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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE: BREEDING TECHNICIAN

DEPARTMENT: R & D (all areas)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2020

JOB SUMMARY/RESPONSIBILITIES

Assist with the planning and responsibility for: preparation, planting and growing of trials, transfer or breeding lines, glasshouse operations, seed multiplication, accurate record keeping and other day to day activities to assist all teams within the R & D to contribute to the success of Elsoms activities.

1. At all times, maintain Elsoms' strong Health & Safety culture and practices.
2. Assist in the planning and conduct preparation, planting, growing and harvesting of trials for the Breeding team.
3. Check trials and record relevant field data and liaise with the Trials team as necessary.
4. Transfer breeding material from trials to glasshouses, for breeding, stock seed and productions.
5. Set-up glasshouses, cages, irrigation and feeding, and maintain growth and health of plants, and maintain cleanliness and high levels of hygiene in glasshouses and tunnels.
6. Maintain the pollination of cages and productions, including the procurement and hatching of flies and procurement of bees where necessary.
7. Maintain the drying, harvesting, cleaning, weighing and packeting of stock seeds, breeding seed and productions.
8. Keep accurate records from both field trials and in the glasshouse and accurately input information onto database.
9. Prepare relevant protocols and keep updated.
10. Supervise temporary labour and other staff whilst they work for the department.
11. Take a lead role in designated areas of responsibility. Working independently, without instruction, to ensure the task/function is completed consistently to a high standard.
12. Attend regular meetings to discuss workload, share knowledge, identify and resolve problems and raise any health and safety issues.
13. Actively contribute to the departmental goals.

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- A-levels in a relevant subject, or equivalent by experience.
- A degree in a relevant subject, or equivalent by experience, is desirable.
- PA1 and PA6 qualifications are desirable
- Forklift license is desirable
- Trailer towing (driving licence category B&E) is desirable
- Experience working with plants.
- Practical field experience is desirable.
- Experience working in glasshouses, agriculture or horticulture.

The successful candidate must be physically fit, able to communicate effectively, have excellent attention to detail and excellent literacy and numeracy skills. Accurate record keeping is an essential part of the role. You must be equally capable of working alone or as part of a team with an ability to handle routine tasks and procedures whilst remaining calm and focussed when working under pressure. The role will also require the successful candidate to work in several different environments (glasshouses, outside field work and indoor office environment). If you would like to apply, please complete an application form from **Margaret De Soyza (Contact: extension 5043 or email hr@elsoms.com)**.