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Agbiz appoints Theo Boshoff as Manager: Legal Intelligence

Theo Boshoff has been appointed as Manager: Legal Intelligence of Agbiz as of 1 March this year.

Dr John Purchase, CEO of Agbiz says: "As Agbiz is increasingly challenged by policy and especially legislation matters, it has become critically necessary to provide a specialist legal service to our members in this regard. With Theo's appointment I am confident that Agbiz will increase its value proposition to our members even further."

Theo was awarded his Bachelor of Law (LLB cum laude) in 2013, and MPhil (Wildlife management) in 2014. He is currently in the process of formulating a thesis topic for an LLM, full dissertation on the link between the Doctrine of Public Custodianship and its possible extension to land. Prior to joining Agbiz, Theo was Legal Officer of Agri SA.

As a budding specialist in policy advocacy, Theo has primarily been involved with tracking legal and policy developments in the areas of land reform, labour and environmental law. He also has diversified experience on policy engagement within the agricultural sector.

"From a professional point of view, I have been fortunate enough to rapidly gain experience in the high-level policy analysis and persuasion on legislation and policy that affects agriculture by participating in Nedlac, BUSA and programmes such as Operation Phakisa," says Theo.

"I am looking forward to working with the members of Agbiz and to serve their interests in policy and legislative discussions within the agricultural and business sector, as well as government.

"My vision is to make a lasting contribution to rural development, land reform and conserving our natural environment to help improve the lives of people who are (like all of us) reliant on the environment and the resources it has to offer," says Theo.

On a personal level, Theo enjoys sport and adventure activities. As a field guide he spent a year living with the Jul/Hoasi Bushmen in northern Namibia. In 2009/10 he undertook an adventure, where he cycled 4000 kilometers from the north of Malawi back to South Africa unassisted. He also organised a fundraising event for the Nomad African Trust in 2011/12, whereby he hiked the coastline of South

Africa from Mozambique to Cape Town to raise funds for rural development and community upliftment initiatives in Knysna and the Eastern Cape.

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