



## Energy and Natural Resources

In a world where the demands for energy are growing exponentially, those operating in the energy sector are looking to their lawyers to provide more than legal skill; they are also seeking in-depth sector know-how and innovative solutions to the challenges they face. DLA Piper's energy lawyers deliver to our clients the focused, innovative sector advice they need, wherever in the world they need it.

In a sector of relentless change, demand and complexity, private and public corporations wisely rely on experienced, global legal counsel for any matter involving energy.

We are entering an era of unprecedented demand for power generation and transmission, especially within emerging economies. This dynamic, together with the challenges we all face from climate change, is creating new opportunities for alternative energies and new technologies.

Our energy clients receive coordinated, across-the-board coverage for their needs, including construction and projects, corporate, competition, regulatory, contractual, trading, litigation/arbitration, dispute resolution and tax issues. We understand the technical, geographical, commercial and geopolitical factors that shape the industry and have first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and decision makers worldwide.

DLA Piper's energy team includes professionals in the detailed, multi-layered and often complex regulatory frameworks that apply to energy sector projects and activities. We advise regulators, the regulated, investors and other industry participants on the implications of the regulatory framework during the planning, development and operational stages of many energy projects and activities.

For decades, we have represented organizations operating in the sector throughout the world. Our global team serves clients in the power, oil and gas, renewable, nuclear, energy trading, climate change and water markets. Alongside energy companies, our clients include project sponsors, corporations, developers, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies.

We work with a broad scope of clients ranging from the world's largest oil and gas companies to investment banks active in energy and commodities trading and venture-backed alternative energy entrepreneurs. Our lawyers provide strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Environment, Health and Safety
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
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### Commodities

DLA Piper is one of the very few law firms that offers the full suite of services associated with successful structured finance transactions. Our team brings long-standing trading and structured transaction experience and specific industry experience to our trading clients. We are particularly well suited to effect quick and innovative structures for our trading clients operating in the energy, agro, transport and infrastructure sectors around the world. We represent a wide range of companies that trade, finance and transport such products. We also represent project investors, banks specializing in trade finance for commodities ventures and financing schemes, and shipping companies that charter, operate and own oceangoing vessels. We know how trading firms operate: fast, efficient, and through the use of transactions that mitigate risk while generating revenue. DLA Piper has the finance and the structured products experience that few firms can offer: we know how to get the deal done. Our added value is our extensive experience and contacts throughout the industry in that we can assist in finding the right counterparty and in structuring the kind of deal that best suits our trading client.

The team is well equipped to structure transactions to mitigate risk in challenging markets, whatever commodities or technologies are involved and is experienced in providing bespoke financing solutions and cutting-edge security packages tailored to our clients' commercial needs.

### Mining

Changing economic conditions are often felt at the mine mouth long before they appear on the balance sheet or the boardroom table. DLA Piper is responsive to our clients' needs as they adapt to the cyclical shifts in the global commodities markets. Our innovative solutions assist them to efficiently address these challenges and opportunities.

From startup to divestment or site closure, our mining legal team can provide a complete legal solution, covering everything from day-to-day operational issues to large scale international transactions and arbitrations.

Our commodities lawyers have detailed knowledge of local regulatory environments, key project drivers and the market. We understand how the many components of a project interact with one another. Our mining team takes a holistic approach to project development, which enables us to offer a balanced assessment in the best interests of the project as a whole. We can assist you to identify, analyze, negotiate and document project structures and to maintain efficiency when the project is operational.

DLA Piper is developing innovative solutions to some of the most complex and important issues facing the mining community today. These projects, while not only important in financial terms, are also breaking new legal ground in their treatment of difficult issues such as third party access to infrastructure and state agreements and concessions.

Mining is a truly global industry and we can provide the location-based assistance as well as the experience and skills that clients in this sector require.

We offer mining and minerals support in all of the major mining regions of the world, including emerging markets in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, as well as the more established markets in Australia, North America and Europe.

Our international reach means we have the local strength and knowledge to advise our clients on specific legal, cultural and political issues wherever they arise.

For those with projects across countries or continents, we can provide a single point of contact to help manage the delivery of legal services to all of your projects and your personnel.

Our multidisciplinary industry focus offers our clients responsive, cost-effective help. Whatever the nature of your legal requirement or business need, you can rely on our detailed knowledge, experience and understanding.

### A SELECTION OF CLIENTS:

#### Miners

- Anglo American
- BC Iron

- China Coal
- Coeur Mining
- Ferrous Resources
- Fortescue Metals Group
- Newmont Mining Corporation
- Norilsk Nickel
- Rio Tinto
- Xstrata

#### **Financiers / Investors**

- Credit Suisse
- Macquarie

#### **Operators / Buyers**

- Baosteel
- Sinosteel
- Lafarge
- Mitsubishi
- Sibelco/Unimin
- Arcelor Mittal
- Tata Steel
- POSCO
- Marabani
- Sinopec

#### **Suppliers**

- POSCO E&C
- STX
- Bristow Helicopters

#### **Government**

- Government of Guinea
- State of Western Australia
- Government of Uganda
- Government of Kazakhstan

## **CASE STUDIES**

- When the Indian Government's Department of Disinvestment and Coal India Limited (the world's largest coal miner) planned an initial public offering of shares, we were chosen following a formal government counsel selection process involving more than six international law firms. The deal raised US\$3.43 billion, making it the largest IPO in the history of Indian capital markets and the third largest IPO in the world during 2010.

- We are assisting the Australian Premium Iron Joint Venture in all aspects of the development of the West Pilbara Iron Ore Project, which involves the development of three new iron ore mines, 350km of heavy-haul railway and a new deep water port at Anketell Point.

- Our broad experience in the financing of mining operations came into play when we represented a major bank in the financing of the development, construction and operation of an iron ore concentrator facility in the USA. It was structured as a fully secured project financing and commodity hedges were an important part of the deal structure, the borrower being required to hedge against iron ore concentrate price fluctuations over a multiyear period to ensure that offtake revenues would be sufficient to cover debt service.

