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New head of Enforcements and Exemptions Division

Former Senior Analyst for the Competition Commission's Enforcements and Exemptions division Keith Weeks has returned to head up the department.

The E&E division investigates contraventions of the Competition Act relating to horizontal and vertical restrictive practices and the abuse of dominance. The division also reviews and assesses applications for exemptions from provisions of the Act and has most recently been active in prosecuting cartel behaviour in South Africa.

Weeks has extensive experience in economics and competition law. He has been a lecturer and a consultant and his work spanned nearly eight years for the Commission, where he was an analyst at the Commission's Policy and Research division prior to moving into enforcement work where, over time, he headed various sections including the Technical Team of the Banking Enquiry, the Telecommunications and ICT section and the Healthcare section. For the past year and a half he was General Manager: Markets and Competition for ICASA.

Weeks holds a B.Com (Honours) and a Master of Commerce (cum laude) degree and his publications include: "The Economics of Telecommunications Regulation", "Doctor Networks should Evaluate their Competition Law Risk", and Characterising Price Fixing: A Journey Through the Looking Glass with ANSAC.

The Commissioner, Shan Ramburuth, said Weeks will be responsible for investigations in all of the Commission's priority sectors, which include food and agro-processing, construction and infrastructure.

"As an institution, the Commission has moved from a focus on reviewing mergers to a greater proactive enforcement of the law. Ferreting out prohibited practices and investigating complaints of anti-competitive behaviour in the economy is an important job and Keith has our confidence and support to further the objectives of this body."

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