

Ntobeko Rapuleng

Associate



Ntobeko Rapuleng is an Associate in our Competition Law practice. Ntobeko is particularly well versed in the obtaining of merger approvals from the Competition Authorities.

About Ntobeko

Ntobeko began his articles with Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in 2021 and was retained as an Associate Designate in our Competition Law practice in 2023.

Credentials

Education

- LLB Bcom degree from the University of the Witwatersrand

Experience

- Transactional work

Ntobeko has played a pivotal role in preparing, filing and obtaining approval from the Competition Authority for multiple mergers including:

The large merger involving the purchase of the Pan Africa Shopping Center by Vukile Property Fund Limited (a multi-billion rand JSE listed company) for R669 million

News

[When does an internal restructure need approval from the competition authorities? The Competition Commission provides its views in its draft guidelines](#)

On 24 January 2025, the Competition Commission (Commission) published its draft guidelines on internal restructuring (Draft Guidelines). These Draft Guidelines, although not final, set out for the first time the Commission's position as to when an internal restructure requires merger control approval before implementation. This is of particular relevance to firms that hold equity investments in other businesses and which may be looking to restructure those interests in the future. The position that the Commission ultimately adopts could have an impact on business' ability to structure their groups with(out) regulatory oversight.

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Expertise

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Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

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Sesotho

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[Primacy of control or financial benefit in identifying HDPs](#)

Much has been said of the Competition Commission's (Commission) stance that section 12A(3)(e) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (as amended) (Act) creates a positive obligation to promote a greater spread of ownership by historically disadvantaged persons (HDPs) or workers in every merger. However, the question of which component of "ownership" is primary in identifying if an entity constitutes an HDP is not always clearcut.

["Yes, I can tell you what to do": Competition Tribunal confirms jurisdiction over electricity supply excessive pricing complaints](#)

Cape Gate (Pty) (Ltd) (Cape Gate) lodged a complaint with the Competition Commission of South Africa (Commission) against the Emfuleni Local Municipality (ELM), the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) and the Gauteng Provincial Government.

[Why SA employers should take a cue from the UK, and enforce COVID-19 testing in the workplace](#)

The UK Government is taking the initiative and encouraging employers to increase workplace testing in sectors open during lockdown, to detect COVID-19 in people who are not showing symptoms. Perhaps this is something South African employers should consider.

Podcasts

[Competition Commission outlines approach to internal restructures in draft guidelines: When does an internal restructure need merger approval](#)

Ntobeko Rapuleng, Associate in the Competition Law practice, recently joined Stephen Grootes on 702 and Thapelo Moloi on You FM to discuss the 'Competition Commission outlines approach to internal restructures in draft guidelines: When does an internal restructure need merger approval?'

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