- A cross-border team from Paris, Perth, New York and Brussels are assisting the Government of Guinea in the review of mining rights and conventions granted by the prior governments and on the renegotiation of concessions and conventions in accordance with the new Mining Code.

- We advised Lloyds Banking Group on the debt and equity restructuring of UK Coal plc (now renamed Coalfield Resources plc).

An unsuccessful rescue bid would have resulted in company administration, closure of mines, the loss of 2,500 jobs and a tax payer bailout. Working closely with the Lloyds team, we helped achieve the desired outcome; the separation of the businesses of the Group into new divisions and the isolation of existing pension liabilities of GBP400 million.

- Following a mining failure in Indonesia, the reinsurers hired us to handle a USD500 million claim. The case was eventually settled on very beneficial terms for the reinsurers.
- Representing the Republic of Guinea in consolidated, multi-billion dollar ICSID arbitrations brought by BSG Resources ("BSGR"), claiming expropriation of a mining concession and related rights in Guinea, in what is one of the most important and high-value mining disputes in the world.
- Acting for the Republic of Kenya in respect of an ICSID claim brought by the mining investor, Cortec. This claim is thought to be the highest value and most strategically important investment treaty claim Kenya has ever faced.

## Oil and gas

DLA Piper's Oil and Gas lawyers have extensive experience in all segments of the global industry. With a vast network featuring practitioners on the ground in key jurisdictions worldwide, we understand the industry-specific nuances that affect energy transactions and disputes as well as complex, multi-jurisdictional engagements that are part of your strategy wherever you do business.

We handle both onshore and offshore legal work for a spectrum of clients, from major international oil companies, governments and state-owned companies to independents and private equity and mid-market entities. We offer leading lawyers in mergers and acquisitions, project development, finance, tax, environmental, technology and IP, real estate and dispute resolution. All our lawyers work together as a team across our global platform to address your transactional needs and, when necessary, to mobilize immediately.

We work with contractors, developers, utilities, banks, investors and governments, providing strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

Our experience encompasses:

- **Upstream:** licensing/concessions, exploration and extraction; the operation of oil and gas fields; farm-ins/farm-outs, JOAs, joint venturing
- **Midstream infrastructure:** construction, financing and operation of oil and gas infrastructure, such as pipelines, tank farms and refineries; sales and handling of crude oil and gas, along with the construction of related infrastructure; and CNG/LNG projects/sales
- **Downstream dissemination of products:** offtake of production and the sale of products; lifting and transportation of oil and gas; storage and through-putting of products
- **Acquisition and disposal** of oil and gas interests/assets; due diligence and investigation behind acquisitions
- **Financing for oil and gas:** funding acquisitions; project-financing for developments; funding cash-calls; security structures over oil and gas assets; trading of oil products
- **Shipping and trading** of oil and gas
- International arbitrations and other forms of dispute resolution

## Power

The firm's Power team comprises lawyers throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, positioning us to help energy clients with their legal needs anywhere in the world. Our key service areas within the Power sector include:

- Conventional generation
- Renewables

- Alternative energy
- Transmission and distribution
- Wholesale and retail electricity
- Energy market reform

We advise on all phases of power transactions including:

- Project development
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Financing
- Corporate structuring and tax advice
- Licensing and technology transfer
- Government / regulatory
- Litigation and international arbitration
- Environmental
- Employment

We have completed financings that have been implemented through a variety of structures, including traditional offtaker-based project financings, PAPS tax equity investments, leasing, private placements, portfolio financings, multi-tranche first and second lien structures, export credit agency and other multilateral agency supported transactions. By representing clients with diverse roles in many types of transactions, our group has developed experience that well equips us to assist clients in assessing and resolving the complex issues that arise in project finance matters.

## Renewables

DLA Piper's globally situated Renewables practitioners represent sponsors, lenders, equity investors, multilateral institutions and government bodies and agencies in the development, financing, construction acquisition and sale of, or investment in, a wide range of renewables-related projects and infrastructure projects. Among these are renewable power generation projects, energy storage facilities, utility-scale, distributed and residential solar, on-shore and offshore wind and biomass and other innovative and technology-based entities. We deliver comprehensive services to renewables clients from project finance and development and M&A to tax, environmental, real estate, tech and IP, employment and disputes and arbitrations.

We have advised on hundreds of renewable energy projects developed and financed around the world. Members of our team regularly represent clients in the purchase of wind turbines, solar panels, batteries, inverters, gas turbines and steam generators and other equipment or related and in the evaluation of such contracts in the context of an acquisition or a financing.

We have been active in energy storage for almost a decade and have monitored the industry's progress closely while advising clients on the negotiation of long-term offtake agreements, evolving tariff requirements, the purchase of equipment and project financing, including the landmark financing of a portfolio of battery storage systems.

## Water

We are involved in some of the largest, most complex water projects in the world. In addition to project development and finance, we help with water-related mergers and acquisitions, project bids, procurement, sovereign immunity, contracting authority, environmental and other regulatory matters, commercial agreements, intellectual property and dispute resolution.

- The lenders, Standard Bank and Nedbank, in connection with the MIGA-backed project financing of a reverse osmosis desalination plant in Ghana.
- Northern Ireland Water, supporting the procurement of a number of framework contracts from which NI Water will be able to call off the services and works necessary to enable it to maintain its vital drinking water and sewerage infrastructure. This involved providing procurement advice on the suite of documents as well as advice on structuring the procurements.

## Waste

Our waste sector experience spans the spectrum of waste-related agreements - we advise clients on construction and operating agreements, transportation, landfill, fuel supply, recycle sale and other residue offtake agreements, as well as advising on environmental and planning issues, technological development and regulatory disputes. Projects on which we have advised include fully merchant facilities and others underpinned by long-term local authority contracts.

