

TITLE: Lead Ceramist

SCHEDULE: Full Time. Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Georgetown

COMPENSATION: 35-45K DOE, plus benefits

EXPECTED START DATE: ASAP, flexible for the right person

COMPANY: Status Ceramics

We are a small ceramic tile manufacturer looking for someone to fill the position of Lead Ceramist. This position will encompass our Forming (pressing, extruding, mold making) and our Glaze department. Our lead Ceramist is retiring after some 23 years, and Status is looking for a qualified replacement. Our ideal candidate is someone who is interested in a long-term career within ceramics manufacturing. This position is expected to grow and evolve as the company changes, therefore flexibility, patience, and a sense of humor is a must. We are a small team over here, and teamwork is essential.

This is a very physical job that includes heavy lifting and standing on your feet for extended periods of time.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Operating Pug Mill and 30 ton RAM press, includes daily upkeep of equipment
- Pressing, Extruding, and Hand Forming clay products (Decorative Tile and Trim)
- Drying ceramic product accurately by maintaining drying schedule
- Firing Bisque: Loading Greenware, Firing, and unloading Skutt kilns
- Monitor Bisque inventory levels and replenish when necessary
- Maintain proper timeline for pressing
- Assure accurate on-time fulfillment of Work Orders
- Create plaster molds to be used on the RAM press (mixing and pouring plaster)
- Notify Production Manager of material needs
- Continuously work to improve all processes
- Mixing and testing all standard glazes
- Monitoring glazes to stay consistent to control samples
- Researching and Developing custom glazes and new glazes
- Maintaining an up to date glaze recipe database
- Work with Glaze Sprayers to fill daily work orders
- Manage inventory of glaze materials, advise the Production Manager of raw material needs and other supplies required to accomplish tasks
- Re-Work recipes for "trouble" glazes
- Stock / Pre-Mix all glazes that can be mixed ahead of time
- Work closely with glaze sprayers on maintaining pre-mixed glaze inventory levels
- Work with Production Manager to maximize glaze department efficiency
- Work with Production Manager to maintain Master Control Samples
- Serve as lead consultant for materials

REQUIREMENTS

- BFA with a focus in ceramics or equivalent experience
- Experience operating kilns
- Experience with various glaze applications with a focus on spraying
- Experience developing glazes
- Ability to go with the flow as demands change on the production floor

- Great eye for detail
- Ability to work as a team as well as to operate independently
- Highly Organized
- Proficient with computers
- Excellent communication skills

PLUS

- Experience in a manufacturing setting (tile manufacturing a bonus)
- Experience with equipment maintenance
- A strong interest in the manufacturing industry
- An interest in both the creative and technical aspects of Ceramics
- Experience with mold making
- Highly Organized

Please apply by sending a Cover Letter and Resume with the subject line of “LEAD CERAMIST” to status@mindspring.com . If you have a portfolio or website showcasing your work, please include a link.

Pay is DOE, and Glaze experience is a must, but with regard to other responsibilities we take passion and dedication to heart, and for the right candidate we are willing to train. Please don't hesitate to apply if you are interested.

Thank you!