

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: <b>Systems Engineer</b>	Date: <b>07/03/2016</b>
Department: <b>Technical</b>	Position Code: <b>SRS-310</b>
Business Unit: <b>Systems and Software</b>	Location: <b>Nairobi</b>
Reports to: <b>Technical Manager</b>	Direct Reports: <b>Nil</b>
<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Systems Engineer is responsible for preparation, planning, designing, implementation and operationalization of technical solutions that will meet customer business requirements. This role is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems and Software</li> <li>Web and Database security</li> <li>Cloud and Virtualization</li> <li>Other solutions as the role might be assigned.</li> </ul> <p>The holder of the position will apply project management methods to complete engagements on time and within budget as agreed with key stakeholders.</p>	
<b>Key Internal Relationships:</b> Account Managers, Procurement, Technical Team	
<b>Key External Relationships:</b> Current and prospective customers.	

## KEY RESULT AREAS

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Analyse customer business requirements, develop a sound technical design and prepare the technical proposal.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Either independently, or working with the account manager, carry out a careful assessment of customer business needs.</li> <li>Prepare compelling presentations on solutions for both internal and external customers.</li> <li>Develop a sound technical design that meets the client requirement, that meets the best practices.</li> <li>Build the requisite Bill of Materials for subsequent pricing by commercial.</li> <li>Work with the bid/commercial team in preparing the technical proposal.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Position holder successful when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer business needs are clearly captured and translated into a technically sound solution.</li> <li>A winning presentation is made to customers that leads to opportunity conversion.</li> <li>An excellent, winning, commercially viable proposal is put together, in good time, paying careful attention to details, with no errors or oversight.</li> <li>A seamless, interdependent working relationship is achieved with other team members.</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Successful deployment of technology solutions to meet customer business challenges/needs/gaps.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a clear and practical project implementation plan in consultation with the customer, clearly showing deliverables, milestones and resources.</li> <li>Prepare a clear and concise User Acceptance Test (UAT) document in consultation with the customer.</li> <li>Implement the proposed solution, enforcing design standards developed during the design stage, and</li> </ul>	<p><b>Position holder successful when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A detailed, clear and enforceable project plan is agreed on with the customer.</li> <li>The implemented solution meets and surpasses the expected levels of performance.</li> </ul>

	<p>following the timelines agreed on in the project plan and ensuring sign-offs on milestones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform thorough functionality tests to ensure optimal working of the implemented solution. Enforce the UAT document, addressing customer concerns.</li> <li>• Successfully carry through the project to closure within set timelines, ensuring a certificate of completion is issued by the customer.</li> <li>• Prepare requisite documentation on the complete solution, including user and process manuals.</li> <li>• Prepare and carry out user training on the solution, to enable the customer extract maximum value from the solution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project or solution is completed within set timelines and budget, with milestones sign-off being enforced according to the schedule.</li> <li>• The solution users are well trained and comfortable with the solution and can clearly identify the value of the solution.</li> <li>• The customer signs off on the UAT document and issues a project completion certificate.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Provide expert-level support of customer systems and infrastructure.</b>	<b>Position holder successful when:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide post-implementation support of deployed solution, to ensure optimal operation of implemented solution.</li> <li>• Provide excellent support services to customers (both internal and external) by following best practices in troubleshooting and fault resolution, drawing from individual skill as well as company knowledge pool.</li> <li>• Ensure that any support tickets raised are resolved in the shortest time possible to the satisfaction of the customer to minimize business impact.</li> <li>• When required, take up the role of onsite/resident support engineer at a customer's site for a specified period of time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The customer's expectations of our support services are met and exceeded.</li> <li>• Customer provides excellent feedback on customer satisfaction surveys.</li> <li>• The company consistently achieves high Net Promoter Score as a result of exceptional level of service provided to customers.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Personal and Professional Development</b>	<b>Position holder successful when:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently develop and update technical skills with the aim of reaching expert-level in alignment with market trends and company strategy.</li> <li>• Develop an in-depth knowledge of product portfolio and grow into the role of a trusted advisor to both internal and external customers.</li> <li>• Develop soft skills, including communication, advisory, sales and leadership.</li> <li>• Constantly validate technical and soft skills by certifying on partner products to increase both individual and company standing in the marketplace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The individual exhibits measurable growth in skills, approaching expert-level and provides sound advisory role to internal and external customers.</li> <li>• The individual becomes a trusted advisor and the go-to resource on matters of his skills area.</li> <li>• The individual has developed excellent communication skills and is constantly developing in leadership abilities.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Other Administrative Duties</b>	<b>Position holder successful when:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit excellent working relationship with supervisors and colleagues.</li> <li>• Be actively involved in product development, especially as relates to the area of expertise.</li> <li>• Perform a presales role by identifying solution gaps and opportunities and work with commercial to cultivate these opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The individual has an excellent working relationship with supervisors and team members.</li> <li>• New, viable products are added to the company product portfolio and successfully deployed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform any other related duties as one may be called on to perform by the management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solution gaps that customers may not be aware of are successfully cultivated into a sale.</li> </ul>

**KEY ATTRIBUTES**

- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills: Ability to identify key components of a problem and then formulate a solution (Troubleshooting and debugging).
- Well-developed written and verbal communication skills: Ability to translate business needs into technical specifications, document deployed solutions as well as explain technical solutions to a business audience.
- Planning and Organization: The ability to establish a process for activities leading to implementation of outcomes.
- Self-Management: Ability to prioritize and complete tasks in order to deliver desired outcomes within allotted time frames
- Self-starting: The ability to initiate and sustain momentum without external stimulation.
- Continuous learning: The ability to continually develop their working knowledge of technology and products relevant to the business area of operation.

**REVIEW OF PRD:**

This PRD will form the basis for the annual review of the above job holder and will be reviewed with the supervisor at least annually.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Eva Kimathi

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Administration Manager

Date \_\_\_\_\_