Working on these projects requires a detailed understanding of not only the relevant regulatory legislation, but also of the technologies used and the risks associated with them. Our experience in these matters allows us to measure, anticipate and manage our clients' risks whatever the scale of the project.

- Carbon Trading: Advising the European Commission under two multi-annual frameworks on implementation and amendments to the Auctioning Regulation and other related EU ETS Regulations, as well as the negotiations with EEX/EEC as EU ETS Common Auction Platform operator and clearing entity.
- Corporate Power Purchase Agreement: advising DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale as lenders on a complex dual-PPA structure for a 254 MW wind park located in Sweden, involving two power purchase agreements – one with Google and the other Holmen.
- Corporate Power Purchase Agreement: Advising Unilever on their PPA documentation and precedent international solar PPA for use across multiple jurisdictions including seven private wire PPAs across the US, Middle East and Africa.
- Electricity and water: As a result of the work we have done for the Government of Iraq, we are the leading international legal practice operating inside Iraq. This includes representation of the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity in its negotiations to acquire more than US\$5 billion in electricity generation equipment, to procure engineering services and construction contracts and to secure water and fuel supplies. We have also helped the Ministry of Water Resources with large-scale infrastructure projects.
- Oil and gas: We represented BP as principal counsel for the US\$2.4 billion sale of its southern California refining and marketing business, formerly known as ARCO, to San Antonio-based Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company. The contract was signed in August 2012, and the deal closed on June 1, 2013, after receiving clearance from both federal and California regulators.
- Renewable energy: Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme Matters, South Africa. On completion, this will be the largest renewable energy project in the world. Our lawyers in Australia, Hong Kong and London advised more than half of the successful bidders for Phase 1 and 2 of this solar, wind, hydro, biomass and biogas project. We are also acting for bidders and lenders providing project finance for a number of projects in Phase 3. The goal of this landmark project is to generate 42% of all new electricity in South Africa from renewable energy sources over the next 20 years.
- Power: For China Hydroelectric Corporation's successful US\$96 million NASDAQ IPO, we advised on the pre-IPO financing and the acquisition of hydropower plants in China. We also provided structuring advice for its operations, implemented a corporate reorganisation and advised on CDM eligibility.
- Nuclear: We act for virtually all of the site licensee companies (SLCs) in the UK, as well as for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and other parent body organizations to the SLCs. We are principal advisers to Sellafield Limited, Magnox Limited, International Nuclear Services Limited and are instructed by Westinghouse, DSRL, LLWR and NNL.
- Energy disputes: We achieved a victory for Central New York Oil and Gas Company in a case that cleared the way for development of the US\$257 million Marcellus Shale gas pipeline project. The case was one of first impression on the degree to which federal agencies and private pipeline and energy companies must account for the impacts of Marcellus Shale well drilling when reviewing the environmental effects of pipeline projects.
- Water and wastewater: Represented United Water, a subsidiary of Suez Environnement, in its joint venture with KKR & Co. to acquire a 40-year water and wastewater concession from Bayonne, New Jersey. The concession requires more than US\$300 million of capital improvements, one of the first water and wastewater concession deals completed in the US.

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### Episode 7: How can we ensure emerging markets aren't left behind?

20 September 2021

#### [THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)

In this episode , Natasha Luther-Jones is joined by Rael McNally from Blackrock and the lead portfolio manager for the Climate Finance Partnership, an innovative clean energy an infrastructure strategy focused on emerging markets, to discuss the opportunities and challenges of investing in emerging markets.

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### Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

Today, virtually all companies rely on third-party technical solutions to manage their business. The downside is that incorporating new third-party technology into business operations creates new vectors for cyberattacks.

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### New workplace sexual harassment laws passed – (some) Respect@Work recommendations become law

8 September 2021

After months of anticipation, the Australian Federal Government's Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Act 2021 has now passed both houses of Parliament. The amendment contains important reforms to address workplace sexual harassment.

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### Consumer Em-Power-ment: Treasury proposes draft rules for the Consumer Data Right in the Australian energy sector

3 September 2021

The Australian Government Treasury has released for industry consultation, draft amendments to the Consumer Data Right rules and regulations made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), seeking to expand the Consumer Data Right regime into the energy sector.

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### Episode 6: Will oil giants supercharge the transition?

20 July 2021

#### [THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)

Oil giants have responded to Covid-19 by setting out 'green recovery' plans that could massively increase their investments in renewables. How will we see these companies change? How will this affect investment in renewables? In this episode, we look at these oil giants' changing investment plans and what this means for the energy transition.

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### **Episode 5: What should we expect from COP26?**

6 July 2021

#### **THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST**

In this episode, we're joined by Ambassador P. Michael McKinley as we look ahead to COP26 and the best that businesses can hope for. Will this mark a step change in the energy transition? Are we putting too much faith in politicians to lead on that transition? How much can businesses lead and, if so, how much will COP26 help them?

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### **Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021**

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

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### **Episode 4: Does energy need a digital transformation too?**

11 June 2021

#### **THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST**

In this episode, we are joined by Brian Case, Chief Digital Offer at GE Renewable Energy to discuss the digital transformation of the energy sector.

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## **ESG and Renewable Energy in Africa**

9 June 2021

Last month we moderated a great webinar with Invest Africa, focused on ESG issues in the renewable energy space. If you missed it and want to hear what Cathy Oxby, Chief Commercial Officer from Greenco, Dr. Valeria Biurrun-Zaumm, Senior Investment Manager from DEG and Orli Arav, Managing Director (FEI) -from Lion's Head Global Partners had to say, watch our video.

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## **Reforms in the energy legal framework in Mexico and challenge mechanisms**

4 June 2021

The Energy Counter-Reform includes variations which aim to restore the monopoly power of CFE and Pemex.

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## **Multi-jurisdiction guide for screening foreign investments**

26 May 2021

The aim of this guide is not to substitute proper due diligence and specialized advice when conducting business, it will hopefully help the reader navigate the different FDI regimes. Particularly in this complex context and in view of the proliferation of new regimes, by explaining the key aspects of regimes including main issues to consider, thresholds and proceedings to take into consideration when investing in our globalized world.

