



## Energy and Natural Resources

In a world where the demands for energy are growing exponentially, those operating in the energy sector are looking to their lawyers to provide more than legal skill; they are also seeking in-depth sector know-how and innovative solutions to the challenges they face. DLA Piper's energy lawyers deliver to our clients the focused, innovative sector advice they need, wherever in the world they need it.

In a sector of relentless change, demand and complexity, private and public corporations wisely rely on experienced, global legal counsel for any matter involving energy.

We are entering an era of unprecedented demand for power generation and transmission, especially within emerging economies. This dynamic, together with the challenges we all face from climate change, is creating new opportunities for alternative energies and new technologies.

Our energy clients receive coordinated, across-the-board coverage for their needs, including construction and projects, corporate, competition, regulatory, contractual, trading, litigation/arbitration, dispute resolution and tax issues. We understand the technical, geographical, commercial and geopolitical factors that shape the industry and have first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and decision makers worldwide.

DLA Piper's energy team includes professionals in the detailed, multi-layered and often complex regulatory frameworks that apply to energy sector projects and activities. We advise regulators, the regulated, investors and other industry participants on the implications of the regulatory framework during the planning, development and operational stages of many energy projects and activities.

For decades, we have represented organizations operating in the sector throughout the world. Our global team serves clients in the power, oil and gas, renewable, nuclear, energy trading, climate change and water markets. Alongside energy companies, our clients include project sponsors, corporations, developers, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies.

We work with a broad scope of clients ranging from the world's largest oil and gas companies to investment banks active in energy and commodities trading and venture-backed alternative energy entrepreneurs. Our lawyers provide strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

### FOCUS AREAS

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- Environment, Health and Safety
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## Commodities

- Industrials

DLA Piper is among the few law firms in the world that maintains a global group dedicated to servicing the commodity markets. No matter where in the world commodities are being traded, sold, shipped, stored and financed, DLA Piper has experienced and industry-focused attorneys ready to provide assistance with regulatory and compliance issues, transactions of all types and dispute resolution. Most of these lawyers have been active in the commodity markets for decades and some have had lengthy in-house careers or have worked with industry associations for years, so they are familiar with all that happens in a commodity business, from the trading floor to the board room.

With an enormous global reach across more than 40 countries on six continents and a lengthy list of practice areas useful to commodity players, DLA Piper has at its disposal everything needed to serve as a prime one-stop shop for traders, marketers, transporters, financiers and producers of commodities. Our client list includes some of the largest and most active commodity players in the world, so our lawyers are constantly working at the leading edge of the innovations and trends that are shaping the business. We are very much aware of the competing interests that sometimes arise around a commodity trade or transaction and can assist in striking the proper balance among those interests from both a legal and a commercial perspective.

Our core team of commodity-focused lawyers regularly counsels on matters central to the commodity business: regulatory and compliance obligations, materials and training; OTC and on-exchange trading, hedging and risk issues; structured deal-making and trade finance, including cross-border transactions; vessel-owning and chartering matters; physical infrastructure development and utilization; and litigation and arbitration throughout the world. Augmenting these core competencies is a vast array of supporting areas of experience that enhance our service offering to the industry: sanctions and OFAC regulations; anti-bribery and corruption laws; cybersecurity; IT and data management; government contracting; real estate; rail and aviation; and renewable energy; among many others.

We are also at the forefront of providing complimentary value-added support to the industry, including a quarterly roundtable discussion dinner in both the New York and Houston areas; frequent alerts on breaking legal developments important to your daily business decisions; and regular webinars, podcasts and in-person events which address topical issues impacting the industry. Interested parties are very much encouraged to advise if they would like to be added to the circulation list for these offerings.

For questions or to learn more about the Commodities group, please contact: [dlapipercommodities@us.dlapiper.com](mailto:dlapipercommodities@us.dlapiper.com).

