



Company

Vandecasteele Houtimport was founded in 1883 and today the fifth generation of the family applies their knowledge and energy to the development and expansion of the company. Vandecasteele Houtimport has grown into a leading supplier of hardwood and softwood, thanks to their central location in Europe, flexibility, and large inventory, which allows them to quickly respond to market needs.

With core values of trust, sustainability, passion, long-term vision, and committed partnership, the company's 75 employees ensure customers and suppliers worldwide receive a personalized and efficient service. The open and people-oriented corporate culture is notable, resulting in a close and stable team.

To further differentiate the purchase of wood within Vandecasteele Houtimport and to strengthen the existing team, we are looking for a Buyer for the African market.

Job

As a Buyer, you have a strategic position and make well-considered purchasing decisions based on raw material price analyses, information from suppliers and economic forecasts.

- You guarantee the optimization and continuity of stock management and determine the purchasing strategy. You monitor cost efficiency and margins.
- You ensure a correct follow-up of your administration.
- You act as a sparring partner for your sales colleagues by sharing your knowledge of products, prices and quality.
- You evaluate suppliers based on quality, delivery times and costs and you also take care of the negotiations.
- You take into account guidelines and quality standards to guarantee an optimal purchasing process.
- You will travel to Africa several times a year to broaden your market knowledge and to maintain the relationship with the suppliers of tropical hardwood and to develop new partnerships.

Profile

- You have a Master's degree in economics. Affinity with/strong interest in the timber sector is crucial.



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- You have already been able to sharpen your competences in a strategic purchasing position and are ready for the next challenge.
- You are a strong relationship builder, you have strong communication skills and you are not afraid to negotiate.
- You are multilingual (NL - FR - ENG).

Offer

- You hold a key position within a strong and stable family business with an established name and an excellent product reputation.
- In this strategic position, after the necessary training, you will have a lot of autonomy, responsibility and you will be able to work daily with the most ecological and sustainable material in the world. You will be part of a dynamic environment with an open corporate culture and short communication lines.
- An attractive salary package supplemented with extra-legal benefits (BMW 5 series company car and fuel card, health insurance (including dental care), laptop, mobile phone).