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## **Episode 3: Are corporates in the green driving seat?**

24 May 2021

### **[THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)**

We have seen growing demand from corporates to buy power from wind and solar projects. In this episode, we are joined by Phil Dominy from EY as we look at how current agreement in these power purchase agreements (PPAs) is driving significant corporate activity on fixing the climate crisis. Are PPAs delivering the action we need? How can corporates work closely with renewable operators to do more and do it faster? How can we grow PPAs beyond a handful of off-takers and countries?

## **Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation - navigating implementation**

17 May 2021

### **EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

From 10 March 2021 the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) required Fund and Asset Managers to disclose a significant amount of new information, including how they consider sustainability risks in their investment processes and products.

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## **The Russia sanctions and their impacts on commodities companies: Action steps for companies engaged in transactions with Russian gas and energy companies**

11 May 2021

Implications of key provisions in President Biden's Executive Order.

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## **Episode 2: The hydrogen age: fact or science fiction?**

5 May 2021

### **THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST**

In 2020, politicians around the world threw their weight behind green hydrogen as the fuel that will unlock the energy transition. Are they right? Can we pin our hopes on a technology that has been around since the 1970s? How can we overcome all of the hurdles? And, if we are heading for a hydrogen future, can we make it as clean as possible?

## **Greece's renewable energy sector: New rules in the pipeline to unleash potential**

30 April 2021

The renewable energy sector (RES) in Greece continues its growth course, despite the impact of an unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis on the economy. Last year, 2020, has been a landmark year for Greece's energy transition, while the first quarter of

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2021 indicates that this year will not be any different.

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## **Episode 1: When will offshore wind go truly global?**

22 April 2021

### **THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST**

Offshore wind is growing in Europe and Asia, and will in the US too. In this episode, Olivia Breese from Ørsted joins us to discuss the health of the offshore wind market. Where are the current and future hotspots? Will floating wind help to unlock huge investment activity? And how can companies navigate an environment where power prices are falling yet bidding costs are rising?

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DLA Piper · The Climate Transition Podcast: When will offshore wind go truly global?

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## **US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia**

16 April 2021

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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## **Mexico's Hydrocarbons Law Reform Bill: A controversial new measure in the Mexican energy sector**

8 April 2021

The reform seeks to give Pemex the same monopoly control it had over the national market before the 2013 energy reform.

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## **CFTC's new Climate Risk Unit: Another tool in the Biden Administration's "whole of government" campaign against climate change**

23 March 2021

With this move, the US joins governments across the globe in recognizing the vital role derivatives markets will play in developing new solutions to address climate and sustainability challenges.

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## **Reform to the Electric Industry Law: a new risk for energy projects in Mexico**

10 March 2021

Foreign investors involved in energy projects in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment treaties.

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## Imminence does not mean haste

4 March 2020

### [EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE](#)

Sustainability and ESG stewardship are at the forefront of investment managers' and investment funds' agendas under the combined pressure of investors and as a result of several important pieces of regulation becoming live. SFDR is one of them. It will become applicable in phases, the first deadline being as early as 10 March 2021.

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## Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation – Are you ready?

16 February 2021

### [EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE](#)

Sustainability and ESG issues are making headlines like never before. 2021 has started with a flurry of activity, announcements and promises from policymakers and corporations around the world.

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## Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

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## The Hydrogen Revolution in EMEA

4 February 2021

Hydrogen will have a valuable role to play as many of the world's leading economies see investment in green energy as a key component of their sustainable strategies. In this report, we look at developments across EMEA, geographies linked by their existing commitment to hydrogen and the work being done in recognition of its future potential.

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## DLA Piper advises Respect Energy on the construction of the largest photovoltaic power plant in CEE

12 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Respect Energy, one of the largest independent entities on the electricity market in Poland, on the construction of the largest photovoltaic power plant in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for business

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Welcome to this last edition of Boardroom Brexit, marking the end of the negotiations and the agreement of a new trade deal, the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). In this edition, we summarise the impact of the deal on all aspects of business operations in one place – please use the hyperlinks below to help you navigate the report.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for energy and climate change

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA regulates the trade in electricity and gas between the EU and the UK over interconnectors, provides for cooperation in respect of security of supply, the integration of renewables into their respective markets and cooperation to develop hybrid projects that combine interconnectors and offshore wind farms in the North Sea (thus opening up the potential for a North Sea grid), as well as ensuring open and fair competition and stipulating general safety standards.

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## 'Parent company' liability: from Vedanta to BHP

18 December 2020

On 9 November 2020, the English High Court handed down its decision in *Município De Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Anor* [2020] EWHC 2930 (BHP), striking out for abuse of process what would have been the largest mass tort claim in English legal history.

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## Climate change convergence? The potential for global collaboration following China's momentous announcement

17 December 2020

With the election of Joe Biden, it is widely expected that the US will reengage with the international community in the fight against climate change and in efforts to reduce overall emissions.

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## Five Years into the Paris Agreement - Success or stalling?

16 December 2020

As the dust settles on the weekend's Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by the UK, France and the UN, we wanted to shine a spotlight on the headlines coming out of the Summit, what this means for the future of the Paris Agreement, and how these will impact businesses.

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## Climate activism: Status check and opportunities for public companies

14 December 2020

The systemic risk of climate change is being discussed and managed in board rooms around the world.

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## Oil and gas operations in Latin America

3 December 2020

Addressing key operational and commercial challenges that are unique to Latin America.

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## Projects Global Insight Issue 4, 2020

30 November 2020

### [PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

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In what is undoubtedly one of the most testing periods for the infrastructure and construction industry, key stakeholders continue to focus on delivering resilient, adaptable and fit-for-purpose assets and services in extremely challenging conditions.