[View publications from the Commodities group.](#)

## Mining

Changing economic conditions are often felt at the mine mouth long before they appear on the balance sheet or the boardroom table. DLA Piper is responsive to our clients' needs as they adapt to the cyclical shifts in the global commodities markets. Our innovative solutions assist them to efficiently address these challenges and opportunities.

From startup to divestment or site closure, our mining legal team can provide a complete legal solution, covering everything from day-to-day operational issues to large scale international transactions and arbitrations.

Our commodities lawyers have detailed knowledge of local regulatory environments, key project drivers and the market. We understand how the many components of a project interact with one another. Our mining team takes a holistic approach to project development, which enables us to offer a balanced assessment in the best interests of the project as a whole. We can assist you to identify, analyze, negotiate and document project structures and to maintain efficiency when the project is operational.

DLA Piper is developing innovative solutions to some of the most complex and important issues facing the mining community today. These projects, while not only important in financial terms, are also breaking new legal ground in their treatment of difficult issues such as third party access to infrastructure and state agreements and concessions.

Mining is a truly global industry and we can provide the location-based assistance as well as the experience and skills that clients in this sector require.

We offer mining and minerals support in all of the major mining regions of the world, including emerging markets in Africa, Latin

America, Asia and the Middle East, as well as the more established markets in Australia, North America and Europe.

Our international reach means we have the local strength and knowledge to advise our clients on specific legal, cultural and political issues wherever they arise.

For those with projects across countries or continents, we can provide a single point of contact to help manage the delivery of legal services to all of your projects and your personnel.

Our multidisciplinary industry focus offers our clients responsive, cost-effective help. Whatever the nature of your legal requirement or business need, you can rely on our detailed knowledge, experience and understanding.

## A SELECTION OF CLIENTS:

### **Miners**

- Anglo American
- BC Iron
- China Coal
- Coeur Mining
- Ferrous Resources
- Fortescue Metals Group
- Newmont Mining Corporation
- Norilsk Nickel
- Rio Tinto
- Xstrata

### **Financiers / Investors**

- Credit Suisse
- Macquarie

### **Operators / Buyers**

- Baosteel
- Sinosteel
- Lafarge
- Mitsubishi
- Sibelco/Unimin
- Arcelor Mittal
- Tata Steel
- POSCO
- Marabani
- Sinopec

### **Suppliers**

- POSCO E&C
- STX
- Bristow Helicopters

### **Government**

- Government of Guinea
- State of Western Australia
- Government of Uganda
- Government of Kazakhstan

## CASE STUDIES

- When the Indian Government's Department of Disinvestment and Coal India Limited (the world's largest coal miner) planned an initial public offering of shares, we were chosen following a formal government counsel selection process involving more than six international law firms. The deal raised US\$3.43 billion, making it the largest IPO in the history of Indian capital markets and the third largest IPO in the world during 2010.

- We are assisting the Australian Premium Iron Joint Venture in all aspects of the development of the West Pilbara Iron Ore Project, which involves the development of three new iron ore mines, 350km of heavy-haul railway and a new deep water port at Anketell Point.
- Our broad experience in the financing of mining operations came into play when we represented a major bank in the financing of the development, construction and operation of an iron ore concentrator facility in the USA. It was structured as a fully secured project financing and commodity hedges were an important part of the deal structure, the borrower being required to hedge against iron ore concentrate price fluctuations over a multiyear period to ensure that offtake revenues would be sufficient to cover debt service.
- A cross-border team from Paris, Perth, New York and Brussels are assisting the Government of Guinea in the review of mining rights and conventions granted by the prior governments and on the renegotiation of concessions and conventions in accordance with the new Mining Code.
- We advised Lloyds Banking Group on the debt and equity restructuring of UK Coal plc (now renamed Coalfield Resources plc). An unsuccessful rescue bid would have resulted in company administration, closure of mines, the loss of 2,500 jobs and a tax payer bailout. Working closely with the Lloyds team, we helped achieve the desired outcome; the separation of the businesses of the Group into new divisions and the isolation of existing pension liabilities of GBP400 million.
- Following a mining failure in Indonesia, the reinsurers hired us to handle a USD500 million claim. The case was eventually settled on very beneficial terms for the reinsurers.
- Representing the Republic of Guinea in consolidated, multi-billion dollar ICSID arbitrations brought by BSG Resources ("BSGR"), claiming expropriation of a mining concession and related rights in Guinea, in what is one of the most important and high-value mining disputes in the world.
- Acting for the Republic of Kenya in respect of an ICSID claim brought by the mining investor, Cortec. This claim is thought to be the highest value and most strategically important investment treaty claim Kenya has ever faced.

