

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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### Laboratory Manager

#### About the job:

The CSIR has a vacancy for a **Laboratory Manager** in the Transport Infrastructure Engineering competence area within the Built Environment (BE) unit. The incumbent will organise, direct and manage the laboratories and infrastructure, ensuring that quality parameters and effective service are developed and maintained. This position is based in Pretoria.

#### Key responsibilities:

- Lead a team of technical specialists and lab technologists, analysts and technicians;
- Manage day to day operations of the laboratories;
- Market and identify new business opportunities for facility and assist in technical report writing for tests and consultations;
- Draft proposals for laboratory and consultancy projects (ad-hoc mostly);
- Budget and achieve industrial financial targets for the facility;
- Forge links with the academic and industry sector within the SET community;
- Take technical accountability for the laboratory's results i.e. technical signatory for all laboratory methods;
- Take responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the complex equipment/infrastructure;
- Provide guidance and input into the technical direction for the laboratory needs to take both in the short term and long term. This will include the capex strategy for the facility;
- Train; mentor and motivate both junior and senior technicians, technologists and analysts;
- Set the standards for technical excellence in the laboratories.

#### Qualifications, skills and experience:

- A Bachelor's degree in science, engineering or equivalent qualification with at least eight years' experience in the management of road engineering and materials testing laboratory;
- Training or a qualification in project management would be an advantage;
- Must have thorough understanding or training background in the requirements of ISO 17025 and knowledge of EHS systems;

- Ability to communicate technical information to a diverse audience drawing on sound understanding of scientific principles in solving complex problems;
- Excellent interpersonal relationship and stakeholders liaison skills;
- Good communication (verbal and written) and team skills;
- Ability to liaise with a diverse portfolio of people locally and internationally;
- A proven record of writing high quality technical reports;
- Ability to handle more than one task/issue at a time and to cope with industry pressure and demands;
- Computer literacy and able to pay attention to details.

Should you meet the above requirements, please email your CV to [jobapplications@csir.co.za](mailto:jobapplications@csir.co.za) with your name and surname, position title and reference number on the subject line, **(e.g. John Smith: Researcher: Engineering Geologist, Reference No: 307989)**.

**Closing date: 03 May 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FEEDBACK WILL BE GIVEN TO SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES ONLY.**

For more info, please contact the CSIR Recruitment Centre on **012 841 4774** or email us at [Recruitmentinfo@csir.co.za](mailto:Recruitmentinfo@csir.co.za)

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