Job Title:	Formulation Chemist		
Department/ Group:	OMEX Agrifluids Ltd.		
Location:	Kings Lynn, UK		
Level/ Salary Range:	Enquire within	Position Type:	Permanent
HR Contact:	Lucy Todd	Date posted:	July 2024
Applications Accepted By:			

E-mail: lucyt@omex.com	Closing date: Interviews will be scheduled once candidates have been reviewed, which means you may be contacted for interview before the closing date.

Job Profile

The Company

OMEX is the market leader in liquid fertilisers in the UK and manufactures and exports a unique range of plant nutrients and crop health promoters to over 60 countries worldwide. OMEX Agrifluids is accredited to ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 and is now preparing for ISO 9001 in 2024

The role:

This role would most ideally suit an experienced formulator of inorganic fertilisers (dry, solution and suspension grades). Also welcome are applications from experienced formulators in other sectors (paints, coatings, cosmetics, personal care, homecare etc.).

The successful candidate will be joining a small team of established R&D chemists. The most senior member of the team will be retiring at year end 2024, and as part of our succession planning strategy, this role should be filled mid-2024 to facilitate a thorough handover of knowledge and responsibilities.

Key Duties:

- Formulation of new fertilisers in response to briefs received from internal and external stakeholders (NPD-New Product Development)
- Optimisation of existing formulas (EPD-Existing Product Development)
- Research of organic ingredients with a view to adjusting the portfolio to reflect changing priorities in the market. This will include but not be limited to the following product categories: organic fertilisers, bio stimulants, and bio pesticides
- Sourcing and evaluation of new and innovative raw materials (e.g. wetters, dispersants, antifoams, suspension agents and other adjuvants)
- Assessment and approval of existing raw materials from alternative suppliers
- Stability and accelerated ageing testing to ensure shelf-life and transport stability commitments are met
- MSDS authorship- training provided if required.
- Exporting relevant information from MSDSs to CLP (Classification of Labelling and Packaging) guidance documents. This generates the legal artwork for the export labelling of our products.
- Artwork approvals (CLP and nutrient analysis details).
- Responsibility for correct use, calibration and maintenance of R&D instruments
- Assist production team in technical matters (e.g., batch recovery)
- Cover for QC bench in times of leave or sickness

- Development of test methods and procedures if applicable for new products
- Host visits from suppliers and attend trade fairs and exhibitions.

Candidate Profile

- Proven track record of developing products for market from concept through to launch.
- Gained experience in an ISO accredited environment (or equivalent management system/s such as GLP/GMP).
- Familiarity with the EU Fertilising Product Regulations 2019 (FPR) – Desirable.
- Experience of working in the agricultural sector would be ideal, but candidates from associated sectors may also have the required transferrable skill sets.
- Must be conversant in all Microsoft Office software (currently using MS Office 365 & MS Navision Dynamics).
- Proven track record with experience of using LIMS or similar databases.
- Experience of MSDS authorship- Desirable.
- Methodical, planning, co-ordination & organisational attributes essential.
- Candidates must be able to work in a team environment but also be able work upon their own initiative.
- The right candidate will be joining a lively and busy team and will need to liaise regularly with other team members.
- Full UK Driving licence as there may be some inter-site travel.

The standard working hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Additional extra hours may be required to fulfil the operational needs of the business.

Benefits:

Excellent remuneration package, including a Contributory Pension Scheme, contributory health care scheme and a lunch provision scheme.