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Minister Patel appoints two Deputy Commissioners for the Competition Commission

Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel today announced the appointment of Mr Hardin Ratshisusu as an Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Competition Commission, for the next six months, and extended Advocate Oliver Josie's appointment by the same period.

Both Ratshisusu and Josie are part of the Executive Management of the Competition Commission, with Ratshisusu serving as Divisional Manager for Mergers and Acquisitions since March 2014, while Josie has been in this current role (Acting Deputy Commissioner) since 2013.

Ratshisusu has worked for the Commission for a cumulative period of over nine years, having joined the Mergers and Acquisitions Division in 2004.

He holds a BCom (Hons) from the University of Venda, a MCom (Economics) from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MBL from the University of South Africa.

Josie joined the Commission in May 2011, and has 25 years' experience in both the public and private sector, specifically in relation to law enforcement, legal practice and corporate governance. He has two master's degrees, one in law and the other in Business Leadership.

Making the announcement, Minister Patel said: "I believe these appointments will go a long way in helping to consolidate stability and strengthen the efficiency of the Commission as it assists government to focus more on jobs, industrialisation, small business development and economic transformation, not as a by-product, but an explicit objective of competition policy."

The Commission is now engaged in a headhunting exercise to appoint permanent Deputy Commissioners.

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