MASTER THESIS: *What are the cost drivers in Logistics purchasing requirements from a supplier perspective?*

**Background**
Do you want to be part of developing how we can optimize logistics cost in the Volvo Group? Logistics Purchasing is a global team, performing all purchasing of logistics services for Volvo Group. For the past years we have done a dedicated work to create a professional purchasing organization with the mission to optimize the logistics cost for Volvo Group by optimizing transport networks through sourcing projects. The purpose statement of our organization is “Together we provide optimized logistics solutions for customer success and a sustainable future”. We are constantly seeking ways to improve and develop how we work with cost optimization and one area that needs to be further investigated is what in our requirements is driving cost from a supplier perspective. We have various requirements on our suppliers today and want to better understand which of those is driving cost and to what extent.

**Thesis questions and expected outcome**
The task of this Master Thesis is to identify and understand the cost driving requirements from a supplier perspective. The Master Thesis students will work with our current suppliers and conduct investigations and/or interviews. Additionally also do a benchmark study to get influences and best practices on how we could challenge or adjust the requirements that we have today. We want to get guidance in what way and direction our specifications and requirements should be developed.

The outcome of this Master Thesis is expected to directly impact how Logistics Purchasing work with optimization of logistics cost for Volvo group.

**Student profile and application**
Master students – preferably logistics and/or supply chain
Excellent level of English language

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