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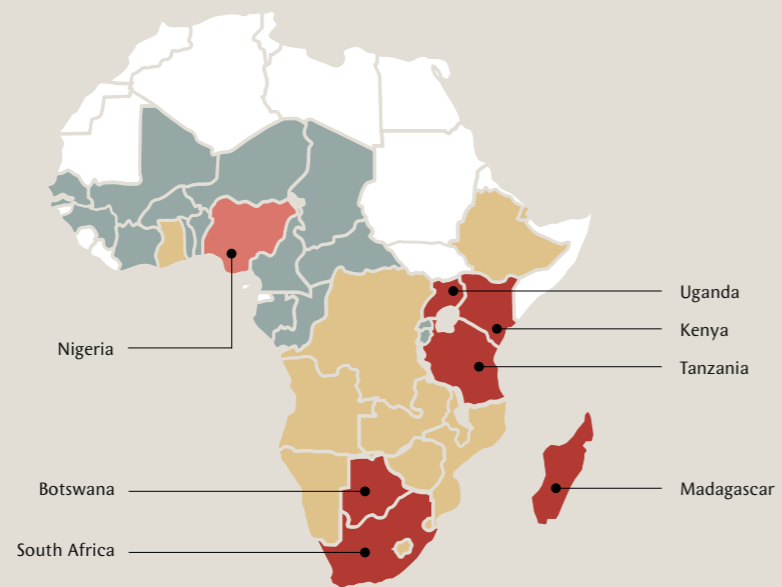
Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group is one of Africa's premier corporate law firms, employing over 400 specialised lawyers. The Group provides domestic and cross-border legal services to the highest international standards across Africa, through its offices in South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania and Uganda.

Differences in law, regulation and business culture can significantly increase the risk and complexity of doing business in Africa. Our aim is to assist our clients in achieving their objectives as smoothly and efficiently as possible while minimising the legal and regulatory risks.

While reliable technical legal advice is always very important, the ability to deliver that advice in a coherent, relevant way combined with transaction management, structuring, negotiating and drafting skills is essential to the supply of high quality legal services.

The Group has offices in Antananarivo, Cape Town, Dar es Salaam, Durban, Gaborone, Johannesburg, Kampala and Nairobi. Our office in Madagascar has francophone African coverage in Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Republic, Gabon, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal and Togo.

We have a best friends relationship with leading law firm Udo Udoma & Bela-Osagie, in Nigeria, which has offices in Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt. We also have strong relationships and work closely with law firms across the rest of Africa which enables us to provide or source the advice clients require in any African country, whether on a single country or multi-jurisdictional basis.



- Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group offices
- Best friends office
- Francophone Africa coverage
- Significant transaction or advisory experience

We act for corporations, financial institutions, state owned enterprises and governments providing clear, relevant and timely legal advice to assist clients achieve their objectives and manage their legal risks.

The strength and depth of all the Group's practice area, geographical and sector specific teams are utilized to provide clients with the highest standards of service. In the cross-border arena the Group has extensive experience in the resources, energy, infrastructure, financial institutions and consumer goods sectors.

Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group's South African, Kenyan and Ugandan offices are representatives of Lex Mundi, a global association with more than 160 independent law firms in all the major centres across the globe. This association gives access to firms which have been identified as the best in each jurisdiction represented.



No matter
the industry,
we have
the expertise
to take care
of the details.



Areas of practice

Our focus is on our clients, without losing sight of the bigger picture. As such, we have the skills and understanding to advise on a wide range of issues affecting modern business in all its forms. Our extensive practice areas include:

- Banking and finance
- Bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring
- Bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring dispute resolution
- Benefits (pensions, healthcare and incentive schemes)
- Capital markets and securities
- Commercial property
- Competition
- Construction and engineering
- Corporate and commercial
- Dispute resolution
- Employment
- Energy
- Environment, natural resources and climate change
- Financial services and investment management
- Forensics and white collar crime
- Healthcare and pharmaceutical
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution
- Maritime and transport
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Mining, resources, energy and environment
- Oil and gas
- Private equity
- Project finance and infrastructure development and public/private partnerships
- Public and regulatory
- Real estate and conveyancing
- Tax
- Technology, media and telecommunications



Our experience

We have been involved in projects, transactions and matters throughout Africa.

