



Role: Asset Investment Planning Lead

Area: Gas Networks Ireland

Sub-Area: Asset Management

Location: Cork

Duration: Permanent

Salary: Competitive

Ref: 004N19

Ervia is a commercial semi-state company which provides strategic national gas and water infrastructure and services in Ireland. Through our regulated business, Gas Networks Ireland, we build and operate one of the most modern and safe gas networks in the world. In 2014, we took responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Ireland's water and wastewater assets through our other regulated business Irish Water. Ervia directly employs over 1,600 people who deliver services to 1.6 million customers daily. We are guardians of the national assets and experts in our field. Our infrastructure supports economic and social development, protects the environment and enhances the health and quality of life of the Irish people.

Background:

The Asset Management function within Gas Networks is responsible for optimising the return from the asset portfolio. Asset Management identify, plan and develop investment programmes while achieving an optimal balance between customer requirements, asset efficiency and risk. Asset Management considers the financial and regulatory effects of the proposed investment strategies.

The Role:

The Investment Management area within Asset Management is responsible for ensuring that Gas Networks is operating to maximise its capital efficiencies. The Investment Management function analyses and reviews CAPEX and OPEX programmes of work to ensure that Gas Networks investments are commercially beneficial. Investment Management also serves to ensure that Capital Programmes are delivering business benefits.

Reporting to the Strategic Investment Planning Manager, the Asset Investments Planning Lead will have responsibility for maintaining the GNI consolidated capital and maintenance plans, and the oversight and management of the investment evaluation, prioritisation and benefit realisation processes.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for compiling the consolidated capital and maintenance forecasts for inclusion in the GNI business plans/corporate plans including the analysis and presentation of same to both internal and external stakeholders.
- Responsible for compiling the capital and maintenance investment forecasts for inclusion in the GNI price control submission including the analysis and presentation to both internal and external stakeholders.
- Overseeing that the investment drivers for each programme are understood, well-articulated, and that the inherent risks and benefits can be evaluated.
- Participate in the asset investment processes, liaising with Asset Strategy, Asset Programmes & Commercial to prepare a number of scenarios on the forecasts, based on evaluation of relative priorities, sensitivities and risks to understand the effects of funding and/or resource constraints.
- Develop, manage and maintain any associated strategic investment systems and tools to ensure appropriate decision making based on cost benefit analysis and a programme prioritisation processes
- Support the Investment Approval Process ("IAC") through review and evaluation of business cases (Gate 2/3) and investment plans & ensuring post investment reviews (Gate 5) are undertaken as appropriate for all investments and that lessons learned are incorporated back in to the business processes.
- Support the development and maintenance of the long term asset replacement plan.

- Responsible for coordinating the identification and reporting of OPEX efficiencies for Asset Management function within GNI
- Responsible for ensuring that efficiencies identified through the IAC process are recorded and tracked appropriately
- Other duties as required from time to time.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- A relevant third level degree with at least 6 years related experience in a financial or commercial role.
- A strong understanding of investment planning, cost benefit analysis, risk and value management.
- Proven ability to create, develop and maintain strategic working relationships to facilitate the accomplishment of work goals, coupled with the ability to gain commitment from others.
- Demonstrate strong decision making, influencing and negotiation skills.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience identifying improvement opportunities, generating ideas and implementing solutions.
- Excellent analytical skills and ability to identify and analyse problems and potential improvements, and propose and implement solutions.
- Facilitate the implementation and acceptance of change within the workplace.
- Provide coaching in the development of technical skills and abilities in others.
- Proactively identifying new areas of learning and using newly gained knowledge and skill on the job.
- A good understanding of business operations and the commercial viability and impact of technical/professional decisions on the performance of the organisation.
- Driver of high standards for individual, team and organisational accomplishment and delivering desired results.
- Proven track record with dealing with complex issues, proactively and in a timely fashion, along with the ability to communicate complex information to others.
- A good understanding of business operations and the commercial viability and impact of technical/professional decisions on the performance of the organisation.
- A strong team player and have a demonstrated ability to bring teams together.
- A natural collaborator seeking out opportunities to share knowledge and improve results.
- A strong advocate for change and constantly seeking out opportunities to create efficiencies and improvements.
- A commitment to developing new skills in yourself and others.

The closing date for receipt of applications for this vacancy is the 23rd January 2019

Applications, including a current Curriculum Vitae should be emailed to: recruit@ervia.ie

Please include the Reference Number for this Role when making an application