



Representative Legal Matters

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Recent examples of work undertaken by Mario Deketelaere include:

- Acted for ArcelorMittal Belgium NV in connection with carbon emission allowances (EU ETS) - litigation before the Belgian Council of State.
- Acted for the Belgian Petroleum Union (BPU) in connection with the challenge of the federal Biofuels law (compulsory mixture of biofuels) before the Belgian Constitutional Court and the EU Court of Justice.
- Acted for BASF Antwerpen NV in connection with the conclusion of an environmental covenant with the Flemish Government on the reduction of N20 emissions from the BASF plants for processing nitrous acid.
- Acted for the Total group in connection with their liability claims against the Belgian State on account of violation of transfer of grounds conforming the economic expansion legislation.
- Acted for Total Belgium NV in connection with the termination and the renewal of a concession agreement of land, the transfer of contaminated land (concession), and acting as counsel for the elaboration of a Principle Agreement on site related cleanup of historical soil contamination caused by Cokeries du Brabant at Grimbergen between Total Belgium NV (concessionary), Waterwegen & Zeekanaal (owner), the Flemish Government, OVAM (Flemish Public Waste Company) and the other operators in situ (concession of Waterwegen & Zeekanaal at Grimbergen).
- Acted for ATAB NV in connection with soil clean-up and transfer of contaminated land, and the relocation of warehouses in connection with the realization of Blue Gate Antwerp, a water-linked eco-effective industrial park developed by the City of Antwerp and the Flemish Region.
- Acted for Asphaltco NV in connection with soil clean-up and transfer of contaminated land.

- Acted for Nyrstar Belgium NV in connection with the construction and operating of an additional landfill for disposal and storage of non-ferrous ash, polluted sludge and soil (advising on environmental permit and liability issues, the agreement with the OVAM and the Flemish Region).
- Acted for Nyrstar Belgium NV in connection with transboundary shipments of hazardous waste.
- Acted for Nyrstar Belgium NV in connection with carbon emissions allowances (EU Emissions Trading System).
- Acted for Bayer Antwerpen NV in connection with the accelerated transfer of contaminated land (Ghent harbour) and the obtaining of exemption from soil clean-up obligations.
- Acted as counsel to Total Belgium, Fina Antwerp Olefins (joint venture between Total and Exxon), Lukoil Belgium and Octa on various different assignments.
- Acted for Vopak NV in connection with soil cleanup issues and in connection with the obtention of environmental, building and zoning permits in respect of their new site at Beveren (Linker Schelde Haven).
- Acted for BASF Antwerpen NV in connection with the construction of a water supply system for industrial water (advising on permit issues, water supply agreement with AWW, grey water legislation).
- Acted for BASF Antwerpen NV, advising on the application and consequences of the European Birds and Natural Habitats directives on land and industrial activities in the Antwerp harbour area.
- Acted for Alco Bio Fuel NV in connection with regional waste water tax.
- Acted for Van Gansewinkel NV in connection with regional and municipal waste taxes
- Acted for different multinational industrial companies in connection to environmental due diligence (M&A).