

## **ALISTAIR YOUNG (BA LLB LLM)**



### **ABRIDGED RESUMÉ**

#### **Warburton Attorneys – Senior Associate**

#### **EDUCATION**

- **BA (Environmental Science)**, University of Cape Town, 1997 to 1999
- **LLB**, University of Cape Town, 2000 to 2002
- **LLM (Environmental Law)**, University of Cape Town, 2003 to 2004
- Practical Legal Training (PLT) programme January 2004 – June 2004
- GRI Certified Course on Sustainability Reporting

#### **ATTORNEYS ADMISSION:**

- Admitted and enrolled as an Attorney in the Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division, March 2006.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Member of the Environmental Law Society of South Africa

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Senior Associate – Warburton Attorneys**

**March 2007 – Present:**

- **Due Diligence:** Drafting of the environmental and health and safety components of numerous due diligence reports regarding renewable and fossil fuel energy projects as well as in relation to the listing of a South African mining company on various stock exchanges including the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the London AIM.
- **Legal Opinion Writing:** Drafting legal opinions on various matters ranging from EIA, the financial provision regulations, water and waste. Certain specific opinions have focussed on the authorisation requirements associated with renewable energy projects such as the installation and operation of biomass plants at sawmills.
- **Auditing:** Undertaken numerous environmental legal compliance audits at several large-scale mining and industrial operations. The purpose of the audits is to establish actual on-site environmental legal compliance and to assist with ISO 14001 compliance.
- **Section 43 NEMA Appeals:** Drafting of appeal documents in relation to environmental authorisations granted by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- **Section 31L NEMA Legal Compliance Notices:** Providing legal assistance in the form of the drafting of written representations to section 31L Legal compliance notices issued by Provincial Departments.
- **Section 84(3) NHA Appeals:** Drafting of appeals against final compliance notices issued by municipalities against manufacturing companies as a result of alleged nuisances caused by the manufacturing operations.
- **Procedures:** Compilation of waste management procedures for large retail companies and the development of comprehensive environmental mine closure procedure for major platinum mining companies.
- **Contract:** Environmental legal review of all coal supply agreements (short, medium and long term agreements as well as cost plus and fixed price agreements) for a major energy producing company and the drafting of environmental related clauses for contracts dealing with the supply of goods and services in the retail sector.
- **General:** Assist with all other services provided by Warburton Attorneys, including but not limited to presentations to clients regarding work progress, evaluation of EIA reports, proposal presentations to potential clients, marketing, and general legal support.

#### **October 2004 to February 2006:**

- Candidate Attorney with Scheibert & Associates, Cape Town: General and Commercial Litigation Department.

#### **February 2006 to February 2007**

- Professional Assistant with Scheibert & Associates, Cape Town: General and Commercial Litigation Department.

#### **PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS:**

- Book: *Made contributions to the drafting of Know your Environmental Rights! A practical guide to Environmental Law in South Africa*
- Papers: *From the Minerals Act to the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act: Is South Africa's Unique Environment protected from the negative impacts of mining?*
- *This Dammed World: The effects of large dams on the environment and how these effects can be curtailed by the implementation of various International Environmental Conventions* (LLM Dissertation).
- Article: *A Fundamental Shift in the South African Waste Management Legal Framework published in Occupational Risk: Health, Safety and Environment Vol.5 No 6, July 2009*
- Conference: *SHERCON 2009* – Presented a paper on the change in the South African legal regime dealing with waste management.

- Article: Business Day: Business Law and Tax Review, May 2010 – *The consequences of section 59(1) of the Consumer Protection Act for the suppliers of certain goods in the context of waste management and disposal.*
- Article: Financial Mail, April 2010 - *contributory comments for an article on acid mine drainage.*
- Article: Financial Mail, November 2011 – *New Mines that use water illegally do so at their own risk.*
- Article: Footprint Magazine, December 2013 – *Potential Unlawfulness of conducting EIA Listed Activities.*
- Legal Training: Conduct various legal training courses covering a wide range of topics including mining, water, air quality, waste and environmental impact assessment legislation.