

Laboratory Technician - Bio Materials

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Title: R&D Laboratory Technician – Bio Materials

Reports to: Group Leader

Exempt Status: Non-Exempt

Summary:

Position is in the area of fillers/extenders, wax and erosion control products. Will work under group leader's supervision, independently, as a part of the team on developing applications of bio based/lignocellulosic polymeric materials in wood composites, adhesives and erosion control products. Major efforts include development of, oversee the manufacturing of, set up quality control parameters for, and provide customer technical support on wax emulsion, strategic filler and extender product lines for our current and future markets. The individual will have the opportunity to work in an excellent job environment with a clear pathway of success and future progression. Depending on qualifications, related experience and performances, job responsibilities may vary and/or increase as needed at the direction of immediate supervisor. Basic knowledge of fundamental scientific principles, including general and organic chemistry is required. It is essential that the candidate is methodical, detail oriented and with very high work ethics.

Primary Duties:

- Conduct laboratory formulating, utilizing designed experiments when necessary to generate new products.
- Analyze complex data and other facts, and draw valid conclusions
- Excellent documentation of all discoveries and developments.
- Stay current on state-of-the-art technologies and competitive activities to determine the effect such advancements will have on the Company's products.
- Compile and communicate results and conclusions in the form of project reports and presentations.
- Strictly follow all safety rules and regulations as set forth by the Company.
- Be an excellent team player and self-motivated researcher.

Non-Essential Duties:

- Abide by all laboratory rules and regulations
- Learn, use, and actively support the Company's Quality Management System (QMS)
- Maintain a clean and safe work environment
- Perform miscellaneous duties as requested by supervisor

Experience:

- Bachelor's degree (B.S.) from a four-year college or university in a related science degree (chemistry/materials science/wood science chemical engineering/related fields).
- Or minimum of 5 years related lab experience and/or training.

- Knowledge of basic chemistry, polymers and polymer properties and basic knowledge of composites, adhesives and lignocellulosic chemistry.
- Fundamental statistical concepts.
- Hands on experience with wood-working tools are a plus.
- Or equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the job.

Employment is dependent upon successfully passing a pre-employment drug screen and background check.

Job Type: Full-time

Benefits:

- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Retirement plan
- Paid time off

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