



## Social Infrastructure

Our award winning team is an acknowledged market leader in the global social infrastructure market and has been active in the sector since its inception. Delivering successful social infrastructure PPP projects is about being global. Achieving improvements in public services and tapping global funding markets often involves working with talent outside the country in question, bringing in new models and techniques that have been developed and deployed elsewhere. At DLA Piper, we lead the way in opening up geographic and sector markets for clients thanks to our global reach and ability to export know-how across borders.

We advise both the private and public sector on high-profile social infrastructure projects including sponsors, contractors, funders, central and local government. As well as advising on the procurement and negotiation of projects, our work frequently sees us providing advice and support to our clients post-close during the construction and operational phases.

### KEY CONTACTS

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### CAPABILITES

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With dedicated teams of lawyers from different countries sharing their local knowledge, we are organized to deliver thought leadership across the full range of social infrastructure sectors including:

- Education;
- Healthcare;
- Emergency services and Judicial;
- Social housing and Regeneration;
- Student accommodation;
- Civic accommodation;
- Leisure.

### EXPERIENCE

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- Long Beach Courthouse Building, California - our US and UK offices represented the senior lenders (and hedging banks) to the Long Beach Judicial Partners, a consortium sponsored and led by Meridiam Infrastructure Fund on the US\$490 million financing for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the new Long Beach Courthouse Building in California.
- Birmingham Building Schools for the Future, UK - we advised Lend Lease Infrastructure Limited on its bid through to financial

close on Birmingham BSF. This is the largest BSF scheme in the UK.

- Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project - Advising Bonnyrigg Partnerships Nominee Pty Limited, the project company owned by Westpac, on its existing contractual and financing arrangements in respect of the Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project. This is a project for the revitalisation of an 81 hectare housing estate in western Sydney through 18 stages of redevelopment, with existing social housing dwellings being either upgraded or demolished and replaced by 699 new public housing dwellings and more than 1,600 privately owned dwellings.
- Bendigo Hospital PPP Project - we advised Lend Lease on the on the New Bendigo Hospital project, a \$630 million PPP for the design, build, finance and operation of the new medical facilities. The project will be the largest regional hospital development in Victoria and one of the largest in Australia. The hospital will offer world-class facilities such as a helipad, a regional integrated cancer centre, a purpose-built 80-bed mental health facility, an integrated women's and children's facility, additional acute inpatient beds and acute same-day beds, additional operating theatres, and expanded research and education facilities
- Priority Schools Building Programme, UK - we are advising bidders on this education programme within the United Kingdom. These schemes will be delivered via PF2, the UK government's new approach to private finance.
- Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck Project - we advised Leeds City Council on the regeneration of the Little London, Beeston Hill and Holbeck areas which includes more than 1200 council homes refurbished, 388 new council homes built and environmental improvements to local neighbourhoods and estates.
- Woking Non-HRA Social Housing PFI - we advised Thames Valley Housing Association on its roles as housing management and FM contractor, landlord, sponsor, investor and RV underwriter on this innovative social housing scheme which closed in November 2013.
- Flemish Schools PPP Project - we advised the lenders on this project which is the largest European school infrastructure PPP project, structured through one single DBFM Company entering into up to 211 individual DBFM Agreements based on one single template.
- Turkey Hospital PPP Projects - we are advising on a number of the ground-breaking health PPPs in procurement in Turkey, including advising the Ministry of Health on the early structuring phases of the Kayseri Hospital Project and advising sponsors on the Kayseri Hospital and Gaziantep Hospital Projects and potential lenders on a number of other deals in this market.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Three ESG steps to keep your project bankable in 2021

17 September 2020

Version four of the Equator principles will take effect on 1 October 2020, and it introduces three new requirements to the international environmental and social baseline for project finance.

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#### Update on the Executive Order prohibiting import and installation of bulk power system equipment sourced from a foreign adversary: DOE FAQs

8 June 2020

For those developing energy infrastructure projects in the US, addressing the uncertainties about the scope and expected implementation of the EO.

