



Distillery Operations Manager

The Lakes Distillery is located in the Lake District – England’s Premier National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Distillery is housed in a beautifully renovated 1850s Victorian building with extensive visitor facilities. With a £12m investment, The Lakes Distillery opened in December 2014 and is producing award-winning spirits.

The Lakes Distillery is looking to recruit a new role – Distillery Operations Manager – to manage the distillery operations from malt intake to warehousing to ensure the delivery of key results in line with the overall strategy ensuring site wide compliance with all relevant regulations. The role reports to the Operations Director & Chief Whiskymaker.

Key Responsibilities:

- Execute the operational plans in line with company objectives, ensuring spirit quality, compliance and integrity are at the forefront of every decision
- To maximise the effective use of resources to carry out all distillery operations in line with business goals and objectives
- Identify and implement opportunities for continuous improvement
- Maintain integrity and security of distillery operations in accordance with H.M. Customs and Excise requirements
- Meet site-wide regulatory and company requirements with respect to Health, Safety, Environmental & Quality (HSEQ) regulations and standards
- Take responsibility for self-development and support the development of others within operations
- Ensure new malt distillate quality requirements are achieved
- Assist Operations Director in setting/updating departmental targets, objectives, plans and activities
- Work with Operations Director to plan distilling schedules
- Ensure established procedures and specifications are adhered to, in order to maintain product quality and production efficiencies
- Monitor and report progress: regular and timely reporting of project progress to the Operations Director

Experience:

- Experience in a distilling & warehousing environment
- Have a comprehensive awareness of reporting and record retention requirements for Customs and Excise, Environmental and Health and Safety
- Excellent organisation skills with the ability to prioritise and adhere to deadlines
- High attention to detail, especially to quality standards and compliance systems
- Ability to cope with change in a rapidly growing business
- Technical and hands-on practical ability

- Problem solving skills
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word
- Communicate effectively across business using a variety of communication mediums

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in a scientific or engineering discipline
- Master's degree in Brewing & Distilling and/or IBD Diploma in Distilling

All applicants must be eligible to work in the UK

For more information and to discuss this exciting opportunity please contact Julie Carling at The Carling Partnership.

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