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Deepesh Desai is an Associate in our Corporate & Commercial 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

[Surviving the impact of the electricity crisis on food production](#)

Persistent loadshedding continues to pose a significant threat to South Africa's food supply chain and agricultural production. Unforeseen power cuts affect irrigation schedules, heating, fruit and wine processing, milling, bakeries, abattoirs, cold chain logistic and exports. Extreme bouts of rotational power cuts and sporadic changes to the loadshedding stages, have in certain instances resulted in farms and processors having to discard their produce, with farmers reporting losses of between 30% to 50%. The frustration within the agricultural sector is driving farmers and agri-processors to find new solutions to mitigate their losses and manage their risk.

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Afrikaans

English

Gujarati

Hindi

[Eskom's grid allocation rules: On your marks, ready, set, halt!](#)

The national grid, which facilitates the conveyance of electricity between points of generation and offtake, is a pivotal piece of South Africa's energy infrastructure. Owing to the country's historical reliance on coal as a main energy generation resource, the development and upkeep of the national grid was primarily centred around Eskom's coal fleet in Mpumalanga, with little attention paid to implementing the same level of upkeep in other areas of the country where renewable energy resources are most concentrated.

[Back to basics: Financial assistance in terms of section 45 of the Companies Act](#)

Section 45 of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Companies Act) governs direct and indirect financial assistance to directors and prescribed officers as well as certain companies and corporations, with the purpose of protecting shareholder and creditor interests by preventing the board of a company from exploiting its power of providing financial assistance which may unduly burden the company for the benefit of directors.

[Commercial and industrial power purchase agreements: Potentially a risky business?](#)

Loadshedding continues to be a major source of concern for businesses across a variety of sectors, including agriculture, mining, manufacturing and hospitality, and the impact of an interrupted supply of electricity on these businesses has proven costly (and even fatal).

[Earn-out to earn big: Understanding earn-out mechanisms](#)

What is an earn-out mechanism? An "earn-out" or "agterskot" is a contractual mechanism frequently used in acquisitions where the purchaser and seller agree that a fixed portion of the purchase consideration is payable on the closing of a transaction and a further portion (i.e. the "earn-out" amount) is only payable in the future when certain agreed conditions or financial performance thresholds are met.

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