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2023

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General Information

Visit to: Buhler Group
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Accommodation

- Premier Inn, London Beckton
0871 527 8644 (1.1m/DLR one stop)
- Holiday Inn Express
020 3096 5888 (1.6m)

Please bring Safety Boots

Agenda

- 10.00** Arrival & Welcome
Safety & Introductions
Buhler Company Overview
- 10.30** Optical Sorting & Video
Product Demonstration
- 11.00** Factory Tour
- 12.00** Lean Journey
(Highlights & Difficulties)
- 12.15** Lunch
- 13.00** Group 1
Engagement Exercise – Topic 1
Lead by Engineering & Production
- Group 2
Engagement Exercise – Topic 2
Lead by Engineering & Production
- 14.30** Share Findings with Wider Group
- 15.00** Q&A and Close

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About Buhler

Buhler is a world leader in innovation and delivery of sorting solutions to the global food and non-food processing industries. We design, manufacture and supply optical sorting machines to over 100 countries throughout the world. The machines are used to detect and remove unwanted and blemished material from products such as rice, coffee, nuts, vegetables, etc. We are a low volume, high value, high technology assembly operation utilising modern manufacturing techniques.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT

Lean Manufacturing

Buhler manufactures Optical Sorting Machines through a production line which can accommodate more than 10 major product types. Machines are **Built to Order** aligned to the chosen BOM Options **Bespoke to the Customer Requirements**, yet each machine is built, tested, packed and dispatched within the same mixed product flow.

Buhler employees of all levels are involved in **Lean Techniques** such as the **Single Piece Flow** production line, **Value Stream Mapping**, **Kaizen Events** as well as inputting to **Continuous Improvements** tasks to drive overall **Value-Added Efficiency** increases.

Visual Management techniques are strong throughout Buhler including **Floor Markings**, **Shadow Boards**, Point of Use **Kanban System** for commonly used parts, as well as destined kitting lanes for the supply of larger materials via **Just in Time** delivery. Visual management is used throughout our **SQCDP Boards** to track Target vs Actual results, along with highlighting improvement actions from the **6S Audits** and **GEMBA Walks**.

Driving for Industry 4.0

Automated Warehouse Kardex storage units offer high speed, accurate **Pick to Light** capabilities. Buhler is prioritising moving towards a **Paperless Factory** to improve the efficiency and productivity of production. In place already includes an **ERP SAP System**, tablet driven **Electronic Quality Checksheets & NCR Tracking** as well as our first **Touch Screen SOP Workstations**. Next, we are focusing on rolling out Electronic SOP's further and exploring further how we can digitalise more paper-based tasks.

People & Leadership

Buhler has benefited from the **Empowering** its workforce through **Leadership Programmes** to strengthen internal working relationships. Improved leadership has proven to increase engagement within the workforce and therefore has also improved efficiency and productivity too.

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Who should attend?

- Directors, Board Members
- Senior and Operational Management
- Production & Team Leaders
- Lean, Six Sigma & CI Managers

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