



## Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

DLA Piper's Projects, Energy and Infrastructure team has a track record of successfully delivering first-rate legal services in all segments of the infrastructure and energy industries. We advise on energy law, infrastructure finance, transport matters and more.

Our lawyers understand the commercial, strategic, technical, geographical and political factors that shape and impact these industries, as well as the business issues and risks inherent when working in these sectors. Our market leading presence also allows us first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and key decision makers worldwide.

### CAPABILITES

The group represents sponsors, contractors, multilateral institutions, corporations, developers, equity investors, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies in the procurement, development, financing, acquisition, construction and operation of a wide range of complex infrastructure and energy projects on nearly every continent.

These projects include:

- Power generation from natural gas, coal, petroleum and, renewables
- Pipelines
- Drilling platforms
- Transmission networks
- Mining facilities
- Defence and security projects
- Waste projects and resource recovery facilities
- Telecommunications networks
- Vessels
- Ports
- Airports
- Highways, toll roads and bridges
- Transportation systems including airports, heavy rail, light rail and bus
- Water supply and waste water systems

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- Energy and Natural Resources

- Accommodation and healthcare facilities
- Sports, tourism and entertainment facilities

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### 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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#### Jury acquits foreign national in apparent rebuke of DOJ's attempt to police overseas corruption

4 December 2019

The result highlights some significant issues that may, in some cases, limit the ability of the DOJ to prosecute foreign nationals for corruption overseas.

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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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#### Changes to Equator Principles introduce new requirements in relation to human rights, climate change and Indigenous Peoples for project debt

22 November 2019

On 18 November 2019, the Equator Principles Association published version four of the Equator Principles (EP4), updating the international baseline for the identification, assessment and management of environmental and social risks in international project finance debt markets. The changes, which take effect on 1 July 2020.

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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

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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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## Infra

8 October 2019

Using technology to improve infrastructure development and procurement. By dimitri papaefstratiou, partner, dla piper and vicky kefalas, head of investments, developments and projects at consolidated contractors company (ccc), the middle eastern construction conglomerate.

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

8 October 2019

Ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Japanese government, the Tokyo Metropolitan government and Japanese manufacturing companies are seeking to use these sporting events to introduce Japan's state-of-the-art technology in the field of hydrogen, by using hydrogen-powered vehicles and powering the Olympic village with hydrogen.

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## Distributed generation in Brazil

20 August 2019

The bright future of Brazilian renewable energy - increase in the production of electricity from renewable sources for Brazilian consumers and offset the surplus with their local distribution company.

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

20 August 2019

Hydrogen shows potential to become new export industry down under.

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## Projects Global Insight Issue 2, 2019

20 August 2019

### [PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

One of the key trends in this issue is growing interest in sustainable, resilient and regenerative projects. This is driven by the heightened awareness and concern surrounding global warming and climate change and, arguably, a lack of funding following the global financial crisis.

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## Responsible investing

20 August 2019

The rise of responsible investing and global renewable energy opportunities with growing exposure given to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.

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## 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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### **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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### **Renewable Energy in Africa**

18 June 2019

The African continent, with a population exceeding one billion people and an estimated combined economy of USD1.5 trillion, presents huge opportunities for investors, developers and operators across the renewable energy sector.

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### **Top of Mind: Litigation**

20 MAR 2019

In this issue, our coverage of 10 big topics businesses have been thinking about this quarter.

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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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### **Projects Global Insight Issue 1, 2018**

19 December 2018

#### **PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT**

Welcome to DLA Piper's Energy and Infrastructure Projects Global Insight. In this and twice-yearly issues of Global Insight, we seek to share the knowledge we've gained and put the spotlight on some of the most innovative, market-leading transactions we have been involved in.

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### **APPs en América Latina: resolución de disputas a través de arbitraje inversor-estado**

18 DEC 2018

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Medidas de protección de la inversión pueden encontrarse en los contratos de APP, pero también en el derecho internacional.

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### **Energy & Natural resources case law update**

5 DEC 2018

Given the often complex nature of business in the Energy and Natural Resources sector, it is inevitable that disputes will arise, and that the law will develop apace.

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### **Martial law is introduced in Ukraine starting from 26 November 2018**

28 NOV 2018

On 26 November 2018, the Parliament of Ukraine imposed temporary martial law in some regions of Ukraine approving respective Decree of the President of Ukraine. The martial law is introduced in response to escalation of Russian aggression in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Law will come into force only after it is officially published.

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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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### **Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology**

8 NOV 2018

Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

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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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### **Positive signs for issuers and the marketplace: Argentina economic briefing**

7 SEP 2018

The financial press continues to portray Argentina as another emerging-market casualty but, to the contrary, there are a number of positive financial signs, for investors, the country and the marketplace, in today's Argentine economy.

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## **What drives the largest PPA markets in Europe?**

12 JUL 2018

The number and volume of power purchase agreements being signed in Europe is on the rise. However, almost all of the recent activity has been in just three countries: the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. This note examines why these three have emerged as the main centers.

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## **The New FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction from the Polish perspective - report**

10 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Litigation and Regulatory team in Warsaw has prepared a report on the key changes in the 2017 edition of the FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Construction.

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## **OECD releases new guidance on the application of the transactional profit split method under BEPS Actions 10**

3 JUL 2018

The Guidance will likely continue the uncertainty for taxpayers as they develop and maintain their transfer pricing policies.

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## **Infrastructure in the Angolan Energy Sector**

14 JUN 2018

The Angola Strategy 2025 (AE2025) sets out a long term vision for the country's power sector. The Strategy identifies investment in the electricity sector as crucial, and in order to achieve the fairly ambitious targets set, the Government has set out an equally ambitious infrastructure plan.

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## **Is collaborative working improving in operational PPPs?**

16 MAR 2018

An in-depth look at some of the key questions facing the PPP market, with direct input from those at the coalface of the industry.

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## **DLA Piper on off-the-grid energy solutions for Africa**

6 APR 2018

Corporate power purchase agreements (PPAs) are creating development opportunities for large and small companies alike across Africa.

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## **Section 232 trade action - steel, aluminum tariffs: trade war? Mechanisms for possible relief for certain companies and countries**

9 MAR 2018

Two mechanisms could provide some relief for affected companies.

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## **Protección de inversiones en Latinoamérica: México da un paso adelante, y Venezuela sigue retrocediendo**

7 MAR 2018

El acceso a mecanismos neutrales de resolución de disputas ha sido durante mucho tiempo un elemento clave del régimen de protección de inversiones de cualquier país.

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### **The Internet of Things and connected cars: new opportunities and risks**

29 JAN 2018

The automotive industry is undergoing tremendous change, both in the technology it employs and in the way it does business. People and companies are changing the way they think about cars and car travel. A big part of this change arises from the increasing connectedness of cars.

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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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### **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**

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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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## **Events**

### **Upcoming**

#### **IPEM 2020**

28-30 January 2020

Paris

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### **Previous**

#### **Brexit and sustainable energy**

25 September 2019

London

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#### **Market update and opportunities in Kazakhstan**

18 September 2019

London

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## **NEWS**

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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 named Firm Of The Year for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by Legal 500 UK Awards 2020**

11 December 2019

DLA Piper has been named as 'Firm of The Year' for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by the Legal 500 UK Awards 2020.

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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 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.

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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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## **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.

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

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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**

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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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### **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 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.

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