

## Representative Legal Matters

Lerisha Naidu

- Advised ZCCM Investment Holdings plc in relation to the African merger control aspects of the proposed acquisition by Delta Mining Limited of 51% of Mopani Copper Mines (MCM) from ZCCM. MCM is a Zambian copper producer and exporter, operating two mine sites at Mufulira and Nkana, located on the Copperbelt Province.
- Advised Hong Kong-based Hutchison Ports Group in the COMESA merger notification of its proposed transaction with COSCO Shipping and CMA CGM for the establishment of a joint venture that will construct, develop, use, manage, operate, exploit, and maintain a container terminal on vacant land within the boundaries of the Ain Sokhna port in Egypt.
- Advised The Bidvest Group (UK) Plc, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bidvest Group Limited, on the competition aspects in relation to its proposed acquisition of 100% of Citron Hygiene LP from Birch Hill Equity Partners and other investors.
- Advised Smile Telecoms Holdings Limited and Smile Telecoms IP Limited on the competition aspects in respect of a sale agreement to dispose of all its shares in Smile Communications Tanzania Limited (a Tanzanian telecommunications entity) to Vodacom Tanzania Public Limited company.
- Advised Varun Beverages Limited on the competition aspects of its acquisition of a 100% stake in the Beverage Company (Proprietary) Ltd, South Africa, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, valued at around ZAR 2.9 billion, with an option to accept minority co-investment from large equity funds, subject to regulatory and other approvals, from a consortium led by Ethos and Nedbank. This deal was shortlisted for the Catalyst Private Equity Deal of the Year by DealMakers 2023.
- Advised the Private Investment Fund, a Saudi Arabian sovereign wealth fund, in relation to the merger control aspects in COMESA of its proposed tyre manufacturing joint venture with Pirelli Tyre S.p.A. in Saudi Arabia.
- Advised Platinum Equity Group on obtaining unconditional clearance in relation to its proposed acquisition of Diversey Holdings Ltd, a global manufacturer and supplier of cleaning, sanitation, infection prevention and hygiene solutions to various industries globally, by negotiating tenaciously with the Competition Commission and advanced compelling competition and ESG arguments.
- Advised Shell and bp in relation to the merger control aspects of the sale of their respective interests in various assets that comprise the SAPREF Crude Oil Refinery in Kwa-Zulu Natal Province, South Africa to the Central Energy Fund.
- Advised Accenture South Africa (Pty) Ltd on its acquisition of the King James Group, one of the largest independent creative agencies in South Africa. Our role included conducting the due diligence investigation, the preparation and negotiation of the share purchase agreement

between the parties, and advising Accenture in relation to the South African merger control aspects of the transaction.

- Advised Aveng Limited in relation to its disposal programme from a competition law perspective, conducting multijurisdictional notifiability assessments to determine whether the disposals trigger mandatory notifications in various African jurisdictions, compiling and drafting the merger filing documents and engaging with competition authorities for expedited and favourable outcomes.
- Advised Hitachi in relation to the South African and Namibian merger control aspects of its global acquisition of the power grids business of Swiss-based ABB Ltd, including lead counsel responsible for the joint merger filings in South Africa and Namibia.
- Advised Chr. Hansen Holding A/S on the African merger control aspects of the merger between Novozymes A/S and Chr. Hansen Holding, a statutory merger implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Companies Act.
- Advised GlaxoSmithKline plc in relation to the South African antitrust aspects of its proposed joint venture with Pfizer Inc, in terms of which GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer intend to combine their respective consumer healthcare businesses globally.
- Advised Bayer in relation its global disposal of its animal health business on the South African merger control aspects of the transaction.
- Advised Doka GmbH on the competition aspects in relation to on its disposal of its formwork and scaffolding businesses in sub-Saharan Africa to Waco Africa.
- Advised Unilever in proceedings before the Competition Tribunal involving allegations that Unilever had, between 2004 and 2013, engaged in cartel conduct in the edible oils and fats industry.
- Advised on the competition aspects of Bidvest Group's acquisition of PHS Group in the UK, which included conducting a detailed multijurisdictional notifiability assessment aimed at identifying the jurisdictions in which mandatory merger notifications would be required.
- Advised Brenntag Holding on the competition aspects of its acquisition of the shares in Crest Chemicals and facilitating unconditional merger approval by the Competition Commission.
- Advised a multinational consumer goods company in contentious proceedings before the Competition Tribunal of South Africa in respect of allegations of a cartel infringement.
- Advised two global automotive component manufacturers in relation to ongoing investigations by the South African antitrust authorities involving allegations of collusion.
- Advised two speciality chemical companies in relation to the South African antitrust aspects of their global merger.
- Advised clients in relation to merger notifications spanning a range of industries including swimming pool equipment, FMCG, freight forwarding, animal feed, real estate, logistics, chemicals, medical devices and others.

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- Undertaken merger filings in several African jurisdictions (other than South Africa) including Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).
- Advised several listed property development firms on a range of antitrust matters, including Redefine Limited, Growthpoint, Investec Property, a leading South Africa bank, Absa Bank and Liberty.
- Advised Acucap Properties at the Competition Tribunal and was instrumental in ensuring that the merger between Growthpoint Properties and Acucap Properties was approved without conditions.
- Advised Liberty Holdings Limited in the establishment of a joint venture with the retail management division of JHI Properties (Pty) Limited and its parent company Excellerate Holdings Limited.
- Advised JSE-listed property company Redefine Income Fund on the landmark ZAR 12.7 billion acquisition of ApexHi Properties and Madison Property Fund Managers.
- Advised Redefine Income Fund in its acquisition of Fountainhead Property Trust.
- Advised Redefine Retail in respect of the acquisition of Maponya Mall.