



Associate Director, Investment Analytics

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Reporting to the Director of Operations in Africa, New Forests (www.newforests.com.au) seeks a qualified candidate for this newly created role. The role is primarily responsible for coordination of the analytics for acquisitions of assets by New Forests investment funds, managed in Africa. The Associate Director will contribute directly to investment decisions and will be expected to provide both financial and strategic perspectives on investments and business strategies.

New Forests is a global investment manager offering high-impact strategies in sustainable forestry and related sectors, with AUD 7.7 billion (USD 5.7 billion) in assets under management across over 1 million hectares (2.6 million acres) of investments. New Forests' investment portfolio consists of sustainable forest plantations, areas of natural forest conservation, carbon projects, rural land and row-cropping, and timber processing. New Forests' vision is to see the forest sector as a key sector in the transition to a sustainable future. To achieve this vision, New Forests' investment strategies support the role of forests as nature-based climate solutions, provide sustainable timber for the growing circular bioeconomy, and contribute to the sustainable development of regional economies and rural communities. New Forests' operates in Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Kenya and the United States.

Responsibilities:

- Development of asset valuation models for investment acquisitions, including underlying forest estate and processing facility models.
- Management of due diligence processes around technical forest description information.
- Periodic updating of investment strategic forest estate and processing facility operating models
- Management of the annual independent valuation processes for fund investments including the collation of data sets for the valuers from the investee companies.
- Supporting the Forest Resources teams of investee companies covering:
 - Spatial and tabular forest resource description datasets and forest management information systems
 - Yield and growth modelling
 - Advances in related technologies
 - Sampling and inventory
 - Evaluation of carbon opportunities (in collaboration with carbon methodologies specialists)
- Contributing to African Fund investor reporting around company valuations/biological asset valuations.
- Contributing to the development and integrity of New Forests' wider databases and benchmarking of forests.
- Supporting implementation and use of analytical tools for use in valuation and strategic modelling within New Forests.

We are seeking candidates with the following:

- In-depth understanding of forest valuation methodologies, including demonstrated experience in valuation of forestry assets.

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- Strong analytical ability, with demonstrated experience in forestry resource analysis including proficiency with Tigermoth software or equivalent linear programming estate modelling software.
- Degree in forest science (or similar) supported by at least 10 years' experience in the forest industry
- Technical knowledge of GIS and remote sensing.
- Detailed knowledge of forest management information systems (Microforest, etc)
- Ability in financial modelling (and carbon modelling, an advantage).
- Good Microsoft Office skills including Outlook, Word, Excel
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- An ability to work independently and prioritise effectively; Multi-task focus, with a capability to ensure the completion of several competing tasks and objectives
- Ability to build strong relationships and work well within a team environment; Can work in a variety of environments and with different levels of people.
- Ability to adapt to change quickly.
- Ability to travel, as required.
- An ability to work in a cross-cultural, dynamic environment, with local management teams is essential.

What can we offer?

Our environment is busy and supportive, and the team is professional but relaxed. If you join us you would be joining a growing, fast paced business which is a sustainable investment leader in forestry investment. You will also be working with professionals who are passionate about their work!

To Apply

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter, explaining your interest and qualifications for the position in PDF format to careers@newforests.com.au.

Phone calls or unsolicited social media messages will not be accepted.

New Forests is a Certified B Corp and an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and inclusion. We offer flexible working arrangements to all employees to support their work/life balance.