## Oil and gas

DLA Piper's Oil and Gas lawyers have extensive experience in all segments of the global industry. With a vast network featuring practitioners on the ground in key jurisdictions worldwide, we understand the industry-specific nuances that affect energy transactions and disputes as well as complex, multi-jurisdictional engagements that are part of your strategy wherever you do business.

We handle both onshore and offshore legal work for a spectrum of clients, from major international oil companies, governments and state-owned companies to independents and private equity and mid-market entities. We offer leading lawyers in mergers and acquisitions, project development, finance, tax, environmental, technology and IP, real estate and dispute resolution. All our lawyers work together as a team across our global platform to address your transactional needs and, when necessary, to mobilize immediately.

We work with contractors, developers, utilities, banks, investors and governments, providing strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

Our experience encompasses:

- **Upstream:** licensing/concessions, exploration and extraction; the operation of oil and gas fields; farm-ins/farm-outs, JOAs, joint venturing
- **Midstream infrastructure:** construction, financing and operation of oil and gas infrastructure, such as pipelines, tank farms and refineries; sales and handling of crude oil and gas, along with the construction of related infrastructure; and CNG/LNG projects/sales
- **Downstream dissemination of products:** offtake of production and the sale of products; lifting and transportation of oil and gas; storage and through-putting of products
- **Acquisition and disposal** of oil and gas interests/assets; due diligence and investigation behind acquisitions
- **Financing for oil and gas:** funding acquisitions; project-financing for developments; funding cash-calls; security structures over oil and gas assets; trading of oil products
- **Shipping and trading** of oil and gas

- International arbitrations and other forms of dispute resolution

## Power

The firm's Power team comprises lawyers throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, positioning us to help energy clients with their legal needs anywhere in the world. Our key service areas within the Power sector include:

- Conventional generation
- Renewables
- Alternative energy
- Transmission and distribution
- Wholesale and retail electricity
- Energy market reform

We advise on all phases of power transactions including:

- Project development
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Financing
- Corporate structuring and tax advice
- Licensing and technology transfer
- Government / regulatory
- Litigation and international arbitration
- Environmental
- Employment

We have completed financings that have been implemented through a variety of structures, including traditional offtaker-based project financings, PAPS tax equity investments, leasing, private placements, portfolio financings, multi-tranche first and second lien structures, export credit agency and other multilateral agency supported transactions. By representing clients with diverse roles in many types of transactions, our group has developed experience that well equips us to assist clients in assessing and resolving the complex issues that arise in project finance matters.

## Renewables

DLA Piper's globally situated Renewables practitioners represent sponsors, lenders, equity investors, multilateral institutions and government bodies and agencies in the development, financing, construction acquisition and sale of, or investment in, a wide range of renewables-related projects and infrastructure projects. Among these are renewable power generation projects, energy storage facilities, utility-scale, distributed and residential solar, on-shore and offshore wind and biomass and other innovative and technology-based entities. We deliver comprehensive services to renewables clients from project finance and development and M&A to tax, environmental, real estate, tech and IP, employment and disputes and arbitrations.

