



Supplier Development Engineer

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a **Supplier Development Engineer** to join the Strategic Procurement team at KPM UK Ltd, reporting to the Senior Manager – Procurement.

Job Purpose:

Responsibilities

- Working collaboratively, support the execution of category and product sourcing strategy for all KPM(UK) production parts
- Perform Supplier process audits, including assessments of potential new suppliers.
- Provide technical leadership in new supplier selection and technical developments to suppliers during start-up activities.
- Evaluate supplier's capabilities to meet requirements for KPM(UK)'s Supplier Quality Excellence Program.
- Participating in Supplier Performance Management Reviews (SPM).
- Develop a deep understanding of the global supply base and become a trusted advisor to internal customers
- Collaborate with the product Buyer on supplier's relationship management
- Deployment and monitoring of continuous quality improvement processes for new and existing suppliers worldwide ensuring that suppliers reach required quality levels for audit approval and quality of purchased material
- Coordinate with engineering personnel on matters regarding Concurrent Product and Process Development (CPPD), New Product Introduction (NPI), Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) teams, prove design to production, engineering changes, deviations, supplier designs, specification approvals, and meeting cost reduction goals.
- Assist suppliers with Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) activities from design concept to the end of product life (cradle to grave) to ensure production readiness for New Product Introduction (NPI) using tools such as FMEA and PPAP to improve supplier quality and cost effectiveness.

Qualifications, Skills & Experience

Candidates will have gained the following skills and experience through previous roles:

- **Experience**: application of best practice manufacturing including experience of working with suppliers ideally with castings, forgings and heat treatment
- **Quality astute**: A natural problem solver with experience of applying 8D process or other structured problem-solving techniques in a manufacturing environment with a strong understanding of leveraging operating efficiencies and opportunities to gain added value from suppliers;
- **Strong process orientation**: Knowledge of quality manufacturing systems including a sound knowledge and experience of APQP, including the PPAP process. Strong knowledge of and experience in deploying Lean and Built in Quality processes. Six Sigma certified or having knowledge of Six Sigma tools and techniques.
- **Qualifications**: Degree in Engineering or Equivalent experience and a Minimum of 5 years of job-related experience with an ability to read engineering drawings

Please apply in writing enclosing an up to date CV to the Human Resources Department by 13:30 on Friday 14 February 2020.