

Representative Legal Matters

Weero Koster

- Advised RWE as lead counsel in its acquisition of all the issued and outstanding shares of Essent N.V., the largest Dutch utility, for a binding all-cash offer of EUR9.3 billion. RWE is one of the leading energy suppliers in Northwestern and Central Europe.
- Acted as lead counsel for the developers/operators of the pathfinder onshore and nearshore wind farms in Noordoostpolder (together consisting of 86 wind turbines) with a joint capacity of around 350MW. These wind farms will be the largest of their kind in the Netherlands and in Europe and will employ the latest technology with the 7,500 MW Enercon wind turbines.
- Acted as counsel for the construction, financing and acquisition of numerous Caribbean renewable projects, including the Playa Kanoa wind project on Curacao, the Vader Piet wind project on Aruba and the EcoPower wind/bio-diesel project on Bonaire, Dutch Antilles; advising on the changes to the regulatory regime of the Dutch Caribbean islands.
- Advised and assisted various large European utilities, including Vattenfall of Sweden and DONG of Denmark, on changes to the Dutch regulatory regime, such as unbundling of grids, liberalisation of the gas and power markets and privatisation of utilities, as well as assisting such utilities as lead counsel in acquiring energy-related assets and businesses in the Netherlands.
- Advised one of the largest Dutch grid operators on unbundling legislation and acting as lead counsel for projects and acquisitions related to the construction and operation of offshore grid assets.
- Acted as lead counsel for the financing, construction and permitting of the 1,600 MW coal-fired power plant Eemshaven Power Station. This will be one of the first Dutch CCS-ready coal-fired power stations, also co-firing on biomass.
- Acted as lead counsel for UK-Netherlands Interconnector, assisting in the construction and permitting of the first merchant power interconnector between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
- Acted as lead counsel to a Dutch utility in relation to the construction and permitting of the 400 MW Elsta CCGT and the 800 MW gas-fired Sloe Power Station.
- Acted as lead counsel for negotiating and documenting the equity participation by a major European utility in the GATE LNG Terminal, the only LNG terminal in the Netherlands.
- Acted for a large international utility on the realisation of a large-scale, underground gas storage at Bergermeer, the Netherlands, the largest gas storage facility in Europe.

Solar experience statement

- Advised the Renewable Energy Association and various other market participants on Dutch incentive schemes.
- Advised a sponsor in relation to its acquisition of a project company developing a 4.8 MW solar PV project located in the city of Devnya. Advised the sponsor on the construction of the PV project, after the acquisition.
- Advised on the structuring and restructuring of the Dutch Solland Group.
- Advised Fortis Bank Nederland NV in relation to aspects of the development and exploitation of utility-scale PV power plants in Italy.
- Advised the Scheuten Solar Group in relation to a solar project.
- Advised Triodos Bank in respect of several investments in Italian PV portfolios located in Puglia.
- Advised Typhoon on the acquisition of a project company owning a 35 MW solar power plant in France.