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## **Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service**

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

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## **Issue 5**

23 November 2020

### **[ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE](#)**

As the world adjusts to a new normal, businesses across all sectors will be anticipating significant changes to their operations and priorities. Continued disruption across the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) sector may, for example, see participants seek to re-visit long-term contracts, with subsequent disputes being played out in court.

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## **Greece: New package of financial and structural measures boosts the role of RES on the way to the country's "green" transition**

19 November 2020

On 1 November 2020, what is probably a new era for the Greek energy market was marked by the launch of the so-called "Target Model" implementation plan. The term "Target Model" essentially describes EU's initiative to create a single EU energy market, as such initiative is enshrined in the Third Energy Package.

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## **Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis**

2 November 2020

Directors need to carefully consider how to address the risks of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many companies are continuing to face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

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## **Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector**

27 October 2020

### **[ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)**

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

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## **Replacing NAFTA: What the USMCA means for the future of North American trade and investment – a Q&A**

26 October 2020

Contributors from the US, Mexico and Canada discuss several key considerations.

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## **Venezuela: Recent, significant commercial arbitration developments include several Supreme Tribunal cases**

26 October 2020

Recent significant developments in Venezuela's arbitration landscape.

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## **Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020**

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

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## **China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas**

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

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## **The energy transition and renewable energy in Chile: Top points for foreign investors**

8 October 2020

Chile has been actively addressing the energy transition for more than a decade, building a legal foundation that is attracting investment in renewable energy projects.

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## **Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide**

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

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## **Three ESG steps to keep your project bankable in 2021**

17 September 2020

Version four of the Equator principles will take effect on 1 October 2020, and it introduces three new requirements to the international environmental and social baseline for project finance.

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## **Human rights compliance programmes in the Energy & Natural Resources sector**

10 September 2020

The risk of adverse environmental, social or human rights impacts is one that Energy & Natural Resources businesses will be familiar with.

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## Human rights compliance programmes: Why now?

10 September 2020

Businesses are increasingly required to identify and manage their involvement in adverse environmental and social impacts throughout their organisations and supply chains. Previously, drivers for developing human rights compliance programmes have included reputation risk and compliance with best practice and “soft law” standards.

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## Details of the second tranche of Hong Kong’s Employment Support Scheme released

24 August 2020

On 18 August 2020 the Hong Kong government announced details surrounding the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme. While the majority of the rules surrounding the second tranche remain largely the same as the first tranche, there are new penalties for employers who have fallen foul of a number of nebulous terms.

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## Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia’s Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

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## DLA Piper achieves a successful result in *Auctus Resources Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCA 1096*

5 August 2020

DLA Piper’s tax team has been successful in representing its client, the taxpayer, in *Auctus Resources Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCA 1096*. The case relates to specific tax assessment and tax recovery powers of the Commissioner of Taxation relating to an R&D tax offset refund in the 2013 income year. It is also a reminder to legal practitioners to raise all grounds and contentions during the hearing. This article will explore these issues in further detail.

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## Hong Kong Government increases statutory entitlement for maternity leave

16 July 2020

On 10 October 2018, the Chief Executive stated in her policy address that the government proposed to increase the statutory maternity leave entitlement from ten to 14 weeks.

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## Are you ready for the USMCA? Customs-related takeaways on key changes from NAFTA

30 June 2020

Claiming USMCA duty advantages – practical considerations.

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## Changes to Hong Kong anti-discrimination legislation

30 June 2020

Anti-discrimination laws in Hong Kong have undergone a series of changes over the past few years.

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### Scotland gets go ahead for multi-billion pound wind farm investment

29 June 2020

As an antidote to all the COVID-19-related gloom, 10 June brought good news in Scotland for all stakeholders in the offshore wind sector.

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### Australia tightens rules on foreign investment

17 June 2020

In this article we summarise the tax-related developments from early June 2020, as Australia takes a more stringent approach towards compliance procedures involving foreign investments.

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### The Energy Transition: The impact of Covid-19 and moving to a net-zero economy

26 May 2020

On 19 March 2020, Adrian Del Maestro, global research director with PwC Strategy&, presented to DLA Piper's International Energy and Natural Resources sector lawyers on the immediate impact of COVID-19 and challenges of moving to a net zero economy.

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### Mexican renewable energy projects affected by new measures

19 May 2020

Foreign investors in wind and solar electricity generation facilities in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment instruments.

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### Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

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### COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

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## Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

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## Are high voltage DC networks the future of electricity distribution?

29 April 2020

In the late 19th century direct current (DC) electricity supply networks were promoted by Thomas Edison as a purportedly safer alternative to alternating current (AC) which was championed by George Westinghouse for use in high voltage street arc lighting and which caused many fatalities.

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## Revisions to Japan's Stewardship Code in 2020

29 April 2020

On 24 March 2020, Japan's Financial Services Agency (FSA) finalized and published the second revised version of Japan's Stewardship Code (the Code). The revised Code (the Revision Code) is intended to progress the Japanese government's corporate governance reform, one of the key pillars of Prime Minister Abe's economic revival program, following revisions to Japan's Corporate Governance Code in 2018.

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## A discussion of California plugging and abandonment rules

27 April 2020

### [US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES](#)

Requirements for onshore oil and gas wells in California, as well as ties among these requirements and bankruptcy.

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## EPA and CalEPA guidance on field activities during COVID-19 focuses on agency communication, deadlines and flexibility

24 April 2020

EPA wishes individual regions to communicate directly with their regulated communities to ensure reasonable expectations for ongoing field work; meanwhile, CalEPA may fill gaps in EPA's enforcement.

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## Projects Global Insight Issue 3, 2020

24 April 2020

### [PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

Contributing to a sustainable future is more important than ever during these uncertain and testing times. Infrastructure and public services are under particular pressure, especially in terms of what can be done to make them more resilient, yet adaptable.

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## **A discussion of Texas plugging and abandonment rules**

17 April 2020

### **US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES**

An outline of the plugging and abandonment requirements of onshore oil and gas wells in Texas plus a discussion of ties between the plugging requirements and bankruptcy.

