



## 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

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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 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 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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### **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**

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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