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OPERATIONS AREA MANAGER

We are looking for an Operations Area Manager to cover our Central region, a role which covers operation and maintenance activities, as well as line management of our Operations Engineers. The Operations Area Manager will be responsible for safe and efficient operation and maintenance of our flexible power generation plant and associated equipment, optimising availability and uptime whilst complying to Health & Safety, prescribed quality and standards and commercial and budgetary parameters.

Conrad Energy typically installs reciprocating gas engine or battery storage plants between 2-10MW at 11kV grid level, with a number of larger plants 20 - 34 MW at 33kV grid level. With good engineering experience, ideally of gas engines, strong people management and communication skills, applicants will be self-starting, well organised and able to ask for help when required.

The role also holds responsibility for leading, managing, developing and retaining the area team of Operations Engineers and we expect the successful applicant to use their experience of hands-on maintenance to check the quality of work done by the area team, providing feedback to engineers and identifying training needs.

Reporting to the Head of Operations, the successful applicant will use their knowledge and experience to suggest improvements and be confident at using IT systems to organise and review the work conducted by the team. The Operations Area Manager will also be responsible for availability and other performance KPIs at Area level, as well as needing to budget for schedule and unscheduled maintenance.

Applicants will need to hold a driving license and have the ability to travel as our sites are across the UK.

About Conrad Energy Ltd

Conrad Energy is the power company of the future, supporting critical national infrastructure through delivering flexible generation when it's needed most in support of a low carbon power grid dominated by renewable energy. Our growing team also deliver optimal power solutions for corporate clients from a range of complementary technologies and apply strategies tailored to customer requirements.

Radically transforming the way the energy market works, Conrad Energy is the largest provider of flexible generation in the UK. We now have a combined installed capacity of 600MW across 45 sites with over 100 experts dedicated to supporting critical national infrastructure and the UK's energy transition to a low-carbon economy.

A full-service Independent Power Producer (IPP), Conrad Energy is focused on meeting the growing demand for balancing services in the UK electricity market through the development, construction and ownership of natural gas fired peaking engine plants and battery storage systems. The management team has vast experience in this field, and we have strong financial backing to grow a premier generation business.

We are based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire and our projects cover the UK.



Main Job Tasks and Responsibilities

- To carry out all your duties with health and safety as number one priority. Responsibilities for your own Health and Safety, for the Health and Safety of those directly responsible to you, your work colleagues and any others who may be affected by the operations under your responsibility or control.
- Ensure that plant and equipment is run efficiently and safely as scheduled by the trading team and in accordance with H&S systems / procedures, including technical OEM operating literature. To operate and maintain and identify the efficiency of the sites' flexible power generation equipment, carrying out necessary repairs as required, organising all planned and unscheduled maintenance via the EAM system as the key tool.
- Manage, lead and motivate a team of Operations Engineers to ensure their potential is realised to the mutual advantage of the Company, external stakeholders and employees. Support, train, coach and mentor the Operations Engineers as necessary. Ensure all staff are trained, competent and aware of their health and safety responsibilities.
- Optimisation of plant availability and uptime across the area, if necessary attending site providing additional support and experience to the Operations Engineers for more complex maintenance tasks and unplanned breakdowns to bring plant on line with minimal downtime.
- To carry out (as necessary) reporting on the status of the Area's flexible power generation equipment, ensuring plant records and spare parts are always managed and up to date, using the designated company IT systems to do this.
- Identification and resolution of problems, escalation to management in a timely fashion. This includes both safety observations / near misses / NCRs, and technical issues with the plants
- To assist in developing and implementing annual budgets and site maintenance plans for the operational site across the Area. P&L spend not to exceed site and cost code limit for period. Gain necessary approvals required for spend on area operation and maintenance budgets.
- Good communication and management of information from specific sites to internal and external stakeholders.
- Assist in the selection and management of external contractors and suppliers, including reviews on performance and quality of work. Management and supervision of external suppliers and contractors working on specific sites.
- To support the handover of newly constructed sites into operations, providing Operations Input at site level during commissioning and performance testing, and ensuring new sites are adequately equipped and resourced as the transition from Commissioning into Operations.
- Adherence to all Company Policies & Procedures and managing compliance of your team with those policies and procedures
- Apart from the duties summarised in your Role Profile, the company reserve the right to include other reasonable duties which are part of, and incidental to, this type of work.

Knowledge

Essential: A detailed understanding of MWM, Jenbacher, Siemens, MTU, Cummins or CATERPILLAR gas engine management and control systems, and operation and maintenance of such plants.

Desirable: Knowledge of three phase electrical systems. Understanding of other Engine Management systems.

Skills

Essential: Ability to manage a team of geographically dispersed people i.e., without always being physically present. Computer literate, basic working knowledge of CMMS and Microsoft Office. Good mechanical/electrical fault diagnosis. Resilient and self-motivated. Calm under pressure. Able to work as part of team and under own initiative.

Experience

Essential: Have detailed experience of Internal Combustion Engines, to include base-load power generation plant and equipment. Leadership experience, strong teamworking ethic and mindset.

Desirable: Experience of managing operations through CMMS systems.

Qualifications

Essential: Educated to at least ONC level or equivalent, or qualified by experience (for example, time-served) in Plant Engineering or relevant discipline. Current full driving licence

Desirable: IOSH Managing Safely

Location to be confirmed.

More information can be found at www.conradenergy.co.uk

Please send your covering letter and CV to info@conradenergy.co.uk
