



Buyer

Location: Belgium, Leuven

Contract: Full time

Department: Manufacturing

Looking for an exciting and permanent job in a fast-growing high-tech company, offering a variety of assignments and interactions?

Job Context

For over 20 years, Ekinops has been driving innovation in network systems. We provide solutions focused on the needs of communication service providers and enterprises worldwide.

We provide **open, trusted** and **innovative network connectivity** and enable our **customers' success** by delivering **high value-added** software-driven solutions. Today, over 120 international service providers, including numerous Tier 1 carriers around the world, trust our people and technologies.

Over 50% of our 500+ strong team works in our multi-national Agile R&D centers. Our company has a strong international background, with sales offices strategically located around the world.

Ekinops is recognized for its ESG commitments with considerable improvement in ESG rating following 2022 Gaïa campaign and Silver Medal by EcoVadis.

Job description

Buyer will be responsible for sourcing and purchasing Plastics, Metals, Electronic components (Transformers, Inductors, Crystals and Connectors etc.), subassemblies and finished goods vendors, negotiating pricing and delivery terms, and ensuring that all purchases meet our quality and safety standards. You will work closely with our Engineering and Production teams to ensure that all purchased items are delivered on time, in the right quantity and within budget.

This buyer will also have a procurement activity and will attend to daily meetings with plant manager to address promptly shortage issues.

The Buyer reports to the Purchasing Director.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and implement purchasing strategies for mechanical and electronic components
- Identify and source new vendors for defined categories
- Negotiate pricing, payment terms and Incoterms with vendors
- Work closely with our R&D, Indus and Production teams for new products development, ensure that all purchased items are delivered on time, appropriate quantity and within budget
- Ensure supply continuity for production plants (Ekinops Belgium and EMS)
- Place and monitor purchasing orders for defined categories according to monthly forecast to ensure that suppliers respect delivery times, the quality of products and services, and the negotiated terms
- Maintain continuously data accuracy in the company ERP
- Ensure that all purchased items meet our quality and safety standards.
- Manage inventory levels and value to ensure that we have adequate stock of components
- Review and resolve any discrepancies with supplier invoices, grievances, claims, conflicts
- Support Quality department to fix vendor's product non-conformance or quality issues
- Negotiate contracts with vendor (logistic agreement, ...)
- Analyze market trends and pricing to identify opportunities to reduce costs.
- Develop and maintain purchasing reports and other documentation

Profile and skills

- Engineer, master's degree in mechanical or equivalent in Supply Chain
- Mini 3 years of experience in purchasing across a broad range of categories – Metals, Plastics or Electronics
- Experience in international sourcing and purchasing in Asia



- Experience in industrial sector
- Basic knowledge of Plastic, Metal and/or electronic components, including their applications and technical specifications
- Ability to read and interpret Engineering drawings and schematics.
- Excellent communication skills in both verbal and written in English
- Strength of proposal on new technologies
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills
- Excellent negotiating skills
- Office Pack (strong knowledge of Excel)
- ERP system (ideally SAP4 HANA)

Package

- Possibility to work remotely 3 days per week
- Bonus + fix
- Car
- Meal voucher

Recruitment process

3 interviews:

- 1st with the purchasing Director
- 2nd interview with HR
- 3rd interview with VP

To apply

Ekinops endeavours to be an employer of choice. Our teams are dedicated, imaginative and astute. We strive to work together around our core values, which includes dynamism, empowerment and customer focus.

Send your application using our online application form on <https://www.ekinops.com/careers/opportunities>