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#### Improving Public Private Partnerships - Lessons From Australia

29 May 2020

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) enjoy a good reputation in Australia for delivering projects on time and within budget. But there

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have been some high-profile failures, and they remain controversial. This report identifies many steps that governments and industry can take to improve the outcomes of PPP projects.

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## **Coronavirus: Flemish emergency decree to increase capacity of hospitals and secure permit proceedings**

31 March 2020

COVID-19 does not only create an increasing need of care facilities and medical supplies, but also has a far-reaching impact on ongoing permitting procedures. In order to tackle these issues, the Flemish Parliament voted on 18 March 2020 an emergency decree which we will discuss in this publication.

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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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## **New Permitting Proceedings in Brussels as from 1 September**

2 September 2019

Last year, the Brussels Capital Region approved a major reform of the Brussels Code of Spatial Planning. A limited number of reforms immediately entered into force on 30 April 2018. Due to the lack of executing decrees, the implementation of the reforms relating to permitting was postponed until 1st September 2019.

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## **Nieuwe vergunningsprocedure in Brussel vanaf 1 september**

2 September 2019

Vorig jaar keurde het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest een grote hervorming van het Brussels Wetboek van Ruimtelijke Ordening (BWRO) goed. Een beperkt aantal hervormingen (meer in het bijzonder deze m.b.t. planning) trad reeds in werking op 30 april 2018 (zie ook onze eerdere newsflash van 2 mei 2018 hierover). Het tweede deel van de hervormingen zou normaal op 20 april 2019 in werking treden. Omdat een deel van de uitvoeringsbesluiten niet tijdig klaar waren, traden slechts enkele wijzigingen in werking op die datum en stelde de Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Regering de inwerkingtreding uit tot 1 september 2019.

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## **Gemeentewegen slaan nieuwe weg in vanaf 1 september**

2 September 2019

Op 3 mei 2019 heeft het Vlaams Parlement het voorstel van decreet houdende gemeentewegen bekrachtigd en afgekondigd. Het decreet gaat uit van een geïntegreerde benadering en werkt één uniforme regelgeving uit voor alle gemeentewegen. Alle gemeentewegen krijgen een vergelijkbaar statuut en uniforme procedures, wat zorgt voor meer eenduidigheid.

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## **Procurement Pulse - Our view on developments this month**

4 FEB 2019

### **PROCUREMENT PULSE SERIES**

This month we look at the draft regulations which will effect changes to the UK procurement rules on Exit Day - attempting to

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maintain business as usual, and to take responsibility for those administrative issues currently within the remit of the EU. Evaluation methodologies continue to be brought before the courts.

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper advises Sberbank Investments on mezzanine financing for Russian educational centre**

15 September 2020

DLA Piper advised Sberbank Investments, an investment arm of Russia's largest bank, on secured mezzanine financing of a training and educational centre being created under a concession agreement signed by Russia's Nizhny Novgorod Region and Prosveshcheniye Group, a Russian educational holding.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2021**

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

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### **DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover**

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

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### **Three partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 100 lawyers in Francophone Africa**

30 July 2020

DLA Piper is delighted to announce that Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant and Finance, Projects and Restructuring partner Eric Villateau, have again been nominated in Jeune Afrique's top 100 lawyers in Francophone Africa 2020.

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### **DLA Piper boosts Restructuring practice with partner hire in Australia**

28 July 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper announces that Restructuring partner Lionel Meehan joins the firm based in Melbourne, effective 1 August.

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## **DLA Piper's Natasha Luther-Jones and Peter Ihrfelt recognised in The Legal Power List 2020**

17 July 2020

DLA Piper's Global Co-Chair of Energy and Natural Resources, Natasha Luther-Jones, and the firm's Head of the Energy sector in Sweden, Peter Ihrfelt, have been once again named as two of the 100 most influential lawyers in the global wind energy industry, in The Legal Power List 2020 published by the intelligence service A Word About Wind.

