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LEGAL UPDATE

The Legal 500 Europe, Middle East & Africa Rankings

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The Legal 500 has released its 2020 rankings for the EMEA region yesterday. Regarded as one of the world's largest and most reputable legal referral guides, *The Legal 500* is an independent directory which assesses the strengths of law firms in over 100 jurisdictions and continues to grow each year with new practice areas and additional countries.

Werksmans has once again been ranked in tier 1 for its excellence in Dispute Resolution. We also retain our rankings in the following 11 practice areas: Banking & Finance; Commercial, Corporate & M&A; Competition; Construction; Employment; Intellectual Property; Investment Funds; Mining; Projects & Infrastructure; Real Estate; and Tax.

We have seven lawyers (higher by one from the 2019 edition) who are included in the elite list of "Leading lawyers":

- Richard Roothman – Banking & Finance;
- Paul Coetser – Competition;
- Kevin Trudgeon – Commercial, Corporate & M&A (new ranking);
- David Hertz and Des Williams – Dispute Resolution;
- Chris Stevens – Mining; and
- Ernest Mazansky – Tax

In addition to the above rankings, we have a new ranking for the firm in the "Rising Star" category. Hilah Laskov has been ranked in this category for Investment Funds.

In total, 35 of our lawyers were recommended in various practice areas. These include: Danny Andropoulos; Jonathan Behr; Astrid Berman; Ahmore Burger-Smidt; Paul Cleland; Paul Coetser; David Gewer; Deon Griessel; David Hertz; Janine Hollesen; Michael Honiball; Bernard Hotz (new ranking); Gerhard Johannes; Sandile July; Hendrik Kotze; Shayne Krige; Hilah Laskov; Doelie Lessing; Eric Levenstein (new ranking); Corlett Manaka; Ernest Mazansky; Chris Moraitis; Rudolph Raath; Fátima Rodrigues; Richard Roothman; Jason Smit; Chris Stevens; Pieter Steyn; Kevin Trudgeon; Jacques van Wyk; Dave Walker; Donvay Wegierski; Darren Willans; Des Williams; and Elliott Wood.

More information on *The Legal 500* can be found **here**.