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Siemens publishes details of Hull jobs ahead of major recruitment drive

Siemens today (July 7, 2015) stepped up its activity to support the recruitment of a 1,000-strong workforce in Hull.

Siemens revealed for the first time details of a wide range of jobs that will be available as a result of its investment in world-class wind turbine blade manufacturing and associated facilities in the city.

A small number of the jobs are available now, but most will be advertised later this year and in 2016. The company said it wanted to give potential applicants a clear picture of future vacancies at the earliest opportunity. Several of these can be viewed at <http://greenporthull.co.uk/siemens>

Siemens has worked with Hull City and East Riding Councils and Job Centre Plus to publish the comprehensive jobs information on a new Siemens careers section of the Green Port Hull website, which is managed by the council.

A wide range of jobs in the blade factory, engineering and managerial functions are listed, with details of the skills, experience and behaviours Siemens is looking for. Potential applicants can see details of the recruitment processes involved for each position and the rewards the jobs offer. Information about warehouse roles will be added later this year.

The lead-in time will enable potential candidates to be proactive in gaining training and support, if required, to equip them for the positions and the selection process.

Carolyn Woolway, Siemens' Head of Human Resources for the Hull project, said: "We want people to have clarity, at the earliest opportunity, about the types of roles, skill sets and experience we are looking for so, if necessary, they can be proactive about upskilling themselves to fit the requirements.

"So, if a person does want to work for us and there is a specific job they are interested in, there will be time for them to enhance their skills or look at whatever other support there may be available to put them in the best possible position to apply for the role.

"We believe giving people early visibility of these positions will be helpful to potential candidates, but we are also appealing for people to be patient. The recruitment process will take time

because of the volume of jobs involved and our determination to manage the process thoroughly to ensure we get the very best recruits and applicants have the best possible opportunity to work with us.”

Siemens stressed it was fully committed to employing as many local people as possible and said applicants would be expected to live locally or commit to relocate into the area.

Mrs Woolway added: “We have always said we want to recruit local people and this new facility opens the door to a lot of people who live and work locally who we know have similar and transferrable skill sets.

“In addition, we will work with the Green Port Growth Pathway Programme, which is supported by the Government’s Regional Growth Fund, to highlight training opportunities, through third-party providers, to equip local long-term unemployed people with the skills that potentially could enable them to work with Siemens.”

With partner Associated British Ports (ABP), Siemens is investing £310m in the Hull project – the city’s biggest ever inward investment. The facilities at Alexandra Dock will create 1,000 jobs directly, with more during construction and in the supply chain.

Siemens already employs around 25 people in Hull in project management, wind turbine commissioning and stores positions. Almost all of the operational roles made available so far have gone to local people.

The first major phase of recruitment is scheduled for later this year when Siemens expects to advertise around 250 operative and team leader positions for the blade factory. A significant number of these will undergo periods of training in Aalborg, Denmark, where Siemens has a blade manufacturing facility.

People who are interested in opportunities with Siemens in the city can register their interest via the link above or on the Siemens website at: www.siemens.co.uk/hulljobs.

Siemens will hold careers days this autumn when people seeking jobs with the company can find out more about the opportunities available. Siemens stressed people would need to register to attend, with online registration available via the Green Port Hull website from August.

Meanwhile, Siemens has also arranged science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) skills events for Hull secondary and primary schools respectively on July 14 and 15 as it steps up its engagement with the local community.

Councillor Stephen Brady, Leader of Hull City Council, said: “Delivering high-quality, long-term jobs for our locally-trained workforce and young people is a key priority for the city and we are delighted that the recruitment drive for the Siemens roles is now coming to fruition.

“We will work closely with Siemens who are restating their commitment to local employment in their new Hull factory and marine operation and together we will ensure that local people are equipped with the necessary skills through the right funding and training programmes in order for them to take advantage of the 1,000 jobs.

“The wide variety of positions that are due to become available will also allow people who are working within different sectors to have the opportunity to apply for roles across the board to ensure this landmark investment will benefit the people of Hull.”

Further information about the Siemens Hull project is available at <http://siemens.co.uk/hull>

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About Green Port Growth Programme

The Green Port Growth Programme is administered by East Riding and Hull City Councils. With an investment of over £26m, the programme, which is supported by the Regional Growth Fund, is designed to capitalise on renewable opportunities and to develop indigenous business growth within the renewable sector, securing long-term economic growth for the region. The project aims to provide continual support to help local businesses recognise and embrace potential opportunities within the renewables sector.

The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) supports eligible projects and programmes raising private sector investment to create economic growth and lasting employment. It has invested nearly £2.85bn to help businesses in England to grow and is expected to create or safeguard over 580,000 jobs.