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## **Paradigm Change in Germany's Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law**

14 April 2020

Germany's FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.

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## **Issue 4**

9 April 2020

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE**

In this fourth edition of the E&NR Case Law update we focus on cases from the last six months of 2019 which - even where they did not directly concern the energy sector - are of general application to the drafting and management of contracts by E&NR businesses.

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## **Alberta government announces relief for energy industry**

8 APR 2020

Alberta oil and gas producers, who are dealing with both historically low commodity prices and the COVID-19 crisis, received some relief from the Alberta government over the last several weeks as the government announced several measures designed to reduce and defer producers' costs and ease the administrative burden on producers.

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## **Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts**

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

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## **Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)**

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

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## **COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"**

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

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### **Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19**

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

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### **Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)**

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

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### **Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know**

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

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### **Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices**

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)**

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1**

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

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### **Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)**

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-

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at-Home"-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

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### **Energy commodity marketing and trading companies in times of crisis: Risks of heightened scrutiny from the CFTC and FERC**

23 March 2020

Energy commodity marketing and trading companies should take a number of steps to mitigate the risks of regulatory infractions during times of crisis.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19 and a FIFO Workforce**

17 March 2020

Media reports have emphasised that the Western Australian resources sector considers itself well-prepared for the threat of coronavirus COVID-19, and have measures in place to ensure any disruption to production levels is minimised. But it's important to consider what obligations employers in the mining sector have to their employees and what steps they may take to appropriately respond to the current threat.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19 and corporate governance (Australia)**

18 February 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing government restrictions raise corporate governance concerns and create areas of risk across the ESG spectrum that should be considered by companies and their directors and officers.

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### **An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore**

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019- nCoV acute respiratory disease (the COVID-19) situation, the Ministry of Health (the MOH) and the Ministry of Manpower (the MOM) have, since January 2020, issued advisories which employers will need to be aware of. In particular, the MOH and MOM have, since our last update on February 12 2020, updated and issued new advisories due to the increased risk of importation of COVID-19 into Singapore.

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### **COP25's key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business**

12 February 2020

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Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19: The legal impact on force majeure events (Australia)**

12 February 2020

Key considerations for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty in relation to coronavirus COVID-19.

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### **Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures**

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

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### **How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)**

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert**

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

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### **APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)**

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their

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employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

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### **Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore**

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

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### **China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)**

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

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### **First EU international agreement linking greenhouse emissions trading systems**

24 January 2020

This publication offers you the latest insights and conclusions on the first international agreement linking greenhouse gas emissions trading systems.

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### **Iran nuclear deal: the launch of the 'Dispute Resolution Mechanism' and the 'potential snapback' of UN and EU sanctions**

17 January 2020

This week, France, Germany and Britain have triggered the Dispute Resolution Mechanism against Iran under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Will this process lead to the re-imposition of UN and EU sanctions on Iran?

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### **Europe's Subsidy-free Transition – the road to grid parity**

18 December 2019

In this report, we have partnered with inspiratia to shed light on the drivers, bottlenecks and prospects across Europe, lessons learned from countries at the vanguard of the transition, and to forecast the next wave of PPA trends.

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### **EU launches preparatory work for a global sanctions regime for human rights violations**

17 December 2019

On 9 December 2019, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Union Josep Borrell announced that the Foreign Affairs Council has agreed with strong consensus to start the preparatory work for a global sanctions regime to address serious human rights violations.

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### **The EU Commission trailblazing towards a sustainable future**

12 December 2019

The European Green Deal is a holistic approach to delivering transformational change and leading the transition towards a new paradigm.

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### **New European Commission Assumed Office on 1 December 2019**

2 December 2019

The new leadership of the European Commission has officially assumed office yesterday, Sunday, 1 December 2019, for a five-year term. The newly assembled College of Commissioners obtained a comfortable majority in an approval vote in the European Parliament plenary session on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

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### **Objectives of Ofgem's Targeted Charging Review**

29 November 2019

On 21 November 2019, as part of its Targeted Charging Review (TCR), Ofgem has published its decision and impact assessment. One of the objectives of the TCR were to "consider reform of residual charging arrangements for both generation and demand, to ensure it meets the interests of current and future consumers".

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### **European Offshore Wind – what does the future look like?**

26 November 2019

The story of offshore wind in Europe is remarkable by any standards. In the space of little more than a decade, some 4,500 turbines have been deployed across the North Sea, the Baltic and the Atlantic. Europe installed 2.6GW of new offshore wind energy capacity in 2018 alone.

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### **Corporate Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs): What are they?**

12 November 2019

A Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is a long-term contract under which a business agrees to purchase electricity directly from an energy generator. This differs from the traditional approach of simply buying electricity from licensed electricity suppliers, often known as utility PPAs.

Such structured agreements provide financial certainty for the utility companies and the developers, which removes a significant roadblock to financing and building new renewable facilities; PPAs are therefore helping to deliver more renewable energy on the grid.

In a world where many countries have reduced or withdrawn subsidies for renewable energy, a Corporate PPA with a financially strong counterparty is an essential component for achieving a "bankable" project.

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### **Issue 3**

17 October 2019

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE**

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle. In this third E&NR Case Law Update, we draw together relevant themes emerging from recent cases.

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## Digital Transformation in Energy and Natural Resources

9 October 2019

The global demand for power rises, the requirement for increased productivity, greater efficiencies in distribution and flexibility for consumers (both corporate and residential) is also growing. As such, we have launched report on how digital technologies are impacting the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

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## Japan's vision to realize a "Hydrogen-Based Society"

8 October 2019

With less than a year until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Japanese government, the Tokyo Metropolitan government and Japanese manufacturing companies are looking to use these sporting events to introduce visitors from around the world to Japan's state-of-the-art technology in the field of hydrogen.

