Jaco Meyer

Director

Jaco Meyer is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial transactions, black economic empowerment transactions, company law and corporate governance. Jaco has experience in advising on the acquisition and divestment of companies and businesses in South Africa and Australia, including due diligence and the corporate and commercial aspects regarding implementation of those transactions

About Jaco

Jaco joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in April 2020. He was previously at a multinational firm in Melbourne, Australia. Jaco was appointed Senior Associate in 2021 and was appointment Director in September 2022.

Credentials

Education

- Non-Award Undergraduate | Australian Catholic University | 2019
- Postgraduate Certificate: Advanced Company Law I | University of the Witwatersrand | 2018
- Bachelor of Laws (cum laude) | North-West University | 2015
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2018
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Membership

- Golden Key Honour Society

Experience

- Advising on merger and acquisition transactions and drafting and negotiating merger and acquisition transaction agreements.
- Advising on company law and general commercial and corporate matters.
- Drafting, negotiating and reviewing constitutional documents, memoranda of incorporation, shareholders' agreements and general company secretarial attendances.
- Drafting transaction agreements relating to the implementation of BEE ownership structures.

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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Insurance Law

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- Drafting transaction agreements relating to the implementation of BEE ownership structures
- Advising South32, a global mining and metals company headquartered in Perth, Australia (listed on the ASX and JSE), with its South African office headquartered in Melrose Arch, Johannesburg, on high value long-term supply and offtake agreements, standard form and bespoke agreements for all steps of the supply chain, as well as corporate documents such as shareholders' agreements, memoranda of incorporation, trust deeds, committee charters and resolutions.
- Advised a 51% black-owned coal mining company on; the acquisition of various mining and prospecting rights in South Africa; and the acquisition of a Build-Own-Operate-and-Transfer beneficiation and coal wash plant.
- Advised a multinational metal alloys and other metallurgical products company on; the disposal of its non-core assets (timber farms) used in connection with its silicon smelter; and its empowerment restructure.
- The empowerment restructure involved exiting the existing black shareholders and creating new shareholders in a manner that ensured the "once empowered, always empowered" principle applied. It also involved preparing new documentation, specifically a memorandum of incorporation, shareholders' agreement and trust deed, to regulate the relationship between the new shareholders.
- Advised Clientèle Limited, listed on the JSE, on the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of 1Life Insurance Limited.
- Advised Top Vending on the termination of its distribution relationship with Nestlé, and the subsequent sale of the South African Nespresso® business to Nestlé.
- Advised Federal Express Corporation to commence air cargo services into Africa for the first time, obtaining its foreign operator permit.
- Assisted Puma Energy with template agreements to be used across various African jurisdictions.
- Advised a multinational information technology and defence systems company on the equity financing of its South African subsidiary.
- Advised one of South Africa's largest book retailers regarding the carve-out of a portion of its business (in respect of a specific O.R. Tambo International Airport tender) and the subsequent empowerment of that stand-alone business. The work involved the drafting and negotiating of key transaction documents, including new memoranda of incorporation, shareholders' agreements, incorporation minutes, etc.
- Advised numerous HNIs on the restructure of their group entities and affairs. The work involved the drafting of bespoke memoranda of incorporation, incorporation documents, asset-for-share agreements and various company secretarial attendances.
- Advised a family group comprising 17 companies and 10 trusts valued at approximately AUD84 million, on the division of its real property portfolio between various beneficiaries.
- Advised a telecommunications company listed on the ASX on the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of three other private telecommunications companies as part of its strategic growth plan.
- Advised a multinational pharmaceuticals company on its license and supply agreement with another company for an exclusive license to commercialise its intellectual property in the USA. In terms of the agreement, the company received payments and milestone fees in equity and cash for an amount of at least USD295 million.

News

Reflections on the 2024 Joburg Indaba

The 2024 Joburg Indaba (Indaba) can be aptly summarised in the words of Rafiki from The Lion King: " Oh yes, the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it."

Judicial perspectives on corporate disputes: A look at the High Court's ruling in Langeni and Another v South African Women In Mining Association and Others

In the case of Langeni and Another v South African Women In Mining Association and Others (27669/2022), the Gauteng High Court delved into the intricacies of section 71(3) of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Companies Act), which pertains to the removal of directors by the board. The applicants sought judicial intervention to overturn their dismissal from the board of the South African Women in Mining Association NPC (SAMIWA) and to be reinstated as directors, among other reliefs.

Drone operations in South Africa: An overview of the legal landscape

In recent years, South Africa has embraced drone technology, with both hobbyists and commercial operators leveraging its potential. Drones, technically known as remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) or unmanned aircraft (UA), are transforming various industries, including mining, agriculture, construction, environmental monitoring, emergency response, real estate and infrastructure inspection. In light of this, it is necessary for both private and commercial operators to understand the laws governing drone usage in South Africa to ensure safe and legal operations. Below is a brief overview of the current legal landscape.

Reflecting on South Africa's mining future

Vivien Chaplin, Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice and Head of the Mining & Minerals sector, and Jaco Meyer, Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice, were featured in the Engineering News and Mining Weekly: Reflecting on South Africa's mining future.

Surfing the waves of contractual interpretation

The case of Yacht Hardware CC v Zenith International Proprietary Limited JDR 3693 (WCC) is a recent appeal heard by the Western Cape High Court involving the interpretation of indemnity clauses in a contract of sale between Yacht Hardware CC t/a Harken South Africa (plaintiff), a manufacturer and distributor of marine products, and Zenith International Proprietary Limited (defendant). For ease of reference the parties in this appeal were referred to as in the court of first instance.

Videos

Drone regulations in South Africa

Jaco Meyer, Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice recently did an interview on Business Day Live with Noluthando Mthonti-Mlambo to discuss drone regulations in South Africa.

'Positive disruption' at the Mining Indaba

Jaco Meyer joined Tumisang Ndlovu on Newzroom Afrika.

Podcasts

Navigating the complexities of business acquisitions

Jaco Meyer discusses "Navigating the complexities of business acquisitions"

2024 Investing in African Mining Indaba provided a platform for opportunity and engagement

Director Jaco Meyer from our Corporate and Commercial practice joined Simon Brown on Moneyweb Now to discuss 30 years of the Mining Indaba and the hopes for this year's event.

All news by Jaco Meyer →

Recognition

- • The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 recommended Jaco commercial, corporate/M&A.