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Antonino Manus
Associate Director
KPMG South Africa

Antonino is an Associate Director at KPMG, and is responsible for business development in the water sector. This role includes, amongst other, conducting water risk assessment particularly for private sector companies, infrastructure investment projects, revenue enhancement, negotiation planning and strategy development.

Antonino holds a Master's Degree in Project Management and National Diploma in Civil Engineering. In addition, she has 18 years' experience in the water sector, having worked for the Department of Water and Sanitation for 12 years where she was responsible for Policy and Strategy development. Thereafter, Antonino went on to head the water sector division at the City of Johannesburg for five years where her responsibilities included the implementation of the policies and local regulation over Johannesburg Water.



James Stuart
Chairman, Global Infrastructure
KPMG UK

James joined KPMG in May 2011 as Chairman of KPMG's Global Infrastructure practice. Since joining the firm, James has visited over 45 countries to discuss their infrastructure investment plans and major projects.

Prior to joining KPMG, James was based in the Treasury as the CEO at Infrastructure UK (IUK). James' role at IUK included advising Ministers on policy issues relating to the infrastructure sector and the private finance initiative (PFI) and public-private partnership (PPP) market, managing senior stakeholder engagements with the public sector, the publication of a UK Infrastructure Strategy on budget day in March 2010, the publication of the National Infrastructure Plan, launched by the Prime Minister at the CBI Conference in October 2010 and the publication of the Infrastructure Cost Review in December 2010.



Ahmed Jaffer
Chairman of KPMG South Africa
Director, Head of Power and Utilities

Ahmed is, and has been, the Group Engagement Partner to various Power Utilities and Renewable companies. Ahmed has also been involved with Eskom Group Holdings Limited, the largest electricity utility in sub-Saharan Africa, for the last 20 years.

He is extensively involved with renewable energy clients responsible for statutory audits, due diligence reviews (both legal and financial), and participates in various industry associations.

In addition, Ahmed has been invited to contribute to various government forums on Power and Utilities sector in South Africa. He performs EQCR role on various Power and Utilities across Africa.



Frank Rizzo
Data & Analytics Leader
KPMG South Africa

Frank has been involved in the information technology industry for over 20 years. Over this time, technology has changed the way we live and the way we work – the pace of change in this industry has accelerated, bringing new innovations and inventions especially within the business environment.

Frank's focus is to help clients understand how technology can be used to improve current business models and how it is opening up new business opportunities.



Divya Reddy
Practice Head, Global Energy &
Natural Resources
KPMG USA

Divya focuses on global gas markets, North American energy policy, climate change and alternative energy, as well as metals and mining. In particular, she analyses the impact of political and policy developments in various countries on commodities markets and investment environments.

In addition, Divya leads Eurasia Group's coverage of Australian politics, and follows US energy policy developments from Washington.



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Kevin Hoff
Director, Financial Services
KPMG South Africa

Kevin is the co-leader of the Financial Engineering Group (FEG) at KPMG, the centre of excellence for financial instrument valuation, hedge accounting and treasury risk management in South Africa and servicing its African member firms.

As part of FEG, Kevin has experience in derivative modelling (including XVA) and related financial accounting, hedge structuring, independent rates verification (IPV), hedge accounting and treasury / market risk function reviews for various investment banks and corporate treasury clients. These services have been performed in his capacity as both an external and internal audit partner, as well as through numerous risk consulting assignments.



Tanya Engels
Director
KPMG South Africa

Tanya is a chartered accountant by background and has been a partner in KPMG's International Corporate Tax division since 2005. Her areas of specialisation include the restructuring of businesses, mergers and acquisitions and inbound and outbound investment.

Since 2012, Tanya has focused on companies in the renewable energy industry. She has advised clients in this industry on the cross-border corporate holding structure of the IPP, tax-efficient funding mechanisms and ways to maximise the tax efficiencies of the project, be it hydro, solar or wind power.



Candice Wilson
Associate Director for Power and Utilities
KPMG South Africa

Candice is currently employed as an Associate Director responsible for Business Development for KPMG's Priority Accounts and delivery responsibility on key power engagements.

