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New Strategic Thinking CFO, a perfect fit for Teba Bank

Teba Bank, an authorised financial services provider specialising in micro-financial services, has appointed Jo-Ann Pohl to its Board as Chief Financial Officer.

Prior to her appointment, Jo-Ann, a qualified Chartered Accountant, was at Barclays Africa, where she began as a Corporate, Merchant Banking and Treasury Performance Consultant and then moved back into Finance as the Regional Financial Controller before being promoted to Head of Finance. In this position she was responsible for overseeing the Regional Finance Reporting Team and providing direction for the Barclays Finance Team across the African businesses. She describes herself as a “driven self-starter” who is “passionate and principled” and she prides herself on operating with honesty and integrity at all times.

Having grown up in a small mining community where her father worked as a miner, joining Teba Bank is much like coming home! Jo-Ann was a top student at Rhodes University and was recently recommended for the Executive MBA programme at the University of Chicago. She completed her articles at KPMG SA and moved on to National Training Manager and Audit Manager for KPMG’s African operations. Jo-Ann also worked for Standard Bank as a Project Accountant. Other accolades conferred on her include pan-African awards for raising the bar in Finance and for her role as the Treasury business partner that made the most impact.

A member of the Alexander Forbes Retirement Fund Management Committee and Breast Cancer Counselling (among others), Jo-Ann has a wide variety of interests, ranging from music to motor biking.

Her highly disciplined and motivated nature is sure to stand her in good stead at Teba Bank, where she will help to implement its vision of providing affordable, accessible and quality financial services to the under banked, in urban, small town and rural areas. For a strategic thinker like Jo-Ann, the position of Chief Financial Officer at Teba Bank is sure to fit like a glove.

About Teba Bank

Teba Bank provides affordable, appropriate and quality micro-financial services. It’s offerings include end-user saving and credit products, transactional accounts as well as corporate paymaster solutions. Teba Bank is focused on providing affordable accessible and quality financial services to the under-banked in urban, small town and rural areas with a focus on mineworkers, and to make a positive contribution to the communities where they do business.

Teba Bank, previously Teba Savings Fund, has provided financial services to the mining industry since 1975 and has built up a strong customer base. Today the Bank is well positioned to provide appropriate Banking services to all its customers. The Bank focuses on designing and offering products and services tailored to people who have not previously had access to Banking services. Teba Bank has an extensive distribution network on the gold and platinum mines and in the areas surrounding these mines.

To comply with the Bank's mandate of expanding beyond the mining areas, the Bank has opened up eleven branches in the Eastern Cape, one of the areas that provides labour for the mining industry, as well as in Rustenburg, Marikana, Welkom, Northam, Klerksdorp, Randfontein, Carletonville and Burgersfort. The Bank has a sound understanding of the markets, having dealt with mineworkers and their dependants over many years and is strongly aware of the need of the under-Banked to have access to basic savings and credit facilities.

The Bank is committed to addressing these needs in a way that balances profit and the commitment to the development of the communities in which it operates. Teba Bank focuses on being a savings-led institution that stresses the need for customers to save before they utilise credit facilities. Customer service is one of the prime movers for the organisation. Within the Teba Bank branch network, service advisors help customers fill out deposit and withdrawal slips for illiterate customers; assist in communicating across most of the official languages. Of importance, paperwork and bureaucracy is kept to a minimum. At Teba Bank, customer service is taken extremely seriously.

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