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Dirk Van Stappen is a Partner with KPMG Tax & Legal Advisers in Belgium and a member of KPMG Europe LLP. He joined KPMG in 1988 and has over 23 years of experience in advising multinational companies on corporate tax (both domestic and international) and transfer pricing issues. He leads KPMG's transfer pricing practice in Belgium. The Belgian practice is a member of KPMG's Global Transfer Pricing Services (GTPS). GTPS is a group that comprises economists, tax professionals, lawyers (where permitted by local law) and financial specialists, located in KPMG offices throughout EMEA, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region.

Dirk Van Stappen and his transfer pricing team have been involved in and conducted various transfer pricing assignments, ranging from the preparation of European transfer pricing documentation (including functional and economic analyses and comparables searches), domestic and international transfer pricing audit defense, competent authority procedures to the negotiation of (uni-, bi- and multilateral) rulings and advance pricing arrangements (APAs). Another area of focus is strategic transfer pricing planning (agent/commissionaire-structures, contract or toll manufacturing arrangements, contract R&D arrangements, distribution and shared service centers, intellectual property planning, etc.). Dirk Van Stappen has excellent relations with the Belgian central tax and APA authorities.

He has significant experience working with European, US and Japanese multinational clients in a variety of industries. However as a member of the EMEA Line of Business for Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, he has a special interest and in-depth experience in these industries.

Dirk Van Stappen has also been appointed in 2002 (and reappointed in 2007 and 2011) as one of the European business members of the EU Joint Transfer Pricing Forum of the European Commission.

Since 1996 Dirk Van Stappen is also a visiting professor at the University of Antwerp (Faculty Applied Economics), teaching corporate income taxation and tax management to master and postgraduate university students. Furthermore he is a lecturer at the International Tax Center of the University of Leiden (The Netherlands) since 2009.

He is a regular speaker on corporate income tax and transfer pricing issues. Furthermore, he has written various articles in both national and international professional journals. To consult his bibliography, please see <http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=dirk.vanstappen>.

Dirk Van Stappen appears in International Tax Review's "World Tax –The comprehensive guide to the world's leading tax firms", Euromoney's (Legal Media Group) "Guide to the World's Leading Transfer Pricing Advisers" and Euromoney's "Guide to the World's Leading Tax Advisers".

Dirk Van Stappen holds a Master degree in Applied Economics from the University of Antwerp (1987) and graduated in taxation from the "Fiscale Hogeschool" in Brussels (1989). He is a certified tax adviser and member of the Belgian Institute for Accountants and Tax Advisers (IAB) and of the International Fiscal Association (IFA).