

Ebun Taigbenu

Associate



Ebun Taigbenu is an Associate in our Real Estate Law practice.

About Ebun

Ebun joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Candidate Attorney in 2019. She was retained as an Associate in 2021 in the Corporate & Commercial practice, specifically focused on mining law, environmental and regulatory law.

Credentials

Education

- BA (with majors in Political Science, History and International Relations), University of Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of Witwatersrand

Experience

• Candidate Attorney Rotations

As a Candidate Attorney she rotated to four different practice areas in the firm – Dispute Resolution, Trusts & Estates, Real Estate and Corporate & Commercial.

She gained experience in preparing briefs for counsel, attending to urgent High Court applications and the execution of court orders, the administration of trusts and deceased estates, the registration of long-term product servitudes and lease agreements for Total South Africa and Total Botswana, and conducting due diligence investigations focused on immovable property.

• Administrative appeals application

Worked on administrative appeals applications and objections in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 ("MPRDA") and the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 ("NEMA") for clients such as Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd and Bokoni Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd.

• Preparing applications

Assisted in preparing applications for access to information from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("DMRE") in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2 of 2000 ("PAIA").

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Expertise

[Real Estate Law](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- **MPRDA**

Assisted in the preparation of section 11, section 102 and section 52 applications in terms of the MPRDA, along with board resolutions pertaining to the aforesaid applications.

- **Company secretarial documents**

Drafted company secretarial documents and worked with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission ("CIPC") in effecting various company changes.

- **De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd and Umcebo Mining**

Assisted in the registration of prospecting and mining rights held by companies such as De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd and Umcebo Mining.

- **Land audits**

Assisted in conducting land audits for mining companies.

- **Drafting of legal opinions for clients**

Assisted in the drafting of legal opinions for clients on environmental issues such as the environmental duty of care, emergency situations under section 30A of NEMA wherein environmental authorisations are not required, and water use licences.

News

[The draft National Infrastructure Plan 2050: A focus on the water sector](#)

On 10 August 2021, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) published the draft National Infrastructure Plan (NIP) 2050 for public comment. A month later, the deadline for comments was extended to 1 October. The NIP 2050 is a document that recognises that the economic and social development of South Africa will depend on an increase in investment in, and development and maintenance of, the infrastructure of crucial sectors. Economic growth will be stunted if the infrastructure of vital sectors is substandard or non-existent. The first phase of the NIP 2050 focuses on the critical sectors of water, energy, freight transport and digital communications.

[Is the obligation to obtain landowner consent for environmental authorisation for mining activities a death knell for mining in South Africa?](#)

On 11 June 2021, amendments to the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA Regulations) came into effect. One of the most consequential amendments is an amendment to the requirement for landowner consent in respect of applications for environmental authorisation (EA) for mining and mining related activities.

[Implementation of the final EPR Regulations for the electrical, lighting, and paper and packaging sectors is postponed to 5 May 2021](#)

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) published draft regulations on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) on 26 June 2020 to give effect to Sections 18 and 69 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008. On 5 November 2020, and following an extended comment period on the draft regulations which saw the submission of extensive inputs from various industries that will be potentially impacted by the implementation of EPR, the DEFF published the final regulations (EPR Regulations) and Notices, which were to take effect on date of publication.

[Draft notice declaring printing industry activities as controlled emitters published for comment](#)

On 7 August 2020, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Minister) published for comment a notice whereby she announced her intention to declare certain printing industry activities to be controlled emitters (Notice), in terms of section 23 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 (the Act).

Property rights during lockdown

On 23 April 2020, the President announced that on 1 May the National State of Disaster will be lowered from national Coronavirus alert Level 5 to alert Level 4. The downgrade will see a slight reduction in the extreme measures enacted to prevent the spread of the virus through a gradual and limited resumption of activities which were previously prohibited. All sectors of South African society will continue to be affected by the measures imposed by the government. The property sector too will face challenges in the private and commercial spheres.

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