MATERIALS ENGINEER
Graham Packaging
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Description:
Graham Packaging Company is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and sale of custom blow-molded rigid plastic containers. Graham employs a team of over 8,200 individuals, with 97 plants in 15 countries across North America, Europe, South America and Asia. The company is looking for a materials engineer to join the global material science group. This position will report to the director of materials development. The individual will have the responsibility to develop and commercialize next generation materials. There will be opportunity for global travel to support key initiatives, including travel to our regional and global R&D.

Duties:
- Responsible for concept to deployment support of materials projects.
- Work closely with sales, marketing, manufacturing, engineering and procurement.
- Design and develop methods to understand underlying principles that dictate the performance of the materials in bottles.
- Create future materials platforms by developing and formulating new polymer blends and working with recycled plastics.
- Interact across a broad range of levels, expertise, geographic regions, as well as stay up-to-date on the new developments in technical and patent literature.
- Responsible for commercialization of key materials initiative.
- Drive materials qualifications at our plants and our customers.
- Help with root cause analysis of material quality issues.

Requirements:
- M.S. or Ph.D. with experience in Polymer Engineering, Polymer Science, Materials Engineering, or related discipline.
- 2-5 year of expertise in polyolefin and polyester in packaging.
- Experience in polymer blends development and analytical methods to characterize polymers
- Project management skills with proven track record of successfully leading projects from concept to deployment.
- Knowledge of extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding is desired.
- Knowledge and previous experience in the bottle industry is desired.
- The ability to act on initiative, identify opportunities & proactive in putting forward ideas & solutions
- The ability to plan activities & carry them through effectively and timely manner
- The ability to express your ideas clearly and confidently in speech & writing
- Intellectual curiosity, innovative outlook and ability to develop new material platforms
- Ability to organize and focus activities around diverse program needs

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