Magazine) President-owner

1992-1993- EnerG Block

**Built:** 12 Energy Efficient homes in Hermosillo-Mexico and 4 in Guaymas – Mexico.

1984-1987-Founder and president of a Pottery Business in Valencia Venezuela.

**AFFILIATIONS and AWARDS:** 

1995-1997: Created and Sold a very successful product (POGS-TAZOS) to the Phoenix Suns Team that prompted the sales of the same product to about 30 NFL, MBA and the MLB team in the USA and after into the same teams in Latin America 1995-Present: Member of the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona JCCA

Was Vice President of the Club from 2009-2010

2004 to present: Rotary Club Founding Member (President July. 2009-2010)

2004-Present: Involved with various fund raising activities for charities in Phoenix, Arizona.

2008: Toyota Latino Entrepreneur of the month (Sept. 2008). Arizona.

2010-Became a Paul Harris Rotary member.

### HOBBIES:

1960- Present Solo Singer.1996-present Car Collector (Only old Jaguars)2010- Present Band Singer and percussion music player for Gaiteros del Valle.2012-Taking Golf lessons.