

Patent Attorney

Compressor Business Area

Antwerp, Belgium

THE OPPORTUNITY:

The opportunity has arisen to join a global leader in the design, innovation and development of air compressor technology, industrial tools and equipment. One hundred and forty-five years of experience and knowledge have evolved this company into a leading global provider of industrial tools, air compressors, construction equipment and assembly systems. The technologies touch upon areas such as mechanics, electronics, software and materials.

Atlas Copco is all about the innovative spirit, and market leading innovation is part of their DNA – a portfolio of over 5000 active patents globally further underlines this IP-centric culture. Their engineers consistently develop top-notch products against a back-drop of strong competition. The Company has an acquisitive approach to business, having absorbed a number of specialist high-end engineering companies, thus entering new markets and sectors and inevitably coming up against new competitors. In this competitive environment, innovation becomes ever more important and the protection of these innovations equally so.

THE IP DEPARTMENT AND ROLE:

You will be located at the international headquarters of the Atlas Copco Group's Compressor Technique Business Area, just south of Antwerp, Belgium. Reporting to the Head of the Patent Department, who in turn reports to the VP for R&D and Shared Engineering Services, you will work as patent advisor between research, engineering, commercial and external counsel – both locally and internationally, including China, for the compressor business but also the divisions of the Power Technique Business Area.

KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE/SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Degree educated in mechanical engineering, electrics, mechanics, physics, algorithms or related subject matter.
- Part-qualified: you need not come to the role as a fully qualified European Patent Attorney as there will be training and support to help you achieve your professional status.
- Carrying out the full range of patent matters including IP counselling to the client/business and undertaking substantive patent services. Drafting experience is important.
- Experience of working for a private practice firm would be well received in the role as you will have benefited from the concentration of drafting and prosecution work enjoyed by IP firms. Of course, coming to the position with an industrial patent background would also be relevant as you will understand the nuances of working in-house.
- Fluency in English; Dutch fluency would also be advantageous.