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RHODES UNIVERSITY MAKES NEW APPOINTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Miss Siyamthanda (Siya) Tetyana was recently appointed as the new **Manager Technology Transfer** in the Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships portfolio led by Deputy-Vice Chancellor Dr Kwezi Mzilikazi.

Ms Tetyana is eager to delve deeper into institutional commercialisation priorities, including the registration of Rhodes University Enterprises. Her solid understanding of licensing and spin-out routes as the main commercialisation strategies for the University is a testament to her readiness to move our IP from cradle to market. She is excited about the potential to identify commercial partners for licensing endeavours, investors, and other stakeholders to support our spin-out pipeline.

Siya's career in IP law management and commercialisation began at **Arm Scor**. She worked within the IP Management Division of the Acquisition Agency of the Department of Defence, which was newly established then. She was involved in numerous Defence IP commercialisation and exploitation deals. Tetyana also worked as an IP Specialist at **The Innovation Hub**, the innovation agency of the Gauteng Provincial Government, where she managed IP for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and SMMEs. Siya has a wealth of knowledge in Business Development and Technology Commercialisation from serving at the CSIR (Council for Science and Industrial Research), commercialising IP and advanced technologies emanating from the organisation's Defence, Mining and Manufacturing clusters.

Ms Tetyana joins RU from Stellenbosch University's Innovus where she served as a Technology Transfer professional. She holds a **BSc in Physical Science** from the University of Johannesburg, majoring in **Biochemistry** and **Chemistry**. She obtained an **LLB** from the University of South Africa and is currently completing her **LLM** in Intellectual Property Law, with specialisation in **patent, trademark, and design law and innovation management**. To deepen her expertise in local and international patent regimes, Ms Tetyana has written the Patent Examination Boards. She is a student of the South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law.