VACANCY – INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST

This is an exciting opportunity for an innovative and proactive individual to take on a role within a successful chemical manufacturing Company, with over 60 years of chemical manufacturing heritage and an established reputation for excellence. Briar Chemicals is focused on providing the best contract manufacturing and site services to customers in the agrochemical, fine and specialty chemical industries. Based in Norwich, Norfolk, Briar Chemicals is a leading large scale chemical company delivering customers' needs utilising its broad asset and technology base underpinned by its quality driven project management.

We currently have a full-time vacancy for an industrial chemist to join the Operations team in the role of Technical Specialist.

Reporting to the Production Unit Leader, the main responsibilities of the role are:

- To provide technical chemistry and industrial processing expertise with a problem solving and troubleshooting service to the Operations organisation.
- To propose and validate process improvements and to provide expert technical input into the design and development of new and existing plant, processes or products.
- To audit plant performance standards of Safety, Environment, Quality, Reliability, Capacity and Cost.
- Working within a Plant Performance team, support and give technical guidance to the plant technical manager and engineering support team.
- Daily contact with Operations personnel, communicating and influencing to provide the technical support for the operation and optimisation of processes.
- To undertake all necessary laboratory & investigative studies & evaluations to support existing and future new manufacturing

Qualifications / Experience

Prospective candidates must hold:

- A chemistry degree, or higher.
- Experience in the technology, operation, and systems of industrial chemical manufacture.
- Experience of chemical plant control systems is preferred.
- Experience of new process industrialisation would be beneficial.
- Experience of Lean/Six Sigma would be beneficial.
- This role will be most suited to someone with a few years' industrial experience, ready to take on a challenging & varied technical role.

Briar Chemicals Ltd is an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

Additional Information

The successful candidate will possess:

- A positive attitude, be self-motivated with the ability to work effectively without constant supervision
- Good organisational, communication and interpersonal skills, and be driven to deliver high quality solutions to meet objectives
- Good team working skills
- Good laboratory and experimental design skills
- The confidence and ability to take on challenges and learn new skills
- A flexible approach to working hours

What we can offer you

In addition to a competitive salary, we offer the following benefits:

- 25 days' annual leave plus Bank Holidays.
- Group Personal Pension scheme - we will match your contributions, plus 2% extra, up to a maximum of 10% employer contribution.
- Contributory Private Healthcare scheme.
- Life Assurance
- Flexitime
- Cycle to Work scheme.

This is a full time role - Monday to Friday, 39 hours per week.

Closing date for applications: 30th October 2022

Previous applicants need not apply

If you are interested in this exciting role within a highly regarded, privately owned and successful chemical manufacturing Company please apply in writing to Human Resources, Briar Chemicals Ltd, Sweet Briar Road, Norwich NR6 5AP or email hr.office@briarchemicals.com submitting your CV and application letter stating why you believe you are a suitable candidate.

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