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## Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 23, Q3 2014

10 SEP 2014

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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## Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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## EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services

28 JUN 2016

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In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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### **Electrify Africa Act is now law**

2 MARCH 2016

The law demonstrates broad bipartisan support for a comprehensive US policy aiming to facilitate private financing and PPP structures as tools to develop power projects in sub-Saharan Africa, which should provide opportunities for investors, sponsors and lenders to advance their projects.

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### **Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies**

9 DEC 2015

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES**

The UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

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### **Historic reform in Mexico clears the way for foreign investment in energy sector: 5 key aspects**

19 DEC 2013

A clear roadmap for the regulation of hydrocarbons

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### **The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape**

21 NOV 2013

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### **US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative**

2 JUL 2013

A new initiative aiming to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa

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### **New York Assembly passes two-year fracking moratorium, while Illinois moves forward**

11 MAR 2013

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#### **DLA Piper helps Hellenic Republic resolve Greek electricity market dispute**

22 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Hellenic Republic in negotiations with the European Commission to resolve a landmark 'Greek lignite and electricity markets' antitrust case.

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#### **DLA Piper advises EDPR on the sale of 149 MW wind portfolio in Poland to Mirova**

9 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised EDP Renewables Polska (EDPR) on the sale of 100% equity stake in a 149 MW Polish wind portfolio to Mirova, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, for an enterprise value of approximately EUR303 million (EUR2 million per MW).

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#### **DLA Piper doradcą EDPR przy sprzedaży portfela farm wiatrowych o mocy 149 MW zlokalizowanych w Polsce**

9 sierpnia 2021

Kancelaria DLA Piper doradzała EDP Renewables Polska (EDPR) przy zawarciu umowy sprzedaży 100% udziałów w portfelu farm wiatrowych o mocy 149 MW zlokalizowanych w Polsce na rzecz Mirova, podmiotu powiązanego z Natixis Investment Managers, za szacunkową wycenę wartości rynkowej przedsiębiorstwa wynoszącą około 303 mln euro (średnio 2 mln euro/MW).

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#### **DLA Piper advises lenders on two solar energy projects in Ireland under RESS 1**

21 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Coöperative Rabobank U.A., Landesbank Baden-Württemberg and Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale as the lenders to Highfield Solar Limited in the financing of two separate solar energy projects in Ireland with a total capacity of 282 MWp.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Heliad Equity Partners on its participation in EUR100m financing round of Enpal**

9 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heliad Equity Partners GmbH & Co. KGaA on its participation in a EUR100m financing round of Enpal. Heliad Equity Partners is investing a single-digit million amount as part of the financing round.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Baker Hughes on its investment in bio-methanation company Electrochaea**

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised US stock-listed energy technology company Baker Hughes on its investment in Electrochaea, a growth

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stage company developing novel proprietary bio-methanation technology.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

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### **DLA Piper advises on Prime Capital's acquisition of the 192MW Lappfjärd project in Finland**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG and Prime Green Energy Infrastructure Fund S.A. SICAV-RAIF on the acquisition of the 192 MW Lappfjärd wind farm from CPC Finland.

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### **Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA lists on Oslo Børs**

23 June 2021

Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA (Cloudberry), the Nordic renewable energy company that owns, develops and operates hydro power plants and windfarms in Norway and Sweden, today moved from Euronext Growth to a listing on Oslo Stock Exchange's main list, Oslo Børs. Our Oslo-based Capital Markets team advised Cloudberry on the listing.

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### **DLA Piper advises lender on financing of wind farm portfolio in Finland**

10 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Kommunalkredit Austria AG as lender to Renewable Power Capital (RPC) in the financing of a portfolio of three on-shore wind farms with a total capacity of 154 MW in Finland, known as Merkkikallio, Puutikankangas and Rustari.

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### **DLA Piper partners with Datamaran to integrate ESG due diligence**

13 April 2021

DLA Piper has partnered with ESG risk management and data platform, Datamaran, to integrate Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) due diligence into legal due diligence.

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### **Planned hydrogen projects outnumber current projects across Europe as demand for clean energy increases**

9 February 2021

The number of planned or announced hydrogen projects across Europe is almost double that of current operational projects as demand for clean energy solutions heightens globally, according to research by global law firm DLA Piper and inspiratia.

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### **DLA Piper advises Wintershall Dea tax wise on successful 1.5 billion Euro subordinated notes transaction**

27 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Wintershall Dea GmbH, Europe's leading independent natural gas and oil company, on tax law aspects of

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the successful issue of its first subordinated notes in two tranches in the total amount of EUR1.5 billion.

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### **DLA Piper advises Photon Energy on listing on regulated markets of the Warsaw and Prague Stock Exchanges**

6 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Photon Energy ("The Company"), a global solar energy solutions and services company, in connection with the admission to trading of all its shares on the regulated parallel markets of the Warsaw and Prague Stock Exchanges.

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### **DLA Piper advises Prime Capital and Enlight Renewable Energy on large investment in Sweden**

13 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG, the independent asset manager and financial services provider, and Enlight Renewable Energy (Enlight), the Tel-Aviv-listed independent power producer, on their co-investment in the ready-to-build Björnberget wind park project in central Sweden. This is Prime Capital's first investment from its newly launched.

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### **DLA Piper advises Lithuania's Ignitis Group on acquisition of minority stake in Moray West wind farm**

28 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Ignitis Group on its acquisition of a minority stake in the Moray West wind farm development project on the east coast of Great Britain.

The acquisition represents a strategic partnership between Ocean Winds and Ignitis Group for the development of offshore wind farm projects.

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### **DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover**

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

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### **DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

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### **DLA Piper advises Banco Santander on innovative funding of subsidy-free solar projects in the UK**

2 June 2020

DLA Piper has acted as legal advisor to Banco Santander on the financing of a portfolio of subsidy-free solar projects which includes initially two projects for a total capacity of 115 MW.

