

A NEW DEVELOPMENT LAW UNIT AND LAW UPDATE

STBB's Development law Unit came into existence in April this year and this is the first of the Unit's new monthly newsletter which will provide a snapshot of important news, cases and legislative happenings reported each month and which impacts on development law, property and conveyancing.

How will the Unit function?

DEVELOPMENT LAW UNIT

In April this year STBB, as one of the largest property law firms in South Africa, launched the STBB Development Law Unit. The ground-breaking initiative was timed to coincide with changing legislation and processes to be implemented from 1 July 2015, such as the coming into effect of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (on national level) and the Land Use Management Act (Western Cape Province) on 1 July 2015.

STBB's Development Law Unit has nine specialists addressing development requirements in the fields of planning law, environmental law, construction law, renewable energy law and, very importantly, local government law.

The unit was warmly received by developers and welcomed by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

The department's role is to function as a vital watchdog and one-stop-shop for developers, both strengthening the developer's position and reducing time taken for approvals.

Contact Andre Swart (Andres@stbb.co.za) and Annetjie van Rooyen (Annetjievr@stbb.co.za) or visit www.stbb.co.za for assistance with development planning, ideally before land is purchased for development purposes.

THE NEWSLETTER: DEVELOPMENT LAW UPDATE

Senior attorneys are heading up the research arm of the Unit and this Development Law Update is the first of a new monthly development law newsletter which will keep developers informed of daily judgments and all legislative developments on all levels of government as they happen.

Feel free to contact us with comment and suggestions for the Development Law update at marynab@stbb.co.za

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