



Water and Waste

We act for sponsors, lenders, developers, contractors, operators, technology providers, consortia and governments on all aspects of the water and waste industries.

Water

We are involved in some of the largest, most complex water projects in the world. In addition to project development and finance, we help with water-related mergers and acquisitions, project bids, procurement, sovereign immunity, contracting authority, environmental and other regulatory matters, commercial agreements, intellectual property and dispute resolution.

Waste

Our waste sector experience spans the spectrum of waste-related agreements - we advise clients on construction and operating agreements, transportation, landfill, fuel supply, recyclate sale and other residue offtake agreements, as well as advising on environmental and planning issues, technological development and regulatory disputes. Projects on which we have advised include fully merchant facilities and others underpinned by long-term local authority contracts.

Working on these projects requires a detailed understanding of not only the relevant regulatory legislation, but also of the technologies used and the risks associated with them. Our experience in these matters allows us to measure, anticipate and manage our clients' risks whatever the scale of the project.

EXPERIENCE

Water

- The lenders, Standard Bank and Nedbank, in connection with the MIGA-backed project financing of a reverse osmosis desalination plant in Ghana.
- Northern Ireland Water, supporting the procurement of a number of framework contracts from which NI Water will be able to call off the services and works necessary to enable it to maintain its vital drinking water and sewerage infrastructure. This involved providing procurement advice on the suite of documents as well as advice on structuring the procurements.

Waste

- Suez Environnement's subsidiary, United Water, in its joint venture with KKR to acquire a 40-year water and wastewater

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concession from Bayonne, New Jersey. The concession requires more than US\$300 million of capital improvements to the water and wastewater systems which the JV will fund and manage. The DLA Piper team advised on the JV structuring, project contracts and financing aspects of this transaction, one of the first water and wastewater concessions deals completed in the US.

- Shanks in respect of the £750 million Wakefield Waste PFI Project in the UK. This major waste project reached financial close in January 2013 and will process up to 230,000 tonnes of residual waste per annum using mechanical sorting, autoclave and anaerobic digestion technology. Securing financing was a significant challenge but we successfully guided Shanks through a complicated process with funding provided by GIB, Barclays, Bayern LB and SMBC.
- Alauna Renewable Energy Limited, a joint venture between Kelda Water Services Limited and Scottish Water Horizons on the Edinburgh Food Waste Project. The project is based on a long term contract between the City of Edinburgh Council and Alauna Renewable Energy Limited to design, finance, build and operate a state of the art food waste facility using anaerobic digestion technology, which is capable of handling up to 30,000 tonnes of food waste every year.
- The funders to Advising the AmeyCespa consortium as preferred bidder on the North Yorkshire Waste PFI project prior to following the recent restructuring of financing of the project following the withdrawal by Defra of Waste Infrastructure Credits.
- Viridor on its bid for this major project being jointly procured by several local authorities in the Clyde Valley region with North Lanarkshire Council as lead authority. We are advising them on all aspects of this project, which is at the ISOS stage of procurement.
- Leeds City Council on its Residual Waste PFI project for the disposal of municipal waste.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

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.

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.