BANKING AND FINANCE

Afrisam on its ZAR25 billion equity and debt restructuring

RMB Westport in connection with the debt and equity financing of the development of the Alausa Mall in Lagos, Nigeria

Rand Merchant Bank (acting as MLA together with Standard Bank) on their proposed financing of a US\$110 million packaging plant in Angola for Nampak

Industrial Development Corporation on the provision of finance for a project in Gabon

Development Bank of South Africa on structured commodity financing in several jurisdictions across Africa

CAPITAL MARKETS

Equity Bank on its cross-listing on the Uganda Stock Exchange

Royal Bafokeng Platinum in relation to its combined offering of shares and listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Value ZAR10 billion

Eaton Towers in connection with the raising of US\$150 million of capital from Capital International Private Equity Funds

Barclays Capital, Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan (as joint lead managers) in respect of the listing and issue of the Eskom Holdings Limited US\$1,750,000,000 Stand-alone Bonds on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Simmer and Jack Mines on the subscription of ZAR465,000,000 Secured Convertible Redeemable Bonds issued by First Uranium

City of Johannesburg with the update of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality DMTN Programme and the issue of various notes thereunder

COMPETITION

Pioneer Hi-Bred International in relation to its acquisition of Pannar Seed, including merger notifications to competition authorities in South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia

Hitachi Data Systems in relation to its acquisition of Shoden Data Systems and its subsidiary companies incorporated in Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Tanzania

Pretoria Portland Cement in connection with the leniency application in relation to the South African Competition Commission's investigation into the cement industry

An international oil company on pricing practices in Tanzania

A listed international company on regulatory obligations in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Somalia, Djibouti and Uganda

ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Eskom on the 4800 MW Medupi and Kusile power stations in South Africa

Copperbelt Energy Corporation on the second cross-border electricity interconnector between the DRC and Zambia

Sponsors and project company (Gigajoule South Africa and Matola Gas Company) on the project financing for construction of a gas pipeline in Mozambique

Airports Company South Africa in connection with the expansion of Cape Town International Airport

BHP Billiton in connection with the expansion of Hotazel Manganese Mine

Rand Merchant Bank and Standard Bank on the financing of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link Project in the Gauteng Province of South Africa

Zambian Government in relation to the funding of the Zambia toll roads project

Lending banks in connection with the US\$66 million financing of a project to resurrect the sugar industry of Marromeu in the Zambezi Valley in Mozambique



MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Standard Bank on its ZAR8.5 billion acquisition of a majority interest in listed Nigerian bank IBTC Chartered Bank

Marsh on the acquisition of the broking and risk services business of Alexander Forbes in South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia

Japanese paint manufacturer Kansai Paint on its unsolicited offer for JSE listed Freeworld Coatings

Barclays Bank PLC on the disposal of its custody business in Kenya, Botswana, Mauritius, Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe to Standard Chartered Bank

Liberty Group Limited on the acquisition of Kenyan insurance companies (Heritage and CFC Life) from CFC Stanbic Holdings

Citadel Capital, a listed Egyptian private equity firm, in relation to the acquisition of a majority stake in Kenya Uganda Railways

Due diligence in 15 African countries for Bharti Airtel in connection with its proposed merger with MTN

The Kenya Government on the proposed privatizations of National Bank of Kenya, Consolidated Bank of Kenya and Kenya Pipeline Company

MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Minmetals on the Zambian and South African aspects of its US\$1,275 million offer for Anvil Mining

Rio Tinto on the South African aspects of its offer to acquire Africa focused, Riversdale Mining listed on the Australian Stock Exchange

Metorex on its ZAR3.0 billion capital and debt restructuring programme in relation to its operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo

African Rainbow Minerals with its joint venture with Vale for mining assets in Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique and Namibia

Teal Mining (an ARM/Vale joint venture), sale of gold prospecting rights in Namibia to Auryx Gold for US\$30m

China Construction Bank on the provision of financing to a Zimbabwean subsidiary of a South African mining company

Exxaro Resources with regard to its drilling project in Botswana

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