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## **DLA Piper advises Kalium Lakes on equity raise**

25 June 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Kalium Lakes Limited (ASX: KLL) on its recapitalisation and AUD61 million placement and fully underwritten accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer.

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## **Paola Aldana joins DLA Piper Martinez Beltran as head of Infrastructure practice**

18 June 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Paola Aldana has joined DLA Piper Martinez Beltran in Colombia as a partner and head of the Infrastructure practice.

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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 advises Banco Santander on innovative funding of subsidy-free solar projects in the UK**

2 June 2020

DLA Piper has acted as legal advisor to Banco Santander on the financing of a portfolio of subsidy-free solar projects which includes initially two projects for a total capacity of 115 MW.

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## **DLA Piper advises CSEIP on acquisition of majority stake in 500-MW Nordic wind portfolio**

21 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners on the acquisition of an 80% stake in Finnish utility Fortum Oyj's c.a. 500MW Nordic onshore wind portfolio. DLA Piper also advised CSEIP and Fortum on the senior project finance loan provided by Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and National Australia Bank as part of the transaction.

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## **DLA Piper advises Investec on financing of Ghana Infrastructure Company Ltd**

13 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Investec Bank Limited in relation to the USD22.5 million export credit financing provided to Ghana Infrastructure Company, used to fund the construction of storm drainage along the Lamashiegu, Nalung-Bulpela and Tamale roads and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of certain roads within the Ashanti region in central Ghana.

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## DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

8 May 2020

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 172 lawyer rankings and 71 practice rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2020 guide.

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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 kondigt partnerbenoemingen voor 2020 aan

30 April 2020

Khaled Dadi en Janet Meesters zijn met ingang van 1 mei 2020 tot partner benoemd bij DLA Piper in Amsterdam.

Wereldwijd heeft het advocatenkantoor 67 advocaten in 13 verschillende landen tot partner benoemd.

**Khaled Dadi** is als advocaat verbonden aan de Intellectual Property and Technology praktijkgroep. Hij heeft ruime ervaring met het adviseren van zijn cliënten over de juridische aspecten van digitale transformatie processen, strategisch sourcing projecten en commerciële contracten. Verder heeft hij uitgebreide ervaring in het adviseren en procederen over IT-geschillen. Dadi adviseert voornamelijk cliënten in de financiële-, technologische- en industriële sector. Daarnaast is hij betrokken bij pro bono projecten voor onder andere UNICEF, Plan Nederland en het door DLA Piper opgezette Know Your Rights programma.

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## DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on acquisition of subsidy-free wind farm in Scotland

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised long-standing client Greencoat UK Wind on the acquisition of the South Kyle wind farm in Scotland from developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

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## DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

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## DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Infra 3 Canada in sale to Innisfree

31 MAR 2020

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DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd. in connection with its sale to Innisfree of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd's interest in ISL Health (Victoria) General Partnership, effective March 30, 2020.

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### **Dino Barajas joins DLA Piper's Finance practice as co-chair of US Projects and Infrastructure and Latin American Corporate and Finance practices**

24 March 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Dino Barajas has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in Los Angeles.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the disposal of Cyprus' largest wind farm to Ancala Partners**

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Platina Energy Partners and local partner Mr Kleanthis (Akis) Ellinas on the disposal of the largest wind farm in Cyprus to Ancala Partners, an independent infrastructure investment manager.

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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 (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Global* 2020**

20 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and nine of its practitioners have been recognized in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Global*.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ireland's NTR on PPA as part of financing of Swedish wind project**

7 February 2020

DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on the acquisition, financing and Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (CPPA) with NORD/LB of 94MW wind projects in Sweden and Finland. NTR acquired these portfolio projects, called VindIn, in 2019, a transaction in which DLA Piper also advised on.

