Senior Meteorological Technician: Gough Island, 15 Months Contract (OC 05/2017)

Salary: R 211 194 p.a. (plus 37% lieu in benefits). Permanent SAWS employees will have a different payment structure of benefits.

Centre: Cape Town (Gough Island Base)

Requirements:

- National Weather Certificate or BSc Degree (Honours) in Natural Sciences. For other candidates, preference will be given to applicants who have been to the islands before.
- Candidates must be willing to work shifts (both day and night shifts), and on public holidays in possible adverse weather conditions.
- Candidates must be punctual, dedicated, precise and able to work in a team, as well as on their own.

Duties:

- Oversee and coordinate surface meteorological and atmospheric research project assigned by the Marine Section of SAWS.
- Responsible for shift management of the two assistant meteorological technicians.
- Perform surface meteorological observations, do upper-air balloon releases, maintain and verify all equipment at the remote station of Gough Island.
- All work must be done in accordance with the rules, regulations and standards as set out by the South African Weather Service.
- Minimal administrative duties will include report writing, asset control, quality controlling of data.
- Logistical duties will include but not limited to assistance to other expedition members if and when required.

Note:

- The incumbent will execute duties at a Sub/Antarctic Base and adhere to the health, safety and environmental requirements.
- The successful applicant will spend a full year (September 2017 to October 2018) at Gough Island base. There is no option to return to South Africa before October 2018.
- The ability to work and live with small groups of people is thus essential.
- Although the base is well-equipped with e-mail, fax and satellite telephone facilities, the applicant has to be self-sufficient and self-motivated. The location may affect both the physical and mental well-being of the incumbent, their family and close relationships. Candidates must be physically fit, mentally strong and prepared for physically challenging and satisfying work.
- In addition the successful candidates may often be called upon to work long hours in extreme conditions on duties unrelated to their function.
All applications must be submitted on a **Z83 application form** (click bold underlined text to download PDF form) accompanied by certified copies of qualifications, identity document (ID) as well as a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) in order to be considered.

- Short-listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment.
- Appointment to these positions is subject to a rigorous medical examination, which will be arranged for at no cost to the applicant.

For Attention: Human Resource Management

Closing Date: 8 March 2017

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- Take note that the department will verify all qualifications and experience and that original documents must be submitted on appointment and all qualifications obtained abroad will be evaluated by SAQA.
- Short listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine the suitability of a person for employment.
- Senior Management candidates to be subjected to competency assessment, signing of an employment contract and performance agreement.
- If you have not been contacted within three months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
- The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.
- People with disabilities are encouraged to apply
- Consideration will be given to applicants who meet the minimum requirements of advertised posts.
- Relaxation of qualification requirements may be considered for non-OSD posts.
- **Applications should be forwarded to:** the Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town 8000 Or hand-deliver to: 14th Loop Street, Cape Town, Attention: Human Resources.