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SMART Photonics B.V. established in 2012, is an innovative scale-up in photonics at the High Tech Campus in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. We are trusted by the world's leading tech companies, large and small. We are the world's first pure-play foundry for Indium Phosphide photonics semiconductors, collaborating with our customers to turn their designs into the chips we manufacture at our facilities. Indium phosphide chips are proving to be the best choice in many innovative applications ranging from next generation low-power consumption datacentres to “intelligent pills” for medical diagnostics and high-accuracy drug dispense. Integrated photonics also plays an increasingly important role in the aircraft industry, air quality monitoring and ultra-secure cryptography.

SMART Photonics is a rapidly growing, ambitious high-tech company. Join us with the photonics revolution and apply now! We are looking for a:

Strategic Purchaser

Location: High Tech Campus, Eindhoven The Netherlands
Fulltime: 40 hours a week
Direct Report: COO

Job description

With the current ramp-up of the production at SMART Photonics the relevance of purchasing and thus procurement as a discipline is becoming of major strategic importance. As a strategic purchaser in the field of high tech you know what the added value can be of a strategic approach to our supply chain. It's up to you and your future team to manage all items to be ordered across our organisation. This will include major suppliers regarding our core processes, such as the purchase of tooling and equipment, the supply of our regular consumables, as well as the services required from external suppliers on a regular basis to operate our cleanroom production.

Initially, you will be strongly involved in our ongoing program to expand our manufacturing capacity via the acquisition of a broad set of equipment. In parallel you will focus on the related core processes and its purchasable goods. In this scope you will manage the procurement of new suppliers and partners. Furthermore, you will be revisiting and strengthening the relationships with existing suppliers. Ultimately, it's up to you keep a close cooperation with your internal customer Operations & Logistics Support to make sure that everything needed to keep production up and running is available at all times -- efficiently, effectively and at ever decreasing cost.

And finally, it's up to you to build the nucleus of the procurement team in a High Tech Start Up transforming from Lab to Fab in the centre of the High Tech Campus in Eindhoven. While you are starting as an individual contributor, you shall be prepared to take responsibility for a small team of up to 2-3 team members in a year's time from now.

Job responsibilities and qualifications

- Playing a key role during negotiations with our suppliers to achieve the best possible result for us
- Development of purchasing strategies for the responsible product groups and coordination with Operations Logistics support

- Acting supportively towards purchasing of investment goods, supplies and external services by providing a framework and structure w.r.t. means and methods to the organization
- Lead the development of strategic suppliers in coordination with the overall company strategy
- Implement an E-Purchasing toolkit and related internal processes
- Initiate and implement cost and process efficiency activities

We are looking for a person who has/is

- Master's degree in either business economics or Engineering or related
- 5-10 years of relevant professional experience within the field of special machine building, industrialized flow manufacturing or semiconductor industry
- Someone who likes to work autonomously, ready to enter a green field
- Excellent negotiation skills and extensive experience in working with supply chain management
- A true relationship builder both internally and externally
- Solid problem-solving skills, you are proactive, organized and flexible
- Ideally, you have gained E-Procurement knowledge and experience with supplier b2b process establishment
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

We offer

The opportunity to become part of a new revolution in chip technology in the field of Photonics, like micro electronics was in the '70s. At SMART Photonics you will work with talented and passionate people in an informal, sincere and open culture.

Being part of a scale-up means you will have a broad and entrepreneurial role in a dynamic & exciting environment with the opportunity to grow rapidly alongside our company's growth while you truly see the results of your efforts and added value. We keep our processes simple and functional to stay agile, also in our growth from lab to fab in the coming years.

Are you ready to join us and develop SMART Photonics into a market leader?

Interested?

Do you have a strong background in strategic purchasing within a high tech environment and are you ready to enter a green field and start building together? Then feel free to apply. Still in consideration? Feel free to reach out to our Recruiter Sjoerd Jacobs (sjoerd.jacobs@smartphotonics.nl). He's always open for brief chat.

See also our website www.smartphotonics.nl for more information about the company;

Your Design

Our Service

Your Future