VAN VELDEN PIKE
& PARTNERS

In association with *de*MERITIS-Advogados, Mozambique

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

VAN VELDEN PIKE & PARTNERS is a South African firm of attorneys specialized in **maritime, logistics, transport, trade, commodities, corporate and commercial law.** The firm is anchored by the two founding partners, **Mark van Velden** and **Andrew Pike**, each with over 25 years of maritime and corporate experience. The firm is based in Durban, but services all of sub-Saharan Africa and has numerous associations with other firms. In particular, it has a close association with ***de*MERITIS-Advogados** of Mozambique who specialise in corporate, energy and logistics law.

The firm currently has **eight lawyers** (three partners), each specialized in various aspects of **maritime, logistics, transport, trade, commodities** law and will be expanding further as required.

A selection of the **specialities** of the firm in the above areas includes:

- International Trade and Transport Logistics
- Maritime and Shipping
- Clearing & Forwarding
- Commodities
- Customs
- Insurance (marine and non-marine)
- Petro-chemical and energy
- Casualty response and investigation
- Salvage
- Charterparty and bill of lading disputes
- Ship finance
- Ship arrests
- Ports regulation
- Corporate structuring
- Commercial law, including contractual drafting and advice
- Corporate governance (risk management; Board advice and charters)

In addition, the firm has been extensively involved in drafting of legislation in the maritime transport sector on behalf of the South African Maritime Safety Authority, an agency of the Department of Transport.

The firm represents the merger in 2009 of Andrew Pike & Associates and Van Velden Attorneys to form **VAN VELDEN PIKE** & PARTNERS.

A brief resumé of the current partners is as follows:

Andrew Pike

- Founding partner with 28 years experience in shipping, logistics, insurance and commercial law
- Practised in major law firms in Johannesburg, London, Luxembourg and Durban
- 5 years in own law firm (Andrew Pike & Associates) specializing in maritime, transport, commodities and commercial/corporate law
- Past–President, Maritime Law Association of South Africa
- Board Member, Ports Regulator of South Africa
- Board Member, A-Cubed Consulting (Pty) Ltd, specialized consultancy in transport logistics and corporate governance
- Board Member, Ports of Africa (Pty) Ltd, specializing in logistics and building port and terminal capacity in Africa

Mark van Velden

- Founding partner with 25 years experience in London and Durban
- Spent 10 years working in London in ship related insurance as:
  - Defence lawyer with the Steamship Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association
  - Director, Charterers Mutual P&I Club
- 10 years with major shipping law practice in Durban
- 5 years in own law firm (Van Velden Attorneys) specializing in maritime, transport, and commodities

Anisa Govender

- Masters in Maritime Law
- Practising attorney for 10 years with a major Durban law firm becoming a senior associate and then partner
- Partner at **VAN VELDEN PIKE** & PARTNERS since December 2009
- Secretary of the Maritime Law Association of South Africa

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