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### **DLA Piper advises Sonnedix USA Limited in US\$15 million non-recourse financing**

23 January 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented Sonnedix USA Limited, a global independent solar power producer, in a US\$15 million non-recourse financing with City National Bank of two operating photovoltaic solar power generation facilities in Puerto Rico.

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### **Sebastian Lora joins DLA Piper's Project Finance and Banking & Finance practices in Colombia**

13 January 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Sebastian Lora has joined DLA Piper Martinez Beltran in Colombia as a partner in the Project Finance and Banking & Finance practices.

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### **DLA Piper advises SUEZ on energy-from-waste project**

8 January 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised waste management leader SUEZ Recycling and Recovery Pty Ltd (SUEZ) on the East Rockingham Resources Recovery Project – only the second utility scale energy-from-waste project to reach financial close in Australia.

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### **DLA Piper advises Resolute Mining on hybrid power station**

20 December 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Resolute Mining Limited (ASX/LSE: RSG) on its power supply agreement for the development of a new hybrid power station at Resolute's Syama Gold Mine in Mali.

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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 advises Kalium Lakes on project financing**

16 December 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Australian exploration and development company Kalium Lakes Limited (ASX: KLL) (Kalium) on its project financing for the development of the Beyondie Sulphate of Potash Project in Western Australia.

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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 advising Saracen on acquisition and equity raising**

21 November 2019

DLA Piper is advising ASX-listed gold miner Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) on its acquisition of Barrick Gold Corporation's 50% interest in the KCGM Joint Venture for AUD1.1 billion, and its AUD796 million equity raising.

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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 advises FINNFUND on the sale of Mobisol to ENGIE**

8 November 2019

DLA Piper has advised Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation Ltd (FINNFUND) on the insolvency proceedings of Mobisol GmbH and the resulting sale of Mobisol to ENGIE and also represented FINNFUND in the creditors' committee.

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### **DLA Piper advises lenders on the financing of the Stavro Wind Project in Sweden**

8 November 2019

DLA Piper has advised DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale as lender to a 254 MW wind park located in Örnköldsvik municipality, Sweden. This is DLA Piper's third wind farm project with DekaBank in the last two years.

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### **DLA Piper recognized in IFLR1000 2020 rankings**

17 October 2019

DLA Piper has been once again recognized by the IFLR1000 in the publication's 2020 rankings of the world's leading financial and corporate law firms and lawyers.

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### **DLA Piper advises Hamburg Commercial Bank on financing of the largest Solar Park project in the Netherlands**

11 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hamburg Commercial Bank in relation to the project financing of Solar Park Vlagtwedde, a project that is set to become the largest solar project in the Netherlands once operational in 2020.

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### **DLA Piper adviseert Hamburg Commercial Bank met betrekking tot de financiering van het grootste Zonneparkproject in Nederland**

11 October 2019

DLA Piper heeft Hamburg Commercial Bank geadviseerd bij de projectfinanciering van Zonnepark Vlagtwedde, een project dat bij ingebruikname in 2020 het grootste zonnepark van Nederland zal worden.

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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's Amala Nath named a *Law360* Project Finance Rising Star for 2019**

9 September 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Washington, DC-based Amala Nath has been named a *Law360* Project Finance Rising Star for 2019.

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### **DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$84.5 million sale of Spence and Nicholson product lines**

3 September 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of certain assets and liabilities relating to its Spence and Nicholson product lines to Emerson for approximately US\$84.5 million.

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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 advises on the agreement to support the Ukrainian energy efficiency fund**

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Energy Efficiency Fund (EEF) on the execution of the agreement between the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and EEF to provide grant assistance to homeowners' associations (HOAs) to co-finance the implementation of energy efficiency measures in multi-family buildings.

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### **DLA Piper boosts Projects practice with double partner hire in Australia**

15 July 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has further strengthened its Finance and Projects practice with the appointment of two new projects partners in Sydney, Owen Hayford and Jonathan Stafford.

