R&D – BARRIER TECHNICIAN

Headlines:

In the role of **R&D Manager**, working in **Alcalá de Henares** (Madrid) and with an international scope, you will provide overall leadership for new packaging solutions development including the design, development and manufacturing processes to support trials and commercial product launches in accordance with Grupo Lantero's **Strategic Plan**.

This position reports to the **Global R&D Director**, and works closely with all teams across the organization, including Sales, Operations and Marketing.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for creating, developing and applying your technical knowledge for the development of superior and sustainable new packaging solutions in conjunction with developing, leveraging and applying superior material and process expertise.
- Responsible to lead, direct, and manage all technical innovation and development activities for the Flexible packaging business in global Dairy market and in emerging segments like Coffee, Processed Food and Pet Food
- Play a key role in applying the Innovation process to the Flexible Packaging business, as well as spreading its culture, to maintain Innovation as a core value for the Group
- Work with Sales, Marketing, Sustainability and Operations to drive value and speed with product and know-how transfer
- Facilitate communication across business units and markets, with one shared common goal
- Builds external partnerships with main stakeholders, including customers, suppliers, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's), industry experts, universities or tech centres to contribute to fill the innovation pipeline.
- Keeping up-to-date with technological and materials innovations

Experience and Education:

- 5+ years of experience in packaging or associated consumer goods industry.
- Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, Material Science, Packaging or related discipline
- Speaks and writes fluent English and Spanish, French being also highly valued.

Job specific technical requirements:

- Solid understanding of overall Flexible Packaging sector and related Customers
- Experience of project management in a multi-site environment.
- Problem-solving skills

Key Competences::

- Teamworking abilities. People Management experience and proven leadership roles
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.