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Role: Product Developer
Reports to: Head of Design
Based: Paignton
Salary: Competitive

Who we are:

For 50 years Gul has been at the forefront of watersports technical development and remains the largest UK based performance Apparel Company. Since the beginning in 1967, the philosophy has been simple - to make the best product possible and support you at every level. It was in the early sixties that Dennis Cross, a man with a passion for surfing, decided that enough was enough. Although he loved surfing, the waters of the Atlantic were too cold, especially in winter! He, therefore, set about designing the first purpose-built wetsuit for surfers. By the early 70's, Gul had created the groundbreaking one-piece wetsuit, which was named 'The Steamer' due to the steam that came from your wetsuit when removing it on cold days!

About the role:

We have a fantastic new job opportunity for a Product Developer who will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the Water sports Sector and preferably have experience of creating exciting waters sports product, throughout a period of sustained growth.

As the Product Developer you will have the ability and a driving passion for designing technical products with a good understanding of colours and colour trends, with experience of product design and fashion design.

Working as the Product Developer you will ideally have first-hand experience of sourcing in Asia and preferably have an avid interest in water sports, particularly Surfing.

Main Responsibilities:

- Product development, from inception and design, through to sampling and delivery, adhering to the critical time paths
- Sourcing materials & manufacturers, develop & maintain costing models and manage the development process of the company's brands
- Clear and accurate timelines that meet and provide the crucial link between the Team members and other Key Departments, including the training of the Sales Team
- Delivering range proposals that reflect market trends and customer/consumer needs, across a selected range of the branded Product portfolio
- Supplier visits world-wide; minimum of 1 trip per annum (approx. duration/trip of 10 days) and attendance at European & UK Trade Exhibitions (minimum 2 events)

Required Experience:

- A good understanding of colours and colour trends, with experience of technical product design (including approval processes)
- Strong negotiation skills and a collaborative attitude
- Superior communication skills
- IT skills within Office applications (Excel & Word), Adobe Creative Cloud software including Illustrator, Photoshop
- First-hand experience of sourcing in Asia would be beneficial
- An avid interest in water sports, particularly Surfing would be beneficial

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