

Press Release

Dentons to deepen presence in Africa with new offices in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Francophone Africa

Dentons is first global firm to join with local BEE firm in South

July 2014: Dentons announced that it has joined with associate firm KapdiTwala to launch Dentons in South Africa, with an office in Cape Town and plans to open in Johannesburg later this year. The firm will also open an additional office in Francophone Africa in 2014, further strengthening Dentons' unrivalled position on the continent.

KapdiTwala, South Africa's leading oil and gas law firm, has been associated with Dentons since 2012. It will now operate as Dentons in South Africa. A global leader in energy with a presence in most of the world's major oil and gas hubs, Dentons is well positioned to support clients to maximise the opportunities offered by South Africa's fast developing energy sector. KapdiTwala partners serve clients daily across the Natural Resources and Infrastructure sectors as well. The Dentons South Africa offices will also connect clients to highly regarded global practices in Commercial, Finance, Infrastructure, Mining, Project Development and Transportation law.

Dentons has an extensive network of offices and associated offices located in 20 countries, spanning the African continent's Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone regions. It was the first major international law firm to develop such a presence in Africa; this year the firm is celebrating 50 years in Africa, dating from the opening of its Cairo office by legacy firm Fox & Gibbons in 1964.

The new Dentons offices in South Africa will also be the first time a global law firm has joined with a Level 1 Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) law firm. KapdiTwala will continue to be a Level 1 status firm, 100% owned by local partners and will continue to be led by Noor Kapdi, its Managing Partner.

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About Dentons

Dentons is a global firm driven to provide a competitive edge in an increasingly complex and interconnected marketplace. It was formed in March 2013 by the combination of international law firm Salans LLP, Canadian law firm Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC) and international law firm SNR Denton. Dentons is built on the solid foundations of these three highly valued law firms. Each built an outstanding reputation and valued clientele by responding to the local, regional and national needs of a broad spectrum of clients of all sizes – individuals; entrepreneurs; small businesses and start-ups; local, regional and national governments and government agencies; and mid-sized and larger private and public corporations, including international and global entities.

Dentons' clients now benefit from approximately 2,600 lawyers and professionals in more than 75 locations spanning 50-plus countries across Africa, Asia Pacific, Canada, Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and the CIS, the UK and the US who are committed to challenge the status quo and offer creative, dynamic business and legal solutions.

Salans FMC SNR Denton Europe LLP, also known as Dentons Europe, operates from 17 offices in 14 countries.