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Tracy Lowe

Spotlight on Tracy Lowe

To keep pace with the rising demand for the company's products worldwide, MPE expanded its Purchasing Department in July 2018 by recruiting Tracy Lowe to the newly created position of Procurement Manager. Reporting to the Manufacturing Manager Marcus Wright, Tracy is responsible for the purchase and control of all incoming materials, using and developing the current Datawright ERP system to optimise MRP, purchasing systems, inventory levels and supplier performance within a lean and flexible manufacturing environment.

The Materials Buyer reports direct to Tracy, who also plays a lead role in the continuous improvement of MPE's supply chain, visiting, evaluating and monitoring new and existing suppliers. Her overriding objectives include the management of risk in the supply chain, the maintenance of materials specifications and delivery timescales, and cost reductions for the benefit of MPE's customers.

Tracy holds the Advanced Graduate Diploma Level 5 from the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply in Northamptonshire. Her career path has included purchasing management and materials planning roles at Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics at Rochdale, plastics masterbatch producer Colloids at Knowsley, industrial paint manufacturer Leighs Paints at Bolton, and the EMEA headquarters of Anixter Wire & Cable at Warrington.

After only two months' training at Bolton Commercial College, Tracy was awarded a placement at a division of Courtaulds Textiles in Bolton and, with natural career progression, was ultimately employed there for 12 years variously as Senior Manufacturing Administrator – Soft Furnishings hand-in-hand with the role of Production Controller.

For five years from 1997 to 2002 Tracy was also the proprietor of an interior design company with her partner. Tracy resides with him at Lostock, Bolton, and her varied leisure interests include interior design, genealogical research, pilates exercise, country walking and playing golf on some of the more testing Scottish links courses.