We have advised on hundreds of renewable energy projects developed and financed around the world. Members of our team regularly represent clients in the purchase of wind turbines, solar panels, batteries, inverters, gas turbines and steam generators and other equipment or related and in the evaluation of such contracts in the context of an acquisition or a financing.

We have been active in energy storage for almost a decade and have monitored the industry's progress closely while advising clients on the negotiation of long-term offtake agreements, evolving tariff requirements, the purchase of equipment and project financing, including the landmark financing of a portfolio of battery storage systems.

## 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.

- 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

Our waste sector experience spans the spectrum of waste-related agreements - we advise clients on construction and operating agreements, transportation, landfill, fuel supply, recycle 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.

- Carbon Trading: Advising the European Commission under two multi-annual frameworks on implementation and amendments to the Auctioning Regulation and other related EU ETS Regulations, as well as the negotiations with EEX/EEC as EU ETS Common Auction Platform operator and clearing entity.
- Corporate Power Purchase Agreement: advising DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale as lenders on a complex dual-PPA structure for a 254 MW wind park located in Sweden, involving two power purchase agreements – one with Google and the other Holmen.
- Corporate Power Purchase Agreement: Advising Unilever on their PPA documentation and precedent international solar PPA for use across multiple jurisdictions including seven private wire PPAs across the US, Middle East and Africa.
- Electricity and water: As a result of the work we have done for the Government of Iraq, we are the leading international legal practice operating inside Iraq. This includes representation of the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity in its negotiations to acquire more than US\$5 billion in electricity generation equipment, to procure engineering services and construction contracts and to secure water and fuel supplies. We have also helped the Ministry of Water Resources with large-scale infrastructure projects.
- Oil and gas: We represented BP as principal counsel for the US\$2.4 billion sale of its southern California refining and marketing business, formerly known as ARCO, to San Antonio-based Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company. The contract was signed in August 2012, and the deal closed on June 1, 2013, after receiving clearance from both federal and California regulators.
- Renewable energy: Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme Matters, South Africa. On completion, this will be the largest renewable energy project in the world. Our lawyers in Australia, Hong Kong and London advised more than half of the successful bidders for Phase 1 and 2 of this solar, wind, hydro, biomass and biogas project. We are also acting for bidders and lenders providing project finance for a number of projects in Phase 3. The goal of this landmark project is to generate 42% of all new electricity in South Africa from renewable energy sources over the next 20 years.
- Power: For China Hydroelectric Corporation's successful US\$96 million NASDAQ IPO, we advised on the pre-IPO financing and the acquisition of hydropower plants in China. We also provided structuring advice for its operations, implemented a corporate reorganisation and advised on CDM eligibility.
- Nuclear: We act for virtually all of the site licensee companies (SLCs) in the UK, as well as for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and other parent body organizations to the SLCs. We are principal advisers to Sellafield Limited, Magnox Limited,

International Nuclear Services Limited and are instructed by Westinghouse, DSRL, LLWR and NNL.

- Energy disputes: We achieved a victory for Central New York Oil and Gas Company in a case that cleared the way for development of the US\$257 million Marcellus Shale gas pipeline project. The case was one of first impression on the degree to which federal agencies and private pipeline and energy companies must account for the impacts of Marcellus Shale well drilling when reviewing the environmental effects of pipeline projects.
- Water and wastewater: Represented United Water, a subsidiary of Suez Environnement, in its joint venture with KKR & Co. to acquire a 40-year water and wastewater concession from Bayonne, New Jersey. The concession requires more than US\$300 million of capital improvements, one of the first water and wastewater concession deals completed in the US.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Energy updates in Romania: further steps towards ensuring transparency on grid connection capacities

13 January 2022

The National Authority for Energy Regulation took a key step towards ensuring a more transparent grid connection procedure for energy producers, through the adoption of the Order no. 137/2021 for approving the Procedure for determining the available electrical grid connection capacities for connecting new electricity production installations

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#### The WTO and Green Trade: Global solutions to solve a global problem

11 January 2022

### DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS

The WTO have announced three new environmental initiatives. The initiatives provide dedicated forums where businesses can discuss with international stakeholders and decision-makers. Allowing parties to come together to find creative legal, regulatory and public policy solutions to global environmental challenges.

