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Mr. John Horswell is the Chief Forensic Consultant and a Director of Approved Forensics, Sendirian Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Fire Engineers (UK), a Past President of IFE Australia (1997-2003) and a former Director of The Institution of Fire Engineers (International (2003-2006)).

Prior to joining Approved Forensics in August 2003 John completed a 30 year policing and law enforcement career with combined service in the Northern Territory of Australia and Australian Federal Police. With the Northern Territory Police John performed the role of Field Scientist for fourteen years, during which time he was involved in many of the Territory's Major Crime including investigating many fire and explosion origin and cause determinations. During his early service with the Australian Federal Police he carried out a number of fire origin and cause determinations throughout Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory, in a training role, and subsequently performed various senior management roles within Forensic Services, also for a fourteen year period.

John holds various academic and professional qualifications in a number of disciplines within Forensic Science, including training in the Management of Serious Crime with the Australian Federal Police, a Churchill Fellowship studying Arson/Fire Investigation throughout the United States of America, Rendering Safe Improvised Explosive Devices with the Australian Army, Bomb Scene Examination under the auspices of Australia's SACCSCPAV and the Commercial use of Explosives at the New South Wales Department of Technical and Further Education and the Canberra Institute of Technology.

John has extensive international background in government and private Forensic Science which includes academic and professional education and training, as well as, experience as a practitioner, senior manager, executive leader, and consultant and has now been involved in the criminal and civil law in the practice of forensic science for the past forty (40) years.

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