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Gerard Kneppers is a partner in the Banking (Finance & Projects) department of DLA Piper in Amsterdam and has more than 20 years of transactional experience in the Netherlands, England and Wales as well as in South Africa (being a qualified and admitted lawyer in all of the aforesaid jurisdictions). He focuses on (Renewable) Energy, PPP, DFI and leveraged finance / corporate lending products, and also has substantial experience in the field of mergers & acquisitions, thereby giving him a deep understanding of the full transactional cycle of project- and leveraged finance transactions.

He is recognised as a leading banking and finance lawyer by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 and his clients include parties across the spectrum such as sponsors, project companies, financial institutions and (strategic) purchasers (borrowers) and vendors.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Dutch
- Afrikaans

Professional Qualifications

- Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Power and Transmission
- Infrastructure Finance
- Renewables
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Corporate
- Asset Finance
- Private Equity
- Oil and Gas
- Water and Waste
- Real Estate

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Financial Services

English Dutch Afrikaans

- Advocaat admitted with the Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Attorney of the High Court of South Africa

Recognitions

- *Chambers 2019*: Gerard Kneppers acts for an impressive array of financial institutions on financing mandates, particularly within the renewable energy sector. Clients describe him as a “straightforward and constructive thinker” who is “trying to find solutions and is open minded.”
- He has been recommended by *Chambers Europe 2019* and *Chambers Global 2019* for Banking & Finance and by *Legal 500 EMEA 2019* for Banking & Finance and Energy

Education

- University of Johannesburg, LLB, 1995
- University of Johannesburg, B Proc cum laude, 1993

NEWS

DLA Piper appoints new Country Managing Partner in the Netherlands

7 September 2021

DLA Piper has appointed Lex Oosterling as Country Managing Partner in the Netherlands, succeeding Paul Hopman. Stepping away from the Country Managing Partner role, Paul will become DLA Piper's International Group Head of Litigation & Regulatory and Global Co-Chair Litigation & Regulatory. The appointments are effective as of 1 November 2021.

DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

DLA Piper advises VEON Holdings B.V. on its RUB100bn refinancing with Sberbank of Russia

17 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised VEON Holdings B.V., a member of the multinational telecommunications VEON group, on the RUB100 billion (approximately USD1.5 billion) refinancing of its facilities with Sberbank of Russia.
