

Technical Manager

 Full Time, Permanent

 Alberta, Slave Lake

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Arbutus Search Group is in search of a **Technical Manager (Technical Director)** to join our successful Canadian engineered wood manufacturer at one of their most innovative and profitable sites. This role is based in Northern Alberta and requires someone to work onsite with the production and quality teams.

The Technical Manager is responsible for assisting in the development of new products and process improvements relating to LSL/OSB. This position oversees keeping the mill technology and product cost model current while maintaining customer satisfaction, interacting with Sales and Production, and effectively organizing and implementing mill trials.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- » Implementing the quality management system;
- » Providing training to lab technicians including: Standard Operating Procedures, basic statistical process control, and validation of procedures;
- » Spearheading the development of new products, process optimization, and preparation of all reports;
- » Recognizing and eliminating all safety hazards and training employees in safe working practices to ensure compliance with regulations;
- » Being responsible for product recipes including: recipe management, recipe modifications for new products and/or markets, and research and development to ensure product quality and cost effectiveness;
- » Controlling inventory of resin, wax, edge seal, lab supplies, and grade stamp;
- » Controlling and monitoring data to internal mill specifications, APA or Grading Agency requirements, and customer needs or desires;
- » Supervising the Quality Control operating budget;
- » Verifying process variables are controlled within limits (press recipes, resin setting/usage, line moisture contents, densities, MSR, rejects);
- » Exploring and supporting innovation that furthers the organization's strategic plan;

- » Scheduling, planning, and collecting mill trial or experimental data;
- » Coordinating mill trials for specialty product development, new product recipes, process changes, and product enhancements with the support of the Process & Technical Coordinators;
- » Providing support in operational and maintenance tasks as required;
- » Monitoring equipment condition to eliminate downtime/downgrades; and
- » Troubleshooting and correcting daily production problems as they arise.

REQUIREMENTS:

- » Related Post-Secondary education such as a Technical Diploma or Wood Science Degree is an asset;
- » Knowledge of code requirements, third party testing agencies, and experience in statistical process control is an asset;
- » Commitment to safety, quality, processes, and continuous improvement;
- » Demonstrated knowledge of OSB/EWP manufacturing processes;
- » Strong statistical knowledge and computer literacy;
- » Experience developing and maintaining an effective quality management system;
- » Ability to develop and lead a results focused technical team;
- » Aptitude for translating strategic directions and goals into department tasks, including performance measures;
- » Talent for anticipating how business needs will impact resource requirements and planning accordingly; and
- » Commitment to understanding the career objectives of each employee, providing valuable coaching, support; and input.

What you'll get in return:

- » Competitive pay and exceptional benefits including: pension, Flex Health Benefits, and extended Medical Plan;
- » The opportunity to work with the best and brightest in the industry;
- » A positive, dynamic, and inclusive work environment with an innovative culture and diverse opportunities; and
- » A commitment to investing in our people through training and development.