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PROJECT MANAGER: CIRCULAR PLASTICS ECONOMY

Policy and Futures Unit

(3 Year contract position based in WWF-SA Newlands office, Cape Town)

WWF is the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organisation, with over 6 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the Earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

WWF South Africa is a national office that is part of the WWF network. We are a local NGO that has worked for 50 years with the aim of inspiring all South Africans to live in harmony with nature, for the benefit of our country and the wellbeing of all our people. WWF's work is *for nature, for you*.

Our work is challenging and exciting and we love what we do. To join our team you need to be brilliant at what you do, passionate, results-orientated and have a positive attitude.

Job Overview:

WWF is looking for a leader to drive the implementation of its newly established Circular Plastics Economy strategy which has been developed to support the development of South Africa's circular economy by reducing the flow of plastics into landfill and eliminating the leakage of plastics into the environment. The Circular Plastics Economy Project Manager will be responsible for leading and managing a programme of work based on WWF South Africa's Strategy. The Project Manager: Circular Plastics Economy will report to the Senior Manager of the Policy & Futures Unit and will be based at the WWF South Africa office in Newlands, Cape Town.

Responsibilities:

1. Lead the implementation of WWF-SA's Circular Plastics Economy project:

- Guide the strategic direction of the Circular Plastics Economy work
- In partnership with relevant organisations, oversee the implementation of the programme's work including:
 - Quantification of the flow of plastics into the environment in South Africa and identification of priority plastics and the life cycle stages of these plastics which contribute significantly to environmental pollution
 - Development of effective tools to support a circular plastics economy within businesses and supply chains

- Develop policy positions for WWF-SA on circular plastics to contribute towards government's Industry Waste Management Plans and other legislative measures
- Manage and report on overall financials for the project
- Identify new, impactful and innovative projects aligned with the WWF Strategy as appropriate
- Develop, co-ordinate and maintain a Monitoring and Evaluation system for the programme

2. In partnership with WWF Marine Programme and Strategic Communications

- Develop a set of effective communication/outreach tools and materials to empower sustainable consumer lifestyles based on circular economy principles
- Produce position statements in relation to WWF-SA's work on the circular plastics economy.
- Develop campaigns, events, activations, technical content and Media Releases around key news items and project outputs.
- Act as a representative spokesperson for WWF South Africa on circular plastics economy work.
- Inspire interest in biodiversity conservation and support for the environment from a range of constituents.
- Develop WWF-SA in collaboration with relevant partners

3. Contribute to a strong partner-based approach to addressing conservation and development issues associated with the development of a circular plastics economy:

- Stay up-to-date with emerging knowledge and issues relating to the circular plastic economy and related initiatives in the field
- Establish collaborative partnerships with key partners and stakeholders, including international, national and provincial governments to ensure delivery on projects that address marine conservation challenges.
- Ensure effective linkages with other WWF Programmes and other relevant organisations working in the field
- Develop and lead transformative approaches with different sectors or corporates to support the implementation of a circular plastics economy.

4. Perform further duties as necessary, likely including;

- Managing knowledge development and sharing around a circular plastics economy across the organisation.
- Connecting WWF South Africa's circular plastics economy work to that of the WWF network, while ensuring local relevance and alignment with the local regulatory and political frameworks in South Africa.
- Acting as focal point for WWF South Africa around circular plastics economy work within the WWF International Network.

Requirements:

- A post-graduate level qualification in chemical/systems engineering, materials science or related discipline.
- A demonstrated understanding of the plastic manufacturing and recycling sector, with the ability to network in the sector. Practical work experience in this sector is highly desirable.
- Strong coordination and administrative management capabilities.
- A good understanding of the broad range of projects undertaken by WWF and knowledge of the relevant institutional landscape in South Africa.

- Experience with project monitoring and evaluation, and financial systems.
- Ability to inspire people (in government, business and civil society) to act on the challenges that we face together.
- A demonstrated ability to work independently and without daily supervision and guidance.
- Demonstrated writing and presentation skills.
- Capacity to act as a spokesperson on WWF South Africa's plastic pollution and waste and ability to convey complex environmental issues in a powerful way to diverse audiences.
- A strong command of English as a working language (spoken and written) is essential.

Further Information:

To apply please [click here](#) fill out the application form, and provide a detailed CV and covering letter (attach under "Documents") fully motivating why you should be appointed, together with the names, current e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of three relevant references.

Applications close on **14th August 2018**. ***Applications sent via email will not be considered.***

WWF seeks to promote diversity among its staff. Candidates who have not received a response within three weeks of the closing date are kindly requested to assume that their application has not been successful in this instance. WWF-SA reserves the right not to fill this position.