

Circular Economy, Plastics and Solid Waste Specialist – Technical and Project Management Specialist

Job Description, October 2019

1. Position summary

BVRio is a non-profit organisation with the objective of developing market mechanisms to facilitate compliance with environmental laws. Within the solid waste sector, BVRio is working to tackle the challenge of insufficient solid waste collection and recycling. Since 2013, BVRio has been involved in operating a solid waste recycling and crediting scheme in Brazil (<http://www.bvr.io/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/BVRio-EN.pdf>) to facilitate corporate compliance with the Brazilian Solid Waste Legislation.

Since June 2019, with the launch of the 3R Initiative (www.3rinitiative.org), BVRio is expanding its work in this sector internationally. Working in collaboration with corporate and non-profit partners, we will develop an international market mechanism to incentivise the collection, separation and recycling of plastics (and in the future a wider range solid waste materials).

We're now seeking an ambitious and driven individual to take the lead on this programme of activities, with a special focus on project management and technical knowledge about recovery and recycling of plastic waste policies and technologies.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a growing organisation working at the interface between policy, trading and finance to help address the global plastic waste problem in an innovative and socially responsible manner.

The job is based in Oxford, UK, and involves some international travel.

2. Responsibilities

- Lead the day-to-day management of BVRio's technical activities in the solid waste sector;
- Represent BVRio within the 3RI Secretariat and perform relevant project management activities (budgeting, reporting etc.);
- Work with BVRio's partners to build and promote the 3RI with input from other industry players and civil society/NGOs;
- Working with partners, lead BVRio's participation in the development and piloting of the plastic removal/recycling standard and crediting mechanism;

- Proactively engage with companies, governments and NGOs for the development of new 3RI pilot projects;
- Visit 3RI pilot projects, make technical assessments and produce reports to feed into the development of the plastic removal/recycling standard and crediting mechanism;
- Design, structure, develop and write proposals for companies and donors for financing BVRio's work on the sector;
- Represent BVRio and present at events, meetings and conferences.

3. Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- An above average qualification (Masters or equivalent) in a relevant discipline;
- At least five years' experience in the waste sector, resource management and/or the circular economy;
- Demonstrable evidence of a thorough understanding and experience of the plastics packaging supply chain;
- Proven experience developing and maintaining effective partnerships with various stakeholders including large companies, small and medium enterprises, consumer goods and circular economy initiatives, sector advisors, donors and NGOs;
- Excellent verbal & written communication skills, including presentation skills and technical report writing;
- Ability to operate in a multi-cultural environment;
- Ability and willingness to travel and work on short assignments in the UK and internationally.

Highly desirable:

- Existing network of connections within the consumer goods sector;
- Working knowledge of another language (especially Portuguese, French, Spanish, Chinese or Bahasa Indonesia).

4. Salary

Salary will be commensurate with experience, likely in the range of £32,000 - £50,000

5. To apply

Please send your CV and a cover letter (1 - 3 pages in total) explaining your suitability for the position to cv@bvrrio.org. Please include your salary expectations and confirmation that you are eligible to work in the UK.

Application Deadline: 15th November 2019

Please note that early applications are advised, as we are seeking to appoint ASAP. Interviews will be conducted on an ongoing basis and so we may close the vacancy sooner if a suitable candidate is found.

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