

LEAD ENGINEER / TECHNICAL EXPERT (M/F)



Want to contribute to sustainable development and make a difference for the future? Want a challenge where you can express your problem-solving skills? Interested in gaining international experience and advance your career?

Welcome to Interholco!

Since close to sixty years, Interholco has been recognized as a world leader in the sustainable management of forests.

With both its FSC certification and its values of technological excellence and human development; the Interholco group (IHC) produces and distributes, through its subsidiary IFO, logs, lumber and other finished wood products from Africa's forests.

IFO (Industrie Forestière de Ouesso) responsibly manages a forest concession of around 1.1 million hectares in Congo Brazzaville and keeps on growing thanks to the commitment, expertise, and diversity of its 1'000 team members.



YOUR LOCATION AND MOBILITY

You combine the flexibility of working from home with visits to [IHC headquarters](#) (in Switzerland) and to IFO industrial site (in Congo Brazzaville).

In addition to the above, you will be visiting suppliers, dealers, and manufacturers in Europe and USA. In essence, your travels will account for 30% of the time.

YOUR IMPACT

- Serve as Lead Engineer and Technical Expert for the IHC group.
 - Supervise all technical aspects of industrial investment projects (Mechanical and electric).
 - Resolve issues related to technical aspects of the production and industry product flow.
 - Provide technical support and assistance for the project planning and its realization.
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YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and manage all engineering aspects of equipment, from design to launch.
- Work closely with operational and commercial managers and IHC/IFO management to develop concepts for plant upgrades.
- Be responsible for the technical and engineering aspects of installation and startup of new production machinery.
- Maintain a department schedule and track/maintain project costs.
- Estimate costs for future projects for budget and feasibility purposes including potential for return on investment.
- Work closely with vendors and outside contractors that supply equipment, parts and/or labor towards IHC industrial projects.
- Offer support to the maintenance and engineering departments on technical issues pertaining to machinery, infrastructure, energy/electricity, and cost saving concerns, environmental, and safety related issues.
- Support the Production and Quality Assurance Departments with data collection, interpretation, and responses to product production and quality related concerns.



YOUR STRENGTHS

- Leadership, teambuilding, teamworking.
 - Strategic thinking, analytical and planning skills, pragmatic.
 - Excellent communication skills and the ability to influence at all levels.
 - Sound skills in manufacturing process and general business understanding.
 - Proficiency in English. French language would be a plus.
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YOUR EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND

- Minimum 5-10 years relevant work experience in similar positions.
 - Knowledge of or experience in wood products industry.
 - Experience with complex technical and engineering projects.
 - Knowledge of project management principles. Proficient use of tools and software such as MS Project or other systems would be a plus.
 - Experience of MS Office and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) programs.
 - Bachelor's Degree in engineering, preferably in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Master's degree in engineering would be a plus.
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WHY JOIN US

- You experience a unique adventure enabling you to be a part of sustainable development and shape the future.
 - You accelerate your professional growth by joining a multicultural, multidisciplinary team of experts, engineers, and managers; all committed to building solutions.
 - You receive a full compensation package, including benefits.
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HOW TO JOIN US

We welcome your interest in the form of a CV and letter at HR@interholco.com.