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OUR LAW FIRM

DALDEWOLF is one of the oldest law firms in Belgium (since 1958), offering a comprehensive range of legal services as a *full-service* law firm to Belgian, European, and international clients.

DALDEWOLF is an independent law firm operating in Brussels, the heart of the European Union, and in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

DALDEWOLF is renowned for its expertise in handling complex transactions, disputes, arbitrations, and providing ongoing support to clients in various sectors such as mining, telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure, banking, and finance.

DALDEWOLF operates internationally. Several of our lawyers are members of the Brussels, Kinshasa, New York, Paris, and Geneva bar associations. They can provide services in multiple foreign languages to clients from around the world.

DALDEWOLF is a member of the Geneva Group International (GGI) network, an alliance of legal and accounting professionals active on all five continents (www.ggi.com).



INTERNATIONAL DESKS



European Union

Ideally located in Brussels and in close proximity to all European institutions, our law firm has a team of specialized lawyers in EU restrictive measures, public procurement, and disputes before the Court of Justice of the EU.

OHADA Desk

For over 20 years, DALDEWOLF has been renowned for its knowledge and practice in the African legal and business market. The firm's scope of work is continental, with particularly strong expertise in the Great Lakes region (DRC, Rwanda, Burundi) and West Africa.

US Desk

With a team of qualified attorneys at the New York Bar, our USA Desk provides a comprehensive range of legal services to American businesses investing in Belgium and the EU.

China Desk

The China Desk of DALDEWOLF provides legal support for projects, transactions, and contracts involving European or Chinese parties. Its team works closely with law firms in China and other Chinese Desks of European law firms.

Italy Desk

Our Italy Desk is composed of Italian-speaking lawyers who can provide legal advice to Italian companies seeking to access the Belgian market.



PRACTICES



Arbitration, Complex Litigation and Mediation



Banking and Financial Services Law



Corporate and Financial Law



Economic Law



Employment Law



European Union Law



Food Law



Public and administrative Law



Real Estate and Construction Law



Tax Law

RANKINGS



Global Chambers – DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ARBITRATION – Belgium – 2023

Global Chambers – General Business Law – Expertise Based Abroad in Congo Democratic Republic of Congo 2023



Legal 500

EU REGULATORY: FOOD – TIER 1 – 2023
INDUSTRY FOCUS: FOOD – TIERS 1 – 2023
COMMERCIAL, CORPORATE AND M&A
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Leaders Leagues Ranked Firm 2023





DALDEWOLF AFRICA

Our office in Kinshasa provides legal assistance to a diverse clientele, including multinational companies, SMEs, start-ups, NGOs, international institutions, public and semi-public entities, investment funds, the African diaspora in Europe, and the European diaspora in Africa. Our lawyers are multidisciplinary, covering OHADA law, corporate law, taxation, mining law, competition law, PPP and public procurement, IP/IT, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Our areas of expertise are primarily related to business and corporate matters in the firm's traditional practice areas. This includes obtaining licenses and permits for certain activities such as mining, hydrocarbons, energy, banking and financial services, telecommunications, and agriculture, as well as handling judicial disputes or disputes resolved through arbitration (CCJA, ICC, UNCITRAL) and mediation.

Additionally, our firm regularly undertakes consultancy missions for African states or international donors. For instance, we provide services in auditing and reviewing laws and regulations, renegotiating debts, and supporting major projects, among others.

CORPORATE FINANCE

DALDEWOLF provides assistance and advice to its clients in the field of Corporate Finance, particularly for transactions in which existing capital is utilized and new capital is raised to create, develop, and grow new projects and businesses, as well as to acquire other companies. Corporate Finance transactions often lead to the creation of new capital structures and/or a change of ownership. Examples include mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and splits involving private companies; mergers, splits, and acquisitions of public companies, including operations transforming public companies into private companies; refinancing, public-private partnerships, and privatizations, etc.

The team of experts set up by DALDEWOLF can provide the following professional services: project management, which involves directing, coordinating, and supervising various service providers; assessment of the local regulatory environment for foreign investments; assistance in drafting the financial plan; handling all legal, accounting, and tax aspects; assistance in obtaining all necessary permits, authorizations, and licenses from authorities (investment, antitrust, etc.); negotiations with banks and investors; drafting all contracts, letters of intent, deeds, and other contractual documents.

PROJECT FINANCE

The technique of Project Finance involves the financing of infrastructures, industrial projects, or public services through a financial structure with limited or non-recourse. The debt and equity used to finance the project are repaid from the cash flows generated by the project. The assets, rights, and interests in the project serve as collateral for the debt.



MINES & QUARRIES

Our lawyers assist and advise investors in their mining projects (mainly copper, cobalt, gold, and diamonds) and mining transactions in Africa, primarily in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Mining operators are supported at all stages of their activities (exploration, exploitation, marketing, transportation, leasing, assignment, and remediation). The firm also assists mining subcontracting companies in aligning with the Congolese legal framework for subcontracting.

This assistance also extends to the daily legal management concerning taxation and para-taxation, compliance with international and national standards (UN, EU, OECD, EITI, ICGLR, etc.), and in traditional business law matters such as labour law, contract law, company law, or security law.

RECENT CREDENTIALS OF DALDEWOLF IN AFRICA

- ✓ In 2022, DALDEWOLF acted as legal counsel for a consortium of banks in the refinancing of a mining project in the DRC (approximately 600 million USD). This case required intensive work and interaction with English, American, and Congolese lawyers.
- ✓ Also, in 2022, DALDEWOLF acted as the Belgian agent for a Congolese bank, with numerous Belgian minority shareholders, in a capital increase and a buyout offer to the minority shareholders.
- ✓ In 2021 and 2022, DALDEWOLF served as legal counsel for a minority shareholder (20%) of an industrial company in the DRC, assisting in the multi-jurisdictional financing restructuring of the joint venture (with the main lenders being the IFC and the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank) (total financing amount: 160 million USD).
- ✓ In 2021, DALDEWOLF provided advice to a company based in the DRC and its European majority shareholder for its recapitalization. The IFC and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are minority shareholders of the company (refinancing amount: 60 million USD).
- ✓ Furthermore, in 2021, DALDEWOLF acted as local counsel (in the DRC) in collaboration with a leading international law firm for a company operating in the energy sector, regarding credit facilities granted by a development bank (transaction amount: approximately 10 million USD). In this context, DALDEWOLF reviewed or prepared the following agreements: Onshore Account Bank Agreement, Onshore Account Pledge, Movables Pledge, Offshore Account Bank Agreement, Offshore Bank Account Charge, Assignment of Receivables, and Subordination Agreement.
- ✓ Additionally, in 2020/2021, DALDEWOLF provided assistance to a pool of European investors in the hydroelectric energy sector in the DRC (financing for 3 mini-networks), including the review of financing contracts under OHADA law (90 million USD).



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