JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Group Reporting Accountant
Department: Finance – Financial Reporting and Controls
Primary job location: Kent House, Central London
Reporting to: Senior Group Reporting Manager
Direct reports: None
Date reviewed: November 2021

Job Summary

We are seeking an additional Group Reporting Accountant to support our growing team in delivering against our monthly, quarterly and annual financial reporting requirements.

The role will include involvement in a wide range of recurring and ad hoc reporting tasks including consolidated reporting for a group of approximately 20 entities, working with our external auditors on interim and year-end audit programmes to achieve timely preparation, review and filing of statutory accounts, and reporting to other key stakeholders such as monitoring of compliance with loan covenants. There will also be the opportunity to take ownership for specific areas such as oversight of our accounting for capitalised development costs at our data centre sites, which represents a significant proportion of total expenditure by the Group.

The role would suit a recently qualified chartered accountant looking to make their first move from practice into a Finance team.

Key responsibilities

- Quarterly consolidation and preparation of the group reporting pack.
- Preparation of annual statutory accounts under IFRS and UK GAAP (FRS 101).
- Maintain awareness of developments in accounting technical matters and understanding of the relevant IFRS and accounting pronouncements for the Group.
- Periodic review of accounting policies and procedures including internal controls.
- Support to and alignment with the Financial Planning & Analysis and Tax processes and teams (e.g. consolidated budgets, forecast and other reports), where required.
- Assisting the management accounting team in aspects of the month-end close (balance sheet reconciliations, month-end journal entries such as interest, depreciation, etc).
- Quarterly bank covenant reporting.
• Working with the Cost Manager to monitor fixed asset additions, transfers, disposals and depreciation.
• Working with the parent company group finance function for any other reporting requirements and ad hoc requests.
• Liaison and coordination with the external auditors, tax advisors and internal auditors.

Candidate profile

• Qualified Accountant – preferably ACA or ACCA.
• Sound technical knowledge – of IFRS both in theory and practical application.
• Strong data analysis and interpretation skills.
• Good communication skills and comfortable with regular exposure to senior management.
• Ability to work under pressure and to deadlines.
• Familiarity with SAGE 200 and SAP accounting systems advantageous.
• Familiarity with data centre sector or other technology/capital intensive businesses advantageous.

In line with the VIRTUS’ Safeguarding Policy, the successful applicant must be willing to undergo a BS7858 screening process.

Remuneration package and benefits:

• Competitive rate of pay.
• Private healthcare.
• Critical illness and life assurance.
• Pension contribution scheme.
• Discretionary bonus.
• Cycle to work scheme
• Eye care benefit
• Annual travel card loan
• TechScheme

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If you are interested in this role, please email your CV to careers@virtusdcs.com.

We reserve the right to close this post for applications should sufficient applications be received.