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### **DLA Piper strengthens corporate and finance offering in Russia**

9 July 2019

DLA Piper announces that Ivan Sezin has joined the firm as a legal director in its Corporate and Finance & Projects practice groups based in Moscow.

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### **DLA Piper advises ARENA on funding for the Gold Fields microgrid project**

25 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) on its AUD13.5 million funding for a high penetration renewable microgrid by Agnew Gold Mining Company Pty Ltd, part of the Gold Fields Group.

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### **DLA Piper strengthens ASEAN project finance offering with key partner hire**

28 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has strengthened its project development and finance offering with the appointment of Vincent Seah as a partner in its Finance and Projects (F&P) practice, based in Singapore.

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### **DLA Piper advises Infigen Energy on acquisition of Smithfield Open Cycle Gas Turbine Facility**

28 MAY 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Infigen Energy (ASX: IFN) on its acquisition of the 109MW flexible, fast-start Smithfield Open Cycle Gas Turbine Facility in Western Sydney.

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### **DLA Piper advised on Puerto Libertad financing that received MIREC 2019 Project of the Year award**

24 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, now known as Grupo Alego, global energy companies operating in the renewable energy sector, in their strategic financing of Puerto Libertad, a transaction that recently received MIREC's Project of the Year award for 2019.

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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 Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, recently renamed Grupo Alego, on strategic financing for Puerto Libertad photovoltaic project**

9 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, now known as Grupo Alego, global energy companies operating in the renewable energy sector, in their strategic financing of Puerto Libertad, one of the largest photovoltaic projects in Latin America.

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

3 MAY 2019

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 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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### **10 rankings for DLA Piper Ukraine in the Legal 500 EMEA 2019 guide**

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper in Ukraine has been recognized and ranked in 10 key practice areas in the latest edition of The Legal 500 Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) 2019.

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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 projects capability with partner hire in Australia**

16 APR 2019

DLA Piper has strengthened its Finance and Projects practice with the appointment of senior projects lawyer Tom Fotheringham as partner in its Brisbane office.

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### **DLA Piper advised on Colombian toll road project financing that received IJGlobal Latin American Deal of the Year award**

16 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IDB Invest), a member of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Group, in the project financing of the Ruta del Cacao toll road in Colombia, a transaction that recently received IJGlobal's 2018 Latin American Roads Deal of the Year award.

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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 advises Natixis, New York Branch as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for Canadian Solar subsidiary, Recurrent Energy**

3 APR 2019

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DLA Piper represented Natixis, New York Branch in its roles as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for subsidiaries of Recurrent Energy, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Solar Inc.

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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 advises CIT Bank, SMBC, Rabobank and ING on third round of financing for innovative California battery storage portfolios**

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch and ING Capital LLC in a third round of financing for the continuing expansion and development of a fleet of battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates, bringing combined CIT-led debt financings for the projects to more than US\$160 million.

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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 advises Ireland's NTR on acquisition of 200MW wind portfolio in Sweden and Finland**

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DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on its acquisition of a portfolio of just over 200MW of operational and pre-construction onshore wind projects in Sweden and Finland.

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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 CIT Bank, Rabobank and SMBC on financing for innovative California battery storage portfolio**

7 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch in the US\$100 million project financing and refinancing of the continuing expansion and development of a landmark fleet of behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates.

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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 appoints finance and project lawyer David Lyons**

10 December 2018

DLA Piper has appointed senior finance lawyer David Lyons as a partner of the firm's Finance Projects & Restructuring practice to be based in Brisbane.

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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 advises Element Power on the sale of part of its business to Norwegian energy group Statkraft**

5 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised global renewable energy developer, Element Power, on the sale of its power projects and asset management business covering Ireland and the UK, to Statkraft, a Norwegian state-owned utility.

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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 practices areas, this is DLA Piper Canada's strongest showing to date.

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