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#### A legal overview

4 January 2022

### UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST

In episode 2 of our podcast series we discuss the legal context of the regime: how it will operate and the implications for businesses. In particular, the legislation - which comes into force today, 4 January - has wide reaching implications for M&A involving businesses or assets connected with the UK.

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#### Energy updates: Romanian Government approved the amendment of the Energy Law on the last day of 2021

4 January 2022

Highly anticipated regulatory change in the Romanian Energy sector, respectively the implementation of the Directive (EU) 2019/944 on common rules for the internal market for electricity (Directive 944) into the national legislation, was brought into effect on the final day of the calendar year 2021.

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#### New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Steel nails from India, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey –

## consequences for industry and downstream consumers

4 January 2022

Key details.

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### California regulations on diverting organic waste go into effect January 1: new rules affect municipalities and food sector, bring opportunities for composting and biofuel businesses

16 December 2021

As more regulations implementing SB 1383 come into effect in the coming years, the demand for permissible ways to dispose of organic waste will only increase.

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### Significant Expansion of the Notifiable National Security Actions Test

16 December 2021

On 2 December 2021, the Australian Federal Government enacted the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Act 2021 (Amending Act) amending the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018 (SOCI Act) to protect certain infrastructure that forms part of or is viewed as critical to the essential services to which Australia relies on.

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13 Dec 2021

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### Google files groundbreaking civil suit to disrupt massive botnet with blockchain backup system

10 December 2021

Civil actions to take down botnets have been around for years, but the blockchain aspect adds a new twist.

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### Get ready for collective actions in Europe

6 December 2021

Our client risk report "Get ready for collective actions in Europe", summarises the key trends and risks that consumer businesses in Europe may face following the Collective Redress Directive's implementation at the end of 2022.

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### Food and Beverage News and Trends

2 December 2021

#### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Suspend imports of fresh beef from Brazil, US cattle group says; plant-based producers take new approach in suit over Oklahoma labeling law; plus salt, soda, and news from Hawaii

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## Six commodities predictions for 2022

2 December 2021

The worldwide turmoil of 2020 is, in many ways, still with us, but the good news is that alongside the struggles, the commodities realm is seeing an immense number of opportunities. Here, we take a fast look at the six areas we think the commodities sector should be watching in the year to come.

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## Webinar: Africa Energy Futures - A Continent in Transition

2 December 2021

The African continent as a whole remains heavily dependent upon fossil fuels with the likes of South Africa and Nigeria remaining over 70% dependent on non-renewables. The potential for a green transition over the coming years remains pertinent, yet a long way off. The opportunity for private investment alongside government initiatives to prioritise green schemes has started to drive the way forward across the continent, as seen with the rise of hydroelectric power across Angola, Kenya and Mozambique. Thus, the potential for the continent to move away from non-renewables is within reach.

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## The Industry Agreement on Chemical, Petrochemical, Biotechnological and Chemical-Pharmaceutical Organisations to be extended in Russia

1 December 2021

On 11 November 2021, the Russian Ministry of Labour published in the Russian Gazette the Additional Agreement on the Prolongation for 2022-2024 of the Industry Agreement on Chemical, Petrochemical, Biotechnological and Chemical-Pharmaceutical Organisations (Agreement).

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## The Glasgow Climate Pact: What does it mean for Business?

23 November 2021

In this article, members of our Sustainability and ESG Steering Committee share their thoughts on eight key themes emerging from COP26 and what they mean for business.

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## Africa Energy Futures

19 November 2021

The Africa Energy Futures report sets out the conclusions and