



## 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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### СООТВЕТСТВУЮЩИЕ ОТРАСЛИ ЭКОНОМИКИ

- 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.

## ПУБЛИКАЦИИ И МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ

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### Публикации

#### Coal, iron ore, LNG... Hydrogen?

20 August 2019

Hydrogen shows potential to become new export industry down under.

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#### Vendor financing for stage 1 of the bridge power project in Ghana

20 August 2019

Case study of unique, limited-recourse vendor financing for combined cycled gas turbine power project in Ghana. The vendor financing for this project won the Best Financial Structure Silver award and Best Utilities Project Gold award at the Partnerships Awards 2019.

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#### What is the future of LNG pricing?

20 August 2019

Is LNG pricing linked to crude oil an outdated model?

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#### 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.

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## Next for Venezuela: the battle for Citgo

14 FEB 2019

US legal precedent suggests that a Maduro-backed challenge for control of Citgo would face an uphill legal battle.

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## US government sanctions Petróleos de Venezuela, authorizes US persons to engage in certain limited transactions

29 JAN 2019

OFAC has sought to limit the sanctions' impacts by issuing a series of General Licenses which create a complex web of *limited* authorizations for US persons.

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## Alberta government to require operators to reduce crude oil and bitumen production

17 DEC 2018

### CANADA IN FOCUS

The Alberta government announced new measures designed to temporarily reduce crude oil and bitumen production in the province, in order to deal with a historically high differential between Alberta oil and bitumen prices, and broader North American prices.

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## 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.

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## \$1.2B order entered against Petroleos de Venezuela: Q&As for PDVSA and Citgo commodity commercial and trading counterparties

25 SEP 2018

In light of this order, how should counter-parties now approach their commodity-related contracts with PDVSA and CITGO?

*This article has also been published by Lexis Nexis in Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law.*

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## Bill C-69 represents an overhaul of the Federal environmental assessment process

16 FEB 2018

When the new Liberal government took power in 2015, one of its promises was to revamp the system of environmental assessment of major projects within Federal jurisdiction in Canada. Following on that promise, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, introduced Bill C-69 in the House of Commons on February 8th, 2018. Bill C-69 will radically restructure the way in which major projects, including major energy projects, are reviewed in Canada.

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## Is it a new day for Jones Act enforcement? Maybe. A practical look at coastwise concerns

9 AUG 2016

The decision underscores the significance of each party's right to participate in the arbitration process and arguably expands the scope of existing arbitration jurisprudence.

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## The CSA's latest continuous disclosure review: Two key takeaways for material contract and mining disclosure

5 AUG 2015

While issuers should pay closer attention to these areas going forward, this bulletin focuses on two other key takeaways from the review: the failure to file material contracts on SEDAR, and the ongoing focus on deficient technical disclosure in the resource sector, particularly mining disclosure.

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## Canadian mining industry calls for mandatory disclosure of payments to governments

17 Jan 2014

Canada's two largest mining industry groups, the Mining Association of Canada ("MAC") and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada ("PDAC"), joined by two civil society transparency groups (together, the "Working Group") released their final report (the "Report") yesterday calling for mandatory disclosure by mining companies that are reporting issuers of their payments to host governments for developing mineral resources.

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## HOBOCTИ

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### DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recommended in the 2020 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

14 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has been recommended across a broad range of practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

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### DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada 2020*

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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### DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

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### DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

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DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Natalie Prange**

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Natalie Prange to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Group.

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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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### **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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### ***Chambers Global* 2019 recommends DLA Piper (Canada) LLP**

19 FEB 2019

Nine DLA Piper (Canada) LLP practitioners have received rankings in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global*, which conducts thousands of independent peer and client interviews every year to identify top legal talents from around the world.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in *Lexpert's* "Top 10 Deals of 2018"**

18 FEB 2019

We are pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in *Lexpert* magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2018" and congratulate our clients on these standout transactions that have been deemed among the most impactful in the country last year.

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### **DLA Piper advises Australia's Transport for NSW on Regional Rail Project**

14 FEB 2019

DLA Piper is delighted to announce that today Transport for NSW achieved contract close on the Regional Rail Project, which will see a fleet of new trains deliver safer, more comfortable and more reliable journeys across the state.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Patrick Burgess**

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Patrick Burgess has joined our Calgary office as a senior energy counsel. Pat brings to the firm over 34 years of experience in all aspects of energy law, including domestic and international oil and gas, property acquisitions and dispositions, property exchanges and diverse joint venture transactions.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new partners**

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2019.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Eamon Hurley**

3 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Eamon Hurley to the firm's Calgary office as Counsel in the Corporate Group.

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### **DLA Piper Canada recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2019**

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Canada*. With 34 lawyers recognized across 20 practice areas, this is DLA Piper Canada's strongest showing to date.

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### **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.

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### **Best Lawyers in Canada 2019 recognizes 72 DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Lawyers**

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have once more increased its rankings in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers recommended as leading practitioners in Canada across key practice areas.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Iliia Danef**

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Iliia Danef has joined the firm as a partner in the Toronto office. Iliia brings with him an extensive finance practice with a focus on debt finance. He also regularly represents clients in corporate transactions and mergers and acquisitions in the projects, energy and infrastructure and the financial institutions sectors.

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

25 APR 2018

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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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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

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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### **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.

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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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### ***Chambers Global* 2018 recommends DLA Piper Canada**

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP professionals are once again featured in the latest edition of the *Chambers Global* guide.

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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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