



## Tatenda L. Makawa

**Executive - Corporate and Commercial/Mergers & Acquisition**

**Qualifications:** LLB - Rhodes University

**TATENDA** is a seasoned lawyer with 14 years of experience specializing in corporate and commercial law. His strengths lie in providing strategic legal advice, conducting due diligence investigations and structuring complex mergers and acquisitions.

### **Professional Journey:**

Tatenda began his legal career at Beryl Holdings Proprietary Limited, a venture capital and private equity firm, where he held various positions including Business and Legal Consultant, Legal Counsel, and Legal Advisor over a period of five years. He then joined Mkhabela Huntley Attorneys Inc., where he spent ten years practicing corporate and commercial law, advising private and public companies, including various state-owned enterprises and government departments. In September 2023, Tatenda joined MBA Incorporated as an Executive in the Corporate and Commercial practice.

### **Areas of Interest and Expertise:**

Tatenda has 14 years working experience in the following areas of practice which include but are not limited to:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Project Finance
- Corporate Advisory.

### **Experience Highlights:**

Some of the transactions he has been part of include but are not limited to:

- Advised a Johannesburg-based investment company in a ZAR2,2 billion share repurchase transaction.
- Advised a wholly-owned subsidiary of a JSE listed mining company in its joint acquisition of the mining operations business conducted by Exarro at Arnot Mine, Mpumalanga, South Africa.

- Advised a black economic empowerment (BEE) shareholder of a Johannesburg Stock Exchange listed mining company in a ZAR300 million refinancing transaction.
- Advised Public Investment Corporation (PIC) on its ZAR400 million investment in a South African petroleum distribution company.
- Advised a Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed mining company, in its issuance of a ZAR80 million combined claw-back and rights offer.
- Formed part of the team that conducted due diligence investigations and advised and reviewed transaction documents in respect of Transnet SOC Limited's US\$2 billion bond issue implemented under Transnet's US\$6 billion Global Medium Term Loan Bond Issue.
- Key member of a team that fund-raised a US\$18 million trade finance loan facility from PTA Bank, a Pan-African bank, on behalf of a South African petroleum company.

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