**Saira Bhanu Akuri**

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# CAREER SUMMARY

Highly skilled Client List Screening and AML-KYC Analyst with a proven track record of success at JP Morgan Chase, bringing 10 years of experience in KYC-AML compliance, investigations, SAR drafting, and risk management. Possessing a solid academic background in data management, I am well-equipped to deliver impactful results in future roles through my expertise in maintaining compliance, conducting thorough investigations, and managing risks effectively. Eager to leverage my skills and experience to drive continued success and excellence in AML compliance and risk management practices.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

JP Morgan Chase

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Quess Corp | Client: JP Morgan Chase

Business Analyst | Oct 2014 – Nov 2016

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

* Actively contributed to model remediation projects, addressing challenges in AML models, and achieving successful outcomes
* Reviewing alerts around regulatory/non regulatory internally directed Enterprise-wide searches of our accountholders and their transactions.
* Performing due diligence on Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) and Special Persons of Interest (SPOIs) in addition to screening clients against sanctions and negative media profiles.
* Internal/external written and verbal communication of issues, directing searches, reviewing, reporting upon and documenting the results.
* Reviewing alerts to determine if a true match to a suspect name will include: the results of periodic systematic accountholder screenings, real-time review of online transactions and the review of specific issues escalated from business units.
* Perform at a 100% quality rate while balancing high-throughput requirements.
* Adhere to SLAs; escalating any quality or timeliness issues with Manager for follow-up
* Quantified the impact of risk mitigation efforts, particularly with high-risk areas and Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), by providing clear success metrics.
* Identified trends in money laundering and terrorist financing activities, offering valuable insights for informed decision-making using data science and statistical analysis methods.
* Preparing Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) for potentially illicit transactions by AML regulations
* Conducted customer due diligence and enhanced due diligence reviews to identify suspicious activities warranting SAR filing
* Collaborated with internal teams and law enforcement agencies to investigate and report suspicious transactions
* Maintained accurate documentation of SAR filings and assisted in responding to regulatory inquiries
* Enhanced AML KYC processes by incorporating SAR protocols for timely and effective reporting.
* Integrated quantitative and qualitative skills to interpret analytical methods for model metrics effectively, demonstrating a holistic approach.
* Conducted thorough due diligence on various clients to create detailed KYC AML profiles based on research and supporting documentation.
* Analyzed transaction data and customer information to identify and report suspicious activities related to financial crimes, utilizing databases for investigations.
* Ensured AML compliance by following KYC laws, applying ACAMS-Level AML Practices, and conducting detailed analysis of financial statements for signs of illegal activities, including vulnerable business activities (VBA).
* Conducted extensive customer research to assess business activities, ownership structures, and controlling interests for compliance and risk assessment.
* Conducted follow-up reviews on previously flagged suspicious activities, ensuring comprehensive and diligent scrutiny.

# KEY SKILLS | AREAS OF EXPERTISE

* Skilled in Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD), Customer Due Diligence (CDD), Ownership Drilldown, Risk Assessment, and Reporting, ensuring compliance with regulatory frameworks.
* Proficiently handles global KYC-AML processes and transaction monitoring.
* Conducts OFAC sanctions and Politically Exposed Person (PEP) screenings effectively through internal tools such as Customer Assist along with external resources like World-Check, LexisNexis, RDC, and Open Media Source.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

# R, Python, SQL Management Studio, ServiceNow

# ACHIEVEMENTS

# Enhanced operational efficiency and upheld regulatory compliance standards at JP Morgan Chase by optimizing KYC-AML procedures.

# Identified and reported emerging trends in suspicious activities at JPMC to proactively manage risks and ensure adherence to regulatory requirements.

# Ensured rigorous AML compliance by conducting meticulous risk assessments for accounts, high-risk regions, and politically exposed persons at JPMC.

# EDUCATION

Bachelors of Engineering& Technology in Electronics and communication.

University: Acharya Nagarjuna ( DMS SVH College of Engineering)

Location: Machilipatnam, India

Duration: 07/2009 – 05/2013

Percentage: 71%

**CERTIFICATIONS**

* Certification on Appreciation from Direct Manager in JPMorgan Chase.
* PROZM SAM Pro certification issued by PARAS Universe.