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My name is Pedro José Henriques Pires.

I was born in a small village named PERDIGÃO, on 4th February of 1968.

I have lived in this village for four years, and then I went to Rio de Mouro, in SINTRA.

Then, when I was six years old, I went to elementary school in this village (Rio Mouro elementary school), I wasn't a great student, especially in Mathematics.

When I completed primary school, I went to preparatory school in Algueirão, for two years, and then I was transferred to secondary school in Cacém.

After my parents' divorce of, I went to Bairro da Bogalheira in Camarate, there I attended the secondary school in Sacavém, but the school wasn't finished, so I started the year in January. In this year I failed in the 8th and 9th year, I completed the 9th year in 1986.

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In 1986 I got a job in a supermarket; I worked there for a period of three years until I went to the army in 1989.

In the army I spent 4 months in Póvoa de Varzim in basic training, in a very cold winter (January to April).

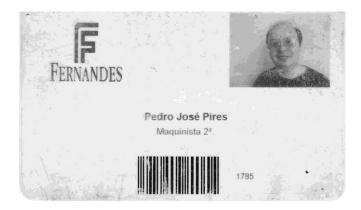
In May I went to Aveiro, where I stayed until January of 1990, in facilities management.

I left the army and went to live in Mercês, Algueirão, I got a job a security of a factory named Novembal, in Paço de Arcos, where I stayed for 3 months.

I got a new job at Hospital Ordem Terceira in Lisbon, for three months, left it for a better job (more money and closer to my home) in Papelaria Fernandes, on 16th January 1991.



I started working as an assistant in the industrial section (a species of jack of all trades), for two years, then I became machine operator apprentice, but by then I suffered a work accident in my middle finger, and I was in insurance for the next 40 days.



In 1996 I started working with a machine (operator) and began working in shifts (night 00:00 to 08:00, morning 08:00 to 16:00 and afternoon 16:00 to 00:00) five days a week and on Saturday when we have too much work. In 2005 they abolished night shift, and two years later they abolished the afternoon shift.

In 1999 I moved to Casal da Barota (this time they used the commercial name Massamá Norte, this gave me a near ticket of the Police, because the adress in the BI and the new driving licence do not complety match one another, but the officer was very cool.

In 2001 I had a much serious work accident in March, one week after I bought a car, I couldn't drive for three months and I had work insurance for 4 months.

In 2001 my employer sent me on a study trip to Germany with 5 other partners to the factory Winkler and Neumier; it lasted 2 weeks, in a small town with the name Neuwieed, one hour by train from the city of Colónia. In theory the trip was to buy a new machine but in practice it was pointless.

In 2008 my employer cut the money to buy new raw materials to produce new envelopes and after that the only work we had, it was with the materials in the warehouse, but they did not stop paying the salary.

At the end of 2008 board of directors was fired, and I had a temporary relief of 4 months, while the new board studied the case. They decided to close the factory and cut the salary in April. I was forced to wait for two months to suspend the work contract and to have access to Social Security. One month later they sought in court for insolvency of the company (not bankruptcy) and I became unemployed.

In December, in courthouse, after two proposals to invest in Papelaria Fernandes,I understood that they don't care about industrial production nor for the company retail, their priority is for the trademarks, copyright, patents and for the outcome of the case against Inapa.