



Oil and Gas

For nearly 30 years, our oil and gas team has been engaged in every aspect of the industry working across the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors. Our oil and gas practice has advised international oil companies, governments, sponsors and lenders on a broad range of matters including acquisitions and disposals, farm-ins and farm-outs, joint ventures and JOAs, financings (on a limited recourse, reserve-based or other secured/structured basis), sale and supply arrangements, storage, trading, transportation, fracking and LNG, in locations that include Africa, the Middle East, Asia Pacific, Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Baltic. Our Practice continues to grow and we are involved in many of the major energy projects currently undertaken worldwide.

We work closely with our network of DLA Piper relationship firms in major jurisdictions in Africa and have a growing presence in the Latin America market.

EXPERIENCE

Upstream

- Oando plc on its \$1.9 billion agreement to acquire four ConocoPhillips subsidiaries which hold its entire upstream position in Nigeria along with its shareholding in the Brass LNG project. When completed, the transaction will represent the largest upstream acquisition made by a Nigerian indigenous company.
- The contractor group of a producing gas field in Tanzania on its \$3billion long term gas supply agreement to the Government.
- Samsung Heavy Industries in respect of its joint venture arrangements to develop, construct and finance a 10,000 ton per year fabrication yard and quay wall suitable for the performance of fabrication and module integration works in the context of the Egina FPSO (valued in excess of \$ 3 billion).
- Melrose Resources plc in relation to its reverse takeover of Petroceltic International plc, with the newly consolidated entity holding assets in in Algeria, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Italy, Egypt, Bulgaria, Turkey and Romania.

Midstream

- The sponsors on the project and financing to construct a tank farm, pipeline and offshore mooring point at Tema, Ghana.
- An international oil company in relation to its proposed project to construct an offshore mooring system (constituting a SBM, pipeline and storage terminal) in the Lekki Free Trade Zone in Nigeria.

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RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

- A private company in connection with its investment in a project company with rights and assets to develop a gas to methanol plant to be located in the State of Louisiana. The investment provided funds to advance the project to final investment decision.
- LBC Tank Terminals, LLC in its investment in a 50/50 limited liability company Seabrook Logistics, LLC (JV) with Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. (NYSE: MMP) to own and operate crude oil storage and pipeline infrastructure in the Houston Gulf Coast area. LBC Tank Terminals is one of the largest global operators of bulk liquid storage facilities for chemical petroleum products and base oil products.

Downstream

- Valero on its \$1.7 billion acquisition of Chevron UK. The purchase included the Pembroke oil refinery (one of Europe's largest and most complex refineries), approximately 1,000 Texaco-branded retail service stations, a commercial and industrial fuels business, aviation refuelling business, shareholdings in various storage and aviation-refuelling facilities and pipelines, along with related support operations.
- Puma Energy on its acquisition from Exxon Mobil of its integrated downstream business in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador and Belize. The purchased businesses include a network of approximately 290 fuel service stations and eight fuel storage terminals, a substantial business-to-business network, four aviation fuel supply businesses, and two marine fuel supply businesses and two of the three refineries in the region. We also advised on the acquisition financing for this deal.
- Puma Energy on its acquisition of BP's downstream business in Tanzania, Botswana, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia. The acquired businesses include supply of commercial fuels, aviation fuel and lubricants; a retail network of almost 190 service stations; and the ownership/operation of various storage, import and aviation refueling terminals. We also advised on the \$175 million limited recourse acquisition financing for this deal.

INSIGHTS

Publications

DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review

28 FEB 2019

While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

Supreme Court Corner Q3 2018

27 SEP 2018

The court rules on recovery of lost foreign profits and ponders patentability issues in an invention's sale to a third party that is obligated to keep the invention confidential.

NEWS

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.

DLA Piper advises the UK government on Heathrow expansion

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has successfully advised the Department for Transport (DfT) on the Heathrow expansion project for the new third runway.

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.

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.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.

DLA Piper advises Palisade on acquisition of equity stake in HCL fiber optic cable business

14 September

DLA Piper has advised Palisade Investment Partners Limited (Palisade), on behalf of funds that it manages, on the acquisition of a significant equity stake with board representation in HCL Limited Partnership, HCL LP General Partner Limited and International Connectivity Services Limited.

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.

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.

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.

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

23 MAR 2018

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.

Campos Mello Advogados adds Paulo Lopes to its Oil and Gas practice

6 MAR 2018

Campos Mello Advogados (CMA) announced today the addition of Paulo Lopes as a new partner in its Oil and Gas practice.

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.

DLA Piper advises Rosatom on joint venture with Lagerwey to boost Russian wind industry

21 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised NovaWind, a Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation's unit responsible for new energy programmes in Russia, on its joint venture with Dutch turbine developer Lagerwey, to supply 388 turbines to Russian wind farms by 2022.

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.

DLA Piper advises Liverpool Combined Authority on Mersey Tidal Project

14 Nov 2017

On Tuesday, 14 November Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor for Liverpool City Region announced his commitment to the Mersey Tidal Project (the "Project"), a significant infrastructure project which will look to harness the natural power of the River Mersey to generate clean energy and create jobs in the Liverpool Combined Authority Region.

DLA Piper advises Allianz and ING on €160 million syndicate loan for CTP industrial property portfolio in the Czech Republic

6 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has advised Allianz and ING on a €160 million syndicate loan for the financing of a portfolio of industrial properties owned by CTP, a full-service commercial real estate developer and manager in the Czech Republic.

DLA Piper advises WISAG Aviation on ground handling concession at Frankfurt am Main Airport

3 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has successfully advised WISAG Aviation Service Holding GmbH as part of the court case concerning the ground handling concession at Frankfurt am Main Airport.

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.

DLA Piper advises China Eastern Airlines on investment in Air France-KLM

13 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised China Eastern Airlines (CEA), one of the largest Chinese airlines operating domestic, regional and international routes, on its strategic investment in Euronext Paris listed Air France-KLM (AFK). Through this transaction, CEA and SkyTeam alliance member Delta Air Lines (Delta) have each acquired a 10 percent stake in AFK's share capital within the framework of reserved capital increases. The transaction closed on 3 October 2017.

DLA Piper advises Aareal Bank on financing of £500 million Hilton Metropole hotels acquisition

2 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised Germany's Aareal Bank on its financing of London-based investor Henderson Park's debut acquisition in the UK hotel market. The £330 million loan supports Henderson Park's £500 million acquisition of the London and Birmingham Hilton Metropole hotels which completed last week.

DLA Piper advises Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group on Scottish windfarm financing

29 AUG 2017

DLA Piper has advised Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group on the financing of the 39.1Mw Tom Nan Clach CfD windfarm project in Scotland by Nanclach Limited, an entity managed and operated by Belltown Power Limited.