Candice represents the power sector in KPMG South Africa from a business development perspective. In addition, she is a specialist in project management and market development for mining, oil & gas and Infrastructure (power focus). Her main roles and responsibilities include business development activities, client relationship management, project management, procurement services, financial and technical transaction advisory services, project assessments, risk mitigation, securing mandates, managing as well as mentoring staff.



Vanessa Snyman
Associate Director, Deal Advisory Infrastructure
KPMG South Africa

Vanessa has gained extensive experience over the last 19 years. Her level of expertise is evident in corporate and project finance and more specifically, over the last nine years, in the Mining and Energy sectors where she spent her time advising clients on the feasibility of Greenfields projects, project finance, financial modelling, capital raising mandates, project finance and procurement in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.



Santhuri Thaver
Senior Manager, KPMG Deal Advisory, Infrastructure
KPMG South Africa

Santhuri is a Senior Manager at KPMG Deal Advisory, Infrastructure & Financing. After having qualified as a Chartered Accountant, she spent 7 years in Corporate and Investment Banking working for a number of the large South African Financial Institutions where she gained extensive corporate and project finance experience.

Her role within the banking sector was that of a Senior Credit Manager and involved the structuring and approval of transactions. In addition, her role included preparation of credit submissions/risk analysis and presentation to the Credit Committees for approval along with monitoring of the relevant client portfolios.

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Nyasha Muvirimi
Senior Manager, KPMG Deal
Advisory, Infrastructure
KPMG South Africa

Nyasha has over 15 years work experience in project management through various advisory and attestation services such as feasibility studies, procurement advisory services, due diligence assignments, valuations, corporate listings and financial statement and forensic audits. She has specialised in financial services and power sectors within the SADC region as well as East Africa.

Some of the jurisdictions she has worked include: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Namibia and Kenya. In addition, Nyasha is involved in power sector infrastructure business development initiatives across the continent, assisting KPMG member firms to respond to RFPs and preparing market engagement documents.



Charmaine Kazamula
Senior Manager, Deal Advisory
Infrastructure
KPMG South Africa

Charmaine is a qualified Chartered Accountant with over 8 years of professional experience.

Her experience includes the development of financial models, project structures and financing strategies.

Charmaine has also negotiated key contractual documents for project finance structures with off-takers, suppliers and lenders in addition to stakeholder engagement.



De Buys Scott
Director, Deal Advisory
Infrastructure
KPMG South Africa

De Buys Scott is a Senior Partner in Infrastructure and Major Projects and head of the KPMG Global Infrastructure and Financing Advisory in Africa.

He has vast South African, African and international experience in a wide variety of sectors and services. De Buys began his career in the merchant banking services sector where he was responsible for various aspects of corporate finance, ranging from listings and disposals to mergers and acquisitions.



Fritz Greyvenstein
Senior Manager, Infrastructure
Deal Advisory
KPMG South Africa

Fritz works in KPMG's Infrastructure Deal Advisory team and has over 10 years of experience in the power, energy, transport, mining, manufacturing and water sectors. He has worked for consulting firms, project development and engineering firms in the energy, power and mining sector.

Fritz has advised global energy and mining companies, IPPs, power utilities, investment banks and National Government to improve business performance and evaluate and guide new growth opportunities. His experience includes project finance, due-diligence, feasibility studies, financial modelling, corporate strategy, market entry strategies, business case development, turn-around and growth initiatives and corporate venturing. Fritz is a qualified mechanical engineer (B.Eng.) with a master's degree in nuclear engineering (M.Eng.) and also holds a B.Com finance qualification.



Werner Roetz
Partner: Accounting Advisory
Services
KPMG South Africa

Werner is a qualified Chartered Accountant with 18 years professional experience. He is a Partner specialising in accounting, assurance and regulatory compliance services.

Werner is currently heading up the KPMG Public Sector Accounting Advisory and Assurance group where he acts as technical accounting and assurance implementation advisor on engagements relating to financial, performance management and regulatory compliance requirements. In addition, he is part of the KPMG Power and Utilities sector team and is responsible for the development of KPMG Thought Leadership and stakeholder engagement within this sector.