André de Lange

Sector Head, Director



André de Lange is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. He specialises in corporate law, corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions. André also provides general commercial law-related services and advice. For a number of years, he served on the executive committee of the Johannesburg Attorneys Association, (holding the office of Vice Chairman and Treasurer) and served as a Councillor of the Cape Law Society. André currently serves on the Audit and Risk Committee of the Law Society of South Africa. He and his family relocated from Johannesburg to Cape Town at the end of 2006.

About André

André began his career as a Candidate Attorney in 1993 at Hofmeyr van der Merwe Inc. (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr) in Johannesburg. In 1998 he was appointed as a Director.

Credentials

Education

- Registered with the Legal Practice Council
- BA Law University of Johannesburg
- LLB University of Johannesburg
- LLM (Corporate Law), University of Johannesburg
- Year of admission as an attorney: 1995

Experience

- Involved in a number of prominent merger and take-over transactions, including transactions effected by schemes of arrangement, and hostile take-overs.
- Involved in a number of listings of companies on the JSE and the alternative exchange of the JSE.
- Advising a number of large listed company groups in complying with the Companies Act and King IV.
- Advised Remgro in their facilitation of Mediclinic's acquisitions of interests in Spire and Al Noor in the United Kingdom.

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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring

Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Listings, Stock Exchanges & Public Documents

Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate Governance

The Companies Act

Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Location

Stellenbosch

Language

Afrikaans

English



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- Advised Remgro in the issue of exchangeable bonds listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.
- · Advised Remgro in their R9billion rights issue.
- Advised Mediclinic in the acquisition by Remgro and Mediterranean Shipping Company of joint control over Mediclinic and the delisting of Mediclinic from the LSE and the JSE.
- Providing private hospital regulatory advice to Mediclinic, including representing Mediclinic in the Competition Commission's Healthcare Market Inquiry and in their submissions and responses in respect of the proposed National Health Insurance.
- · Advised Mediclinic in the acquisitions of a number of hospitals and related facilities and businesses in South Africa.
- Advised PSG Group in its unbundling of its shareholding in Capitec Bank and the subsequent unbundling of substantially all PSG Group' listed investments to its shareholders, and the delisting of PSG Group from the JSE.
- · Advised Volaris (a subsidiary of Canadian Constellation Software) in its acquisition of control over JSE listed Adapt IT.
- Advised Swiss incorporated and listed Richemont in the termination of its depositary receipt programme on the JSE and the listing
 of it's A shares and A warrants as a secondary listing on the JSE.
- Advised We Buy Cars in their pre-listing capital raising and ultimate listing on the JSE.
- · Advised Terrasan Group Limited in the sale of the greater part of its business to Sea Harvest.

News

The JSE's response to the corporate governance changes introduced by the Companies Amendment Act

As the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) rolls out various proposed amendments to the JSE Listings Requirements (Listing Requirements), noticeably absent from the consolidated simplified Listings Requirements are Paragraph 3.84(j) and Schedule 14 to the Listing Requirements. The consolidated Listings Requirements were published by the JSE in September 2024 as part of the public consultation process to its ongoing Simplification Project.

JSE's reforms reshape South African capital markets for future growth

Recent progress made at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) has signalled a renewed confidence in South Africa's capital markets, highlighting the institution's critical role in growing the economy. While market conditions have presented challenges, André de Lange, Director Corporate & Commercial at CDH, believes the JSE has demonstrated resilience through more accessible listings – an attractive prospect for companies looking to unlock value.

National Small Enterprise Amendment Act: Changes afoot?

On 27 September 2024, the President brought into operation certain sections of the National Small Enterprise Amendment Act 21 of 2024 (Amendment Act), which amends the National Small Enterprise Act 102 of 1996 (Principal Act). The Amendment Act was assented to by the President on 18 July 2024 and aims, inter alia, to enhance support for small and medium businesses as part of broadening participation in the economy for a greater number of South Africans. This is to enable an equitable trading environment for small enterprises, through the provision of affordable and effective access to justice, and to empower the Minister of Small Business Development (Minister) to declare certain practices in relation to small enterprises to be prohibited as unfair trading practices.

The Companies Act amendments are enacted but not yet in operation: What you need to know

On 26 July 2024, the Presidency announced that the President has signed the Companies Amendment Act and the Companies Second Amendment Act into law (collectively the Amendment Acts). The Amendment Acts have been awaiting assent since 26 March 2024 when they were approved by the National Council of Provinces and will make important changes to the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (CompaniesAct).



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Companies Act changes imminent: What you can do to prepare

On 26 March 2024, the Companies Amendment Bill (Bill) and the Companies Second Amendment Bill (Second Amendment Bill) were passed by the National Council of Provinces and are now awaiting presidential assent. With this anticipated to happen at any moment, the enactment into law of the Bill and the Second Amendment Bill (collectively, the Bills) isimminent.

Videos

Amendments to South Africa's Companies Act

Andre de Lange, Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice joined Nhlanhla Sehume on Newzroom Afrika to discuss Amendments to South Africa's Companies Act.

Podcasts

Andre de Lange discusses the amendments to the Companies Act

Andre de Lange, Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice joined Junaid Kharsany on Radio Islam to discuss the Amendments to the Companies Act.

All news by André de Lange →

Recognition

- Market recognition
 - \bullet The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 recommended Andre in commercial, corporate/M&A
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2022 recommended Andre in banking & finance.
 - IFLR1000, 2020 edition André received the following recognition: "He provided a very high level of output. He has excellent turnaround times and is excellent at proposing solutions." "He is experienced, knowledgeable, calm and precise."

