

TECHNICAL PURCHASER IN HEERLEN / NL

About Phenospex

Passionate to make agriculture more sustainable, Phenospex was founded in 2011. We believe that digitalization will be the major driver in this process. That's why we develop cutting edge sensor- and software solutions that capture crop data and translate it into actionable information. We are a leading and multidisciplinary team that works at the intersection of technology, plant biology and agriculture and we empower seed- and crop protection companies and indoor farms around the world in transforming their phenotyping processes into digital, agile and efficient development pipelines.

Be part of Phenospex and amplify the impact of millions of people and accelerate the transition towards sustainable agriculture.

Your focus

- Organize and supervise the technical purchasing and stock function by managing daily purchasing activities and organizing the warehouse
- Act as the interface between vendors and Project Management / Production
- Manage vendor contracts by administering, negotiating, reviewing, renewing, filing and evaluating for product availability, quality, price and delivery term
- Manage and maintain the stock levels to keep production running and optimize cash flow based on the forecasts provided by the Chief Operations Officer and the timelines provided by Project

In more detail, you will

- Review, optimize and implement purchasing and vendor contract management instructions, policies and procedures
- Request and compare vendors' quotations as per approved procedure and ensure best quality, price and delivery terms are achieved
- Establish and maintain vendor relationships and evaluate vendors to ensure performance is aligned with established (technical) specifications
- Identify and analyze critical components (single source, low availability, end of lifetime) and suggest/implement counter measures to avoid shortages
- Regularly (re-)negotiate and administer all vendor contracts and favorable terms and discounts
- Execute the purchase order transaction of all technical supplies/goods, equipment and materials
- Organize material flow and stock logistics by introducing a state-of-the-art stock management system to ensure appropriate stock levels / value and avoid any shortages in the production process
- Perform incoming goods inspections and process in the ERP system
- Complete physical inventory in regular intervals
- Identify opportunities for cost savings and continually optimize purchasing and stock management methods/processes
- Interface with the R&D department for alternative product selection if components become obsolete
- Cooperate closely with all members of the operations department to understand technical requirements, priorities and other constraints to be considered in the purchasing process
- Actively participate in weekly operations meetings, provide relevant communication and feedback and take ownership of details relating to the technical purchasing/stock management function

What you will bring to the job

- Technical and/or commercial education (majoring in mechanical engineering or a comparable technical field)
- 3+ years track record in a technical purchasing function or other relevant discipline
- Previous experience with implementation and maintenance of stock management systems and contract/price negotiations
- Strong verbal and written English as well as Dutch and/or German communication skills
- Experience with an ERP Software and the MS Office Package
- Highly effective mindset
- Excellent negotiation, communication and problem-solving skills
- Highly organized, analytical approach and independent, hands-on and solution-oriented way of working
- Willingness to upgrade knowledge constantly to keep abreast of new developments and travel up to approx. 25% of the time

Even better if you have

- Good technical understanding of electrical components and production routines in a small to medium-sized company with small scale production, ideally in the Mechanical/Electrical Engineering domain
- Experience with reading technical drawings (surfaces, tolerances, shape and position tolerances)
- Experience with vendor contract negotiations

Important: At Phenospex we hire great people, not just resumés. If you can't check off a few requirements but are a fast learner, we'd love to hear from you!

Here's why you should come work with us

Next to being inspired daily by talented and motivated colleagues and having plenty of opportunities for personal and professional growth, these are the main perks at Phenospex:

- a diverse and international team made up of 30 passionate people working in an informal and fun environment in a brand-new office setting
- an exciting technology and mission with the opportunity to contribute and make a difference
- team events, flexible hours and a hybrid working policy
- 30 paid holidays per year and 8% holiday allowance
- table soccer, BBQ and more fun stuff
- free drinks and fruit
- participation and lots of room for personal growth

Interested? Then please check out our company website www.phenospex.com/careers/ and apply to our HR Manager Alexandra Müller via e-mail or phone: a.mueller@phenospex.com / +31 6 1536 1589