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Jeff Van Rooyen new FSB executive officer

Minister of Finance Trevor Manuel has appointed Mr Jeff van Rooyen as the executive officer of the Financial Services Board (FSB) with effect from 1 July 2000. He succeeds Mr Rick Cottrell who retires on 30 June 2000.

Mr Van Rooyen is presently head of the Public Sector Industry at Deloitte & Touche and among the first four black partners appointed by the firm. He was previously key account executive at that firm. In 1995 Van Rooyen was seconded as special advisor to the Minister of Public Enterprises

He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1981 and his distinguished career began shortly thereafter when he started his own practice to address the financial services needs of the black community. Due to the rapid growth of his practice, he established a joint venture with Deloitte & Touche which allowed for the training and secondment of staff. This venture resulted in the merger of the two firms.

He is a founder member and former president of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants (ABASA) and was chairperson of the Public Accountants and Auditors Board (PAAB). He also represented the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants on the Eastern, Central and Southern African Federation of Accountants.

In addition he is also a founder member of the National Black Business Caucus and former director of the Small Business Development Corporation. Van Rooyen is Chairperson of the CA Eden Trust and also serves on the Co-ordinating Committee which is responsible for the drafting of the new Accountancy Act.

His high profile in business and the accounting profession positions him ideally as executive officer of the FSB. Van Rooyen has an excellent understanding of economic issues and his government assignments include working with the Auditor-General, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Public Enterprises and the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.

His awards and achievements include an outstanding member award by ABASA, a special award by the National Association of Black Accountants of the United States, ABASA Special Presidential Award in recognition for his contribution to the accounting profession, as well as a selection by the Sunday Star as one of the top twelve black executives in the country.

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