



SUPPLIER QUALITY ENGINEER

We currently have a vacancy for a Supplier Quality Engineer. This role is responsible for evaluating, monitoring and supporting continuous improvement of supplied part quality into KPM (UK). The primary aim of this position is to provide quality, technical and project support and focusing existing and new suppliers onto KPMUK requirements that result in the achievement of Quality, Delivery, Cost and Development targets in line with the KPM (UK) business needs.

Key Responsibilities:

- To ensure that suppliers to KPMUK comply with the requirements of recognised standards, the KPMUK SQA Manual and QCD performance expectations.
- To evaluate and support the selection of new suppliers and to use APQP & PPAP to introduce new/localized parts.
- To approve supplied processes/parts using PPAP criteria, Process Capability, ISIR and capacity verification
- To drive continual improvement in supplier performance at targeted suppliers to achieve overall supplier ppm reduction, prevention of repeat issues and permanent countermeasures for severe issues
- To lead supplier development activities and conduct site assessments and audits
- Support day to day business by leading structured problem solving efforts at suppliers' sites and drive continual improvements in their manufacturing processes
- To provide support to Purchasing and NPI teams for new supplier approval and for new product introduction.

To be successful in this role you will need to

- Hold an HNC, Degree and/ or Mechanical Apprenticeship and be a professionally industrial qualified SQA Engineer / Quality Engineer (e.g. CQI certificate or diploma) and hold ISO9001/ISOTS16949/VDA 6.3 Lead Auditor status.
- Be able to read and interpret engineering drawings
- Have a Minimum 5 years' experience in engineering or manufacturing with a background of working with / initiating processes/procedures
- Have Experience of APQP/PPAP/8D problem solving/Process capability assessment
- Have Process experience of castings, forgings and machined parts and heat treated parts. Some experience with other materials, e.g. plastic, complex assemblies, bearings etc. would be beneficial
- Be a good communicator/negotiator with the ability to influence internally and externally, from Shop floor to Board level.
- To support suppliers by technical liaison and to influence supplier staff at all levels
- Be analytical and decisive and able to analyse manufacturing processes, and assess control measures
- Ideally have a minimum of 5 years purchasing experience with an extensive background of working with suppliers
- Have Experience of working in Europe and Asia and be willing to undertake regular travel to UK, European and Asian supplier base.