



## 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.

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## 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 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

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### 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.

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## NEWS

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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 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 boosts projects capability with partner hire in Australia

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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 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 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 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 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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Beijing Enterprise Water Group on acquisition of TRILITY**

5 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised BEWG International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beijing Enterprises Water Group, on its 100% acquisition of water utility service provider TRILITY by way of a competitive bid process.

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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 advises Pacific Energy on acquisition of Contract Power**

10 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited on its AU\$90 million acquisition of Contract Power Group.

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### **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.

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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 partner to accompany Lord Mayor on business delegation to China**

19 MAR 2018

DLA Piper Finance & Projects partner, Maria Pereira, will join Charles Bowman, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and other leading business representatives on a business delegation visit to China from 19 to 28 March 2018 to promote trade and investment, and London's role in the Belt and Road initiative.

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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 Equis Energy on Taillem Bend Solar Farm**

14 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Asia's largest independent renewable energy developer Equis Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd ( **Equis**) on the development of a 127 MW Solar Farm and 132/3Kv Substation at Tailern Bend, South Australia.

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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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### **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.

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### **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.

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