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### **DLA Piper advises CSEIP on acquisition of majority stake in 500-MW Nordic wind portfolio**

21 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners on the acquisition of an 80% stake in Finnish utility Fortum Oyj's c.a. 500MW Nordic onshore wind portfolio. DLA Piper also advised CSEIP and Fortum on the senior project finance loan provided by Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and National Australia Bank as part of the transaction.

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### **DLA Piper partners with Zeigo to digitise PPAs**

5 May 2020

DLA Piper and Zeigo are jointly working on artificial intelligence (AI) contracting solutions to further simplify and standardise the contractual process for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and future contracting structures.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020**

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

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### **DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on acquisition of subsidy-free wind farm in Scotland**

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised long-standing client Greencoat UK Wind on the acquisition of the South Kyle wind farm in Scotland from developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the disposal of Cyprus' largest wind farm to Ancala Partners**

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Platina Energy Partners and local partner Mr Kleanthis (Akis) Ellinas on the disposal of the largest wind farm in Cyprus to Ancala Partners, an independent infrastructure investment manager.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars**

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ireland's NTR on PPA as part of financing of Swedish wind project**

7 February 2020

DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on the acquisition, financing and Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (CPPA) with NORD/LB of 94MW wind projects in Sweden and Finland. NTR acquired these portfolio projects, called VindIn, in 2019, a transaction in which DLA Piper also advised on.

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## Pressure on corporate responsibility driving deal flow in renewable energy sector

18 December 2019

Increased pressure on corporate companies to have better 'green' credentials and the end of Government incentives has seen the number of subsidy-free renewable energy projects increase by more than 1,000 per cent since 2013, according to research from global law firm DLA Piper, using data from inspiratia.

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## DLA Piper advises Senvion on sale of business divisions to Siemens Gamesa

24 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised the operating executive board of Senvion Holding GmbH on the sale of a large part of the company's European Onshore Services business and its blade production facility in Portugal to Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE). The purchase price amounts to EUR200 million

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# Sustainability and ESG

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More than 30 countries around the world have declared a state of climate emergency, with many jurisdictions, among them Sweden, the UK, France, Denmark and New Zealand, having legislated net-zero emissions targets. In face of the global response, this places the Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) sector front and center.

Sustainability and ESG (SESG) issues affect the ENR sector in profound ways and environmental-related factors are only part of the picture: social and governance elements are also increasingly being seen as key drivers of success. For some companies, protecting human rights, protecting a watershed, and considering long-term impacts on local communities are becoming crucial. Actions such as linking executive remuneration to delivery of SESG targets can also demonstrate a company's commitment to SESG. The spectrum of issues is broad and depends on factors like geographic location or specific assets. The risks themselves are also dynamic and non-linear, introducing additional challenges in identifying and addressing them – unless they are viewed through an integrated sector lens.

Our Sustainability and ESG team within the ENR sector is well versed in these complexities. We understand that each company's needs differ enormously, depending on sector, strategy and specific context. We can address those challenges and provide tailored advice in areas of sustainable finance, climate change, corporate PPAs, human rights, worker protections and community inclusion. We know that companies are seeking to demonstrate that they are incorporating SESG into their strategies and operations and that they recognize the hazards and material risks which may arise from inadequate prioritization of SESG concerns.

## RENEWABLES

The transition to a net-zero economy means renewable energy solutions are in high demand. However, for renewables companies, climate change issues are only part of the story: even renewable energy can be unsustainable if it does not adequately integrate SESG factors. Aspects such as supply chain management, data security, human rights and materials sourcing, to name a few, need to be carefully considered. For instance, supply chain issues for solar projects are substantial: panels may be manufactured in another country, even in another hemisphere, and then shipped around the world to the solar park location. Similarly, developing wind farms often means constructing and maintaining facilities in remote locations, and therefore addressing health, safety and employment issues, in addition to environmental and supply chain concerns. A recycling plant is a great initiative, but is it sustainable if the waste trucks run on diesel fuel and the drivers are paid below the minimum wage? The need to consider SESG exists throughout the life cycle of a renewable energy project, be it in planning, developing, operating or decommissioning.

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## OIL AND GAS

The energy transition aims to transform the global energy sector from fossil-based to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We are witnessing major integrated oil and gas companies committing to aligning their portfolios with the Paris Agreement goals, with all major O&G companies investing more and more in their renewable energy offerings.

Forward-thinking companies in the industry understand that being sustainable means reviewing all parts of the business, including health and safety issues on rigs, product design to ensure the safe and effective transportation of substances at all stages of the process, and transparent risk mitigation and management.

When we advise O&G companies on sustainability issues, generation of energy from renewable sources is a benefit, yet by no means the sole element of the approach to sustainability.

## MINING

For the mining sector, transitioning to net-zero emissions is also a key element. Mining operations need to be taken into account, but so do the indirect emissions that occur in the value chain, including both upstream and downstream. In addition, businesses will need to improve their collaboration with customers to become resource efficient and to reuse and recycle energy-intensive commodities and minerals, such as steel and copper.

Furthermore, the ever-growing demand for new technology components and energy storage solutions means that the mining sector is experiencing a shift in demand toward higher production of key minerals. This change comes hand in hand with environmental and social impacts that need to be mitigated and managed appropriately and transparently. Human rights and local community engagement are vital elements of sustainability.

Shifting investor and consumer expectations are also a key driver. Investors are increasingly calling for reporting and transparency requirements regarding a company's material ESG factors and how these integrate into the company's governance, strategy, risk management, metrics and targets. Access to capital and the cost of capital are also being progressively linked to ESG performance and impacts.

## WATER

Building water resilience and providing for water security are priorities around the world. A product's efficient use of water over its lifetime as well as the water footprint of its production are factors that will grow in prominence as water shortages, climate perils and chronic impacts of climate change increase.

Another aspect of industrial consumption of water arises from water pumping and distribution, which each generate significant levels of emissions. Using renewable energy for such operations will become important for the water sector. Payment for ecosystem services and nature-based solutions (aiming to help protect watersheds and secure access and supply) are policies that are already gaining traction in large jurisdictions such as the European Union.