

Category Buyer

at Numatic International Ltd, Chard

From cordless solutions to customisable janitorial systems and advanced floorcare equipment with on-hand training, Numatic delivers professional, practical and reliable equipment, designed, engineered and made right here in Chard in the South West of the UK.

Known for the Henry and Hetty vacuum cleaner and independently rated the UK's most reliable vacuum brand, Numatic understands the need and demand for sustainable cleaning solutions. Longevity, efficiency, serviceability and recyclability are the four values that construct the Numatic Sustainability Formula. Above all else, the most sustainable products are those that you are able to use day after day, without fail, for many years.

About the role:

The Buyer will be responsible for supporting high quality purchasing and category management requirements across a diverse supply base within area of specialism (New Product Introduction). Using significant technical knowledge and substantial influencing and negotiating skills the Buyer will have the key objective to deliver cost effective and flexible solutions in line with Category Buyers, through all stages of development to production release.

The Buyer will be accountable for effective communication to key internal stakeholders and suppliers, providing advice to managers to ensure purchasing requirements are in line with purchasing category strategies and the supply chains associated processes.

The Buyer will undertake sometimes complicated procedures that will support continuous improvement and contribute to the work of the department whilst supporting the celebration of local successes.

Main Duties:

- Work proactively with suppliers to drive critical path requirements with optimum supply availability, from early like sample process, ready for hand over to supply chain team, as critical milestones are approved.
- Act as a specialist single point of contact handling 'day to day' contact with suppliers, sourcing in line with design specification requirement.
- Engage with internal specialists and suppliers to ensure an optimised solution is developed to support continuous improvement through innovation, commercialisation and business need.
- Develop new opportunities with existing suppliers and identify potential new supplier relationships within both UK and international markets, seeking Category management approval to engage and commit to business.
- Ensure attention to detail, rectification of design error and cost control are considerations when engaged on development and improvement projects.
- Represent the team with other internal and external stakeholders to ensure the interests of area of specialism are properly represented and promoted.
- Use considerable discretion and independence; under general guidance provide a consistently high level of service within set timescales.
- Fully implement all changes to processes, methodology, environment, and practice within the department in a positive supportive manner.
- Align and drive sourcing in line with Project deadlines to deliver low total cost solutions.
- Align with agreed Category supplier management processes and approved supply base.
- Use substantial analytical ability and technical expertise to read and interpret drawings by specialists.
- Handle one off, complicated sometimes bespoke tasks or assignments to support team and business development.
- Support the Purchasing and Supply Chain Manager on any business improvement projects

About you:

- Degree level in technical subject or relevant knowledge through work experience.
- Desirable; superuser status in Purchasing functions of an ERP system.
- Desirable; Chartered Institute of Purchasing (CIPS) accreditation level 4.
- Proven track record in purchasing within a manufacturing or product development environment.
- Experience in development and deployment of a category management process.
- Commercial, customer relationship and development experience.
- Experience of category management principles in mechanical, electronics or machining markets. Knowledge in Product Lifecycle Management system requirements from sample to approval.



Salary: circa £35,000 - £40,000 per annum. Depending on Experience

How to apply: Please send your CV and covering letter to jobs@numatic.co.uk Closing date: 30th November 2021