



## Power and Transmission

Over the last three years, our Power and Transmission Practice has grown substantially and we are now involved in many of the major projects currently being undertaken worldwide. Our dedicated lawyers focus on transactions both in their domestic markets and internationally, with particular reference to emerging markets.

Our lawyers advise on the purchase and sale of existing power assets, as well as on the siting, development, permitting and financing of power projects, both thermal and renewable. We act for local governments, sponsors and lenders across a range of matters, from the development, construction and financing of power projects to issues related to transmission and distribution networks. We address the complex issues facing any large-scale power generation project as well as the project finance, corporate and regulatory background necessary to move any project from conception to execution. We are currently active on a number of projects internationally and can bring the benefit of that experience to our clients. We enjoy a market leading reputation for delivering complex power projects and related multi-source financings in emerging markets.

We help local governments, sponsors and lenders across a range of issues related to transmission and distribution networks. We address the complex issues facing any large-scale power generation project as well as the regulatory, project finance and corporate issues necessary to move any project from conception to execution.

### EXPERIENCE

- Cr dit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank as the exiting administrative agent, technical agent and fronting letter of credit bank in the successful refinancing of the US\$725 million first/second lien securitized credit facility for Astoria Energy LLC, the owner of the approximately 500 MW gas-fired combined cycle Astoria I power plant in Queens, New York.
- A sponsor consortium comprising a large global industrial company, a US-based private equity firm and an international service provider in negotiating and completing a joint development agreement for the proposed development and project financing of a combined cycle power plant in West Africa.
- The National Development Corporation of Tanzania of its \$3 billion joint venture with Sichuan Hongda to develop a coal to power (300MW) project and iron ore mine and smelter project in Mtwara, Tanzania. This represents the largest single investment into East Africa. DLA Piper was recognised by the *Financial Times* as "The most Innovative Law Firm in Finance Law" in 2012 for this transaction.
- Exelon Corporation, the nation's leading competitive energy provider, on the sale of the Fore River Energy Center, a natural gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant located in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, to Calpine Corp, America's largest generator

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### RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

of electricity from natural gas and geothermal resources.

- The sponsors and project company in relation to the development of Phase 1 of a 600 MW mine-mouth Coal Fired Maamba Collieries Power Station in Zambia. The financing involves a Sinosure-covered financing from major Chinese Banks and potentially other international banks and will be the first Sinosure-covered project finance in Africa, representing a major breakthrough in the way in which these projects can be financed in the future. There is also an additional DFI tranche of financing to be provided by AfDB and DBSA.
- Volta River Authority as offtaker and 10% stakeholder in achieving financial close for the US\$329.6 million development and project financing of the Takoradi 2 combined cycle expansion project in Ghana. Financing was led by the IFC. The Takoradi 2 power plant is Ghana's first IPP to utilize a project financing structure and is the largest IPP closed to date in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Amperion Power Distribution Company Limited, an international consortium, in relation to its successful acquisition and associated financing in relation to the acquisition and associated financing of the 414MW Geregu gas-fired power plant in the context of the PHCN privatisation in Nigeria. Our work included negotiating and finalising all aspects of the acquisition, the power project and finance documentation as well as Nigerian power market regulations and post-completion and handover matters.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### 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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#### 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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#### 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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## NEWS

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#### DLA Piper advises Pricecheck Toiletries on Warehouse Expansion Deal

20 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised international wholesaler and distributor of fast-moving consumer goods, Pricecheck Toiletries Limited, on the expansion of their warehouse operation capacity.

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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 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 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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