

Andrew van Niekerk

Director, Joint Sector Head



Andrew van Niekerk is a Director in our Banking, Finance & Projects practice, and Joint Sector Head of Projects & Energy. Andrew provides specialist EPC / PPP / IPP related legal services in the infrastructure, energy, mining and resources, transport and real estate domains.

Andrew has advised clients on projects in multiple jurisdictions including Botswana, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Kuala Lumpur, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

About Andrew

Andrew has inter alia been the head of construction, infrastructure and/or projects at three of the five "big five" South African law firms as well as the largest non-affiliated law firm in the Middle East.

Andrew spent five years in Dubai where, inter alia, where he was lead construction counsel in respect of mega realty and infrastructure projects comprising of:

- the Jumeira Gardens City Project with a project budget of \$100 billion;
- the Waterfront & Palm Jebel Ali projects with an overall project value of approximately \$60 billion; and
- World Islands, Palm Jumeirah and Jumeirah Golf Estate projects, with aggregate project values in excess of \$150 billion.

Credentials

Education

- BA (Private Law) and LLB degrees, University of Cape Town.
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Experience

- Exxaro Resources Limited

Exxaro Resources Limited as sponsor counsel in respect of the Lephalale 68MW photovoltaic ("PV") project.

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Expertise

[Banking, Finance & Projects](#)

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[Technology & Communications](#)

Location

Stellenbosch

Language

English



- **Arcelor Mittal**

Arcelor Mittal as IPP counsel on respectively a (i) 117 MW PV and (ii) 83MW MW PV, IPP power project, being developed by Arcelor Mittal to sell energy to its smelter operations in Vanderbijlpark.

- **Lualaba Power SA**

Lualaba Power SA as sponsor counsel on a 120MW hydro scheme in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- **Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd**

Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd as IPP counsel in respect of a 1,000MW gas IPP power project.

- **Newcastle Energy (Pty) Ltd**

Newcastle Energy (Pty) Ltd in respect of a 100MW gas engine power IPP project.

- **Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd**

Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd in respect of a hybrid renewable power IPP project.

- **Cahora Bassa Hydroelectric PPP**

Hidroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa as legal counsel for the Cahora Bassa Hydroelectric PPP Scheme refurbishment projects.

- **Zimborders Limited**

Zimborders Limited as concessionaire and sponsor counsel in respect of the Beitbridge Border Post Modernization PPP Project in Zimbabwe. This deal was selected as one of the best deals of 2020 by the Global Trade Review and is the first border post PPP project to achieve financial close in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- **Zambezi River Authority**

The Zambezi River Authority in respect of the 2,400MW Batoka Gorge Hydro-Electric Scheme in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- **Vestas A/S as OEM counsel**

Vestas A/S as OEM counsel for wind turbine generators on several renewable power projects bid of the RMIPPPP.

News

[Eskom clarifies the issue of "curtailment" for IPPs](#)

In January 2024 Eskom published the much-anticipated addendum to the Generation Connection Capacity Assessment (GCCA) (Addendum). The Addendum was first mooted in the GCCA 2025 published in October 2023 (GCCA 2025). It is intended to provide clarity in respect of Eskom's proposal in the GCCA 2025 to use "curtailment" to address the challenges of limited available grid capacity faced by independent power producer (IPP) projects in the Eastern, Western and Northern Cape (the provinces).

Podcasts

[Private power generation](#)

During the Midterm Budget Speech, Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana touched on the need for private power generation to alleviate power cuts. Andrew van Niekerk, Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice, and Head of our Projects & Infrastructure Sector unpacked the legal requirements that independent power producers would need to be mindful of when establishing private power generation.

[All news by Andrew van Niekerk →](#)

Recognition

- Chambers Global 2024 - 2025 ranked him in Band 3 for construction.
- Chambers Global 2022–2023 ranked Andrew in Band 2 for construction.
- Chambers Global 2013–2021 ranked him as a leading lawyer for construction. The Legal 500 EMEA 2013–2023 recommended him as a leading individual for construction. In addition the Legal 500 EMEA 2023 recommended him for projects & infrastructure.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2013–2025 recommended him as a leading individual for construction.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 - 2025 recommended him for projects & infrastructure.
- IFLR1000 2021–2024 ranked Andrew as highly regarded in banking, energy and infrastructure, project development, transport, mining and project finance.
- Construction & Real Estate Expert Guide 2019 rated him as an expert in his field.
- Beitbridge deal, which has now won 3 awards as follows (i) one of the best deals of year by the Global Trade Review (2020), (ii) Transportation & Infrastructure Team of the Year at the African Legal Awards (2021) and (iii) Project Finance deal of the year at the IFLR Africa Awards (2021)
- HCB hydro deal, which won Environmental and Renewable Team of the Year at the African Legal Awards (2021).