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Market liberalisation in the energy sector, consolidation, privatisation, energy trading, and also the regulatory bodies for Energy (DTE) and Competition (NMa), together create a world of opportunities and challenges for energy sector businesses. Kennedy van der Laan's Energy team offers clients pragmatic solutions for the legal challenges and a creative guidance to help take advantage of the new market opportunities. We have strong experience in dealing with regulatory authorities for clients in related regulated markets, including telecommunications and financial markets, and draw also on that experience for our energy clients.

Members of the Energy team have worked for both public and private companies, as well as foreign and domestic new entrants to the liberalising Dutch energy markets, on a wide range of issues including generation, transportation, delivery and trade of electricity and gas. Kennedy van der Laan has specific energy industry knowledge on regulatory, competition, planning, M&A, finance and dispute resolution issues. We have the capacity to advise on the broad spectrum of electricity and gas related issues, as well as renewable energy in the Netherlands, from large corporate transactions to specific regulatory advice.

Our energy group focuses on energy industry corporate transactions, international commercial energy contracts, and regulatory matters

Track Record Energy

Members of the team have been involved in the following matters:

Commercial contracts and regulatory issues

- Advising numerous national and foreign (US, UK, German, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish, Swiss) energy companies on legal aspects of the liberalising Dutch energy markets, including electricity and gas trading contracts (EFET), energy import- and export contracts, general terms and conditions, APX regulatory issues, stranded costs issues and DTe regulatory issues.

Mergers & acquisitions

- Advising a regional high voltage grid operator and its shareholders the sale of its shares to the national high voltage grid operator
- Advising one of the bidders in the auction of regional energy distribution company REMU N.V.

- Advising a UK company on the acquisition of a Dutch energy related manufacturing company
- Advising the first commercially viable post-liberalisation new Dutch energy supplier and its shareholders on the sale of its shares to Electrabel
- Advising a Dutch energy broker company on M&A and commercial contracts
- Advising the shareholders of the former joint national coal procurement entity on its restructuring
- Advising a US bank and Spanish energy company on a bid on a power plant
- Advising a US bidder for the shares of coal gassification plant Demkolec
- Advising a US bidder in the auction of the shares in gas distribution company MEGAS
- Advising a US bidder in the auction of electricity generation company UNA

Cross border leases

- Advising four Dutch owners of electricity and gas production and distribution facilities on several US and Austrian cross border leases of their respective assets

Moreover one of the Energy Team Members is the editor of the Netherlands' law contribution of Sweet & Maxwell loose leaf on Energy Law & Regulation in the European Union.

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