

JOB POSTING

Forest Operations Planning Manager – South Operations

Department : LIC Planning
Location : George
Reporting to : LIC Manager

POSITION OBJECTIVE:

We are seeking a highly skilled and experienced Commercial Forestry Operations Planner to join our dynamic team. The ideal candidate will be responsible for coordinating and planning all aspects of commercial forestry operations to ensure efficient and effective utilization of resources while maximizing productivity and profitability. This role requires strong analytical, organizational, and communication skills, as well as a deep understanding of forestry operations and sustainable management practices.

Join us in our mission to drive sustainable forestry practices and contribute to the success of our commercial operations. If you possess the skills, experience, and passion for forestry planning, we invite you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

KEY ATTRIBUTES REQUIRED:

- *Degree or Diploma in Forestry, Natural Resource Management, or a related field.*
- *Minimum of 3 years of experience in forestry operations planning or a similar role within the forestry or natural resources sector.*
- *Strong knowledge of forestry practices, techniques, and regulations, with a focus on commercial timber production and sustainable forest management.*
- *Proficiency in geographic information systems (GIS), forest inventory software, and other relevant planning tools.*
- *Excellent analytical skills, with the ability to interpret data, identify trends, and make data-driven decisions.*
- *Exceptional organizational, project management, and problem-solving abilities.*
- *Effective communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders and build strong relationships.*
- *Proven leadership skills, with the ability to motivate and inspire teams to achieve goals and objectives.*
- *Commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and ethical business practices.*

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop comprehensive plans for commercial forestry operations, including silviculture, harvesting, road maintenance and transportation activities, in alignment with company goals and objectives.
- Conduct detailed analysis of forestry sites, including soil conditions, topography, and environmental factors, to inform decision-making and optimize resource utilization.
- Collaborate with forestry managers, contractors, and stakeholders to establish project timelines, budgets, and performance targets.
- Coordinate the procurement and allocation of equipment, machinery, and manpower required for forestry operations, ensuring adherence to safety regulations and industry standards.
- Monitor and evaluate operational performance, identify areas for improvement, and implement strategies to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize environmental impact.
- Develop and maintain relationships with suppliers, contractors, and regulatory agencies to facilitate smooth project execution and regulatory compliance.
- Prepare and present regular reports and updates on project progress, budget variance, resource utilization, and other key performance indicators to management and stakeholders.
- Stay abreast of industry trends, technological advancements, and regulatory changes affecting commercial forestry operations, and integrate relevant innovations and best practices into planning processes.
- Provide leadership, guidance, and support to forestry teams, fostering a culture of safety, collaboration, and continuous improvement.
- Uphold company policies and procedures, including environmental sustainability practices, and ensure compliance with all relevant laws and regulations.

This appointment will be made strictly in accordance with the Company's Employment Equity Plan.

Please apply directly to Freya Swanepoel freya@mto.co.za with an updated CV as well as copies of qualifications. Any enquiries regarding this position can also be directed to Freya Swanepoel.

Applications should be received by close of business on 8 August 2024.

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