Senior Meteorological Technician – Gough Island (15 Months Contract) (Ref: OC03/2016)

Salary: R 196 278 p/a (plus 37% lieu in benefits. Permanent SAWS employees will have a different payment structure of benefits).

Centre: Gough Island

Requirements:
- National Weather Certificate or BSc Degree (Honours) in science;
- 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 shift); 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 the surface meteorological and atmospheric research project assigned by the Antarctic and Islands Section of SAWS;
- Responsible for shift management and management of two assistant meteorological technicians;
- Perform surface meteorological observations, do upperair balloon releases and maintain and verify all equipment at the remote station of Marion Island;
- All work must be done in accordance with the rules, regulations and standards as set out by the South African Weather Service;
- Administrative duties will include report writing on a daily, weekly and monthly basis; asset control; quality controlling of data; shift management and management of junior personnel;
- 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 2016 to October 2017) at Gough Island;

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People with disabilities are encouraged to apply

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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;
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