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BACKGROUND

Kearabetswe holds an LLB degree from the University of Pretoria.

KEY SERVICES

Project Finance
Energy, Natural Resources and
Infrastructure Finance

KEY SECTORS

Oil and Gas
Energy

EXPERIENCE

Kearabetswe specialises in the areas of project finance, project development, general commercial law and broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE, within the South African context). Kearabetswe has experience and expertise in various aspects of public-private partnerships (PPP) and infrastructure projects, including the energy finance. He has also advised on the renewable energy independent power producers (RE IPP) Procurement Programme, South Africa.

Kearabetswe is an admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa and his experience includes advising on a number of major project finance and project development transactions in Southern Africa relating to rail transport, accommodation, oil & gas and mining. He also advises a non-profit organisation on various commercial and legal issues, serves on its remuneration committee, as well as chairing the electoral advisory committee within the said organisation (and this is over and above serving on a number of committees within this organisation).

Kearabetswe's experience includes advising:

- Nedbank and Standard Bank, as lenders, in respect of the refinance of a gas pipeline project owned by ROMPCO, the said pipeline running from Mozambique to South Africa. The loan being advanced by the lenders was ZAR5.8 billion in the form of a senior secured term facility
- BNP Paribas on the project financing of a phosphate mine project located in South Africa, with the lender providing the borrower with a term loan facility of USD30 000 000
- The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited (acting through its Corporate and Investment Banking division) on the limited recourse debt financing of a Borrower that sought to fund the purchase of a glass bottles manufacturing plant, together with the business that related to such plant, a ZAR billion transaction
- a German debt finance institution and a South African lender in respect of the formation of a fund that will lend funds to small independent power producers in the Small Projects IPP Procurement Programme (run by the Department of Energy, of the Republic of South Africa)
- Bombela Concession Company in respect of the procurement of additional rolling stock for the Gautrain Rapid Rail Project, a ZAR billion transaction