



## Infrastructure Finance

Our lawyers have more than three decades of experience in the infrastructure market and act for both sponsors and lenders in a wide range of limited recourse financing transactions. We have broad experience of PPP/PFI transactions and thorough knowledge of several market sectors, including power (thermal and renewable), transport (roads, airports and shipping), oil, gas, commodities and water.

We have experience in executing all types of infrastructure finance, including project finance and other secured, structured financings, bond financing and other financings solutions tailored for the current market.

We take a proactive role in understanding project economics and are skilled at crafting innovative solutions to mitigate credit risks.

### EXPERIENCE

- Agility Trains, a joint venture between Hitachi and John Laing, in connection with the largest project financing in the UK in 2012, the financing (in excess of £2 billion) of the West Coast Main Line PPP project. This project involved the manufacture, delivery and maintenance of trains, financed from a combination of a direct term loan facility from JBIC, a term loan facility from commercial banks covered by NEXI credit insurance, an uncovered term loan facility from commercial banks and a term loan facility from EIB.
- The lenders, including SEK (guaranteed by EKN), PROPARCO and a number of local DFIs (including DBSA and EDC) in respect of the financing of Tigo, a mobile telecoms operator in Tanzania.
- The lenders in connection with the MIGA-backed project financing of a US\$ 120 million water desalination plant project in Ghana which was developed by Befesa Ghana (a joint venture between Abengoa Water and Sojitz).
- An international sponsor on its USD 800 million financing of a 300 MW coal-fired power project in Zambia, including the negotiation of all project and finance documents, with the project financing using DFI and Sinosure-covered tranches (which would be the first Sinosure covered project financing in Africa).
- The arranging banks to Hochtief Airport Consortium in relation to its acquisition of Budapest Airport.

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## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Key themes in distressed projects

20 August 2019

Issues and challenges facing global infrastructure projects, and a look at possible solutions and mitigations.

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#### The 116th Congress: prospects for tax policy as House shifts to Democrats

8 NOV 2018

Key issues arising from the overall shift of the House from Republican to Democratic control.

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#### Mexico announces new transportation and telecommunications investment program

17 JUL 2013

The program will include highways, bridges, train systems, urban BRT systems, seaports and airports, as well as better telecom services

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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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#### EPA reduces natural gas GHG emission estimates; Pennsylvania reaffirms property law on "minerals"

16 MAY 2013

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## NEWS

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#### DLA Piper recognised at Partnerships Awards for its role on the Bridge Power Project in Ghana

10 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has been acknowledged for its role advising on the vendor financing for Stage 1 of the 400MW CCGT Bridge Power Project (the Bridge Project) in Ghana at the 2019 Partnerships Awards, held on 9 May 2019 in London.

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#### DLA Piper boosts project finance offering with partner hire in London

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that project finance lawyer Nacim Bounouara has joined the firm as a partner in its Finance and Projects practice, based in London.

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- Transport

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## **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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## **DLA Piper ranked top 10 for Infrastructure and Renewables**

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has been ranked as one of the top 10 legal advisers for infrastructure and renewable energy projects in inspiratia's 2018 Renewables & Infrastructure legal adviser rankings. Inspiratia is a provider of real-time analysis and infrastructure and renewables industry news.

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## **DLA Piper advises Proparco FMO and Société Générale on the €90 million financing of SIFCA**

11 OCT 2018

DLA Piper advised Proparco FMO and Société Générale as lenders on the financing of SIFCA, a leading agro-industrial company in West Africa, with a €90 million loan.

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## **DLA Piper launches Renewable Energy in Africa Guide**

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper's global Energy practice has today launched Renewable Energy in Africa, a major new guide for clients.

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## **DLA Piper receives *Latin Lawyer* Deal of the Year award**

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper received *Latin Lawyer's* Project Finance Deal of the Year award for its representation of Abengoa in the sale of a combined cycle power plant to a consortium consisting of Macquarie Capital and Techint.

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## **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018**

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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## **Stoneway Capital awarded *Project Finance International* 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year**

23 MAR 2018

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DLA Piper is pleased to announce that their client, Stoneway Capital Corporation, was recognized by Project Finance International with the 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year award.

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### **DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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### **DLA Piper and UN Office for Project Services strengthen pro bono collaboration**

21 DEC 2017

Global law firm DLA Piper has renewed its successful partnership with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) to provide pro bono legal support for the UN's peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. Under the renewed agreement, DLA Piper and UNOPS will further strengthen their seven-year collaboration to reflect the UN's new sustainable development goals, which emphasise the role of public-private partnerships in meeting long term infrastructure needs.

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### **DLA Piper launches Finance Rules of the World**

2 Nov 2017

DLA Piper's global Finance & Projects practice has today launched Finance Rules of the World, a knowledge site for clients, which summarizes key legal questions and answers to be considered when initially looking at financing or investing in particular jurisdictions.

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