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Deepesh Desai is an Associate in our Banking, Finance & Projects practice. Deepesh advises on general South African corporate and commercial law, local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, formation, structuring and restructuring of companies, complex due diligence projects, and commercial aspects of renewable energy projects and embedded generation projects.

About Deepesh

Deepesh joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Candidate Attorney in 2020. He was appointed as an Associate in January 2022.

Credentials

Education

- B.Com Law, University of the Western Cape
- LLB (Cum Laude), University of the Western Cape

Memberships

- Member of the Golden Key International Honorary Society

News

Commencement of the Electricity Regulation Amendment Act 38 of 2024

The Electricity Regulation Amendment Act 38 of 2024 (ERA Act) was signed into law by the President of South Africa on 16 August 2024. On 18 December 2024, a governmental proclamation notice (236 of 2024) was published in Government Gazette 51778 in terms of which it was detailed that, in accordance with section 33 of the ERA Act, 1 January 2025 will be the date on which the ERA Act shall come into operation (save for amendments to the definitions of "reticulation" and "distribution power systems" in section 1 of the ERA Act, which will be dealt with by the President in a further proclamation in the Government Gazette in due course).

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Expertise

[Banking, Finance & Projects](#)

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Cape Town

Language

Afrikaans

English

Gujarati

Hindi

[SA secures close to R20 billion loan from BRICS Bank: Opportunities for water infrastructure developers](#)

With load-shedding seemingly under control for the present, securing access to water and sanitation services for South Africans appears to be the next looming issue. Gauteng's bulk water supply crisis and fast approaching " Day Zero " have been attributed to high water withdrawals by municipalities, largely caused by leaks due to failing municipal infrastructure.

[Power struggle: Eskom's bid to reserve grid capacity denied](#)

On 6 May 2024, Eskom submitted an application to the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) in terms of section 21(2) of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006 (ERA), seeking NERSA's approval to reserve and preserve grid connection capacity in favour of any project procured in terms of a ministerial determination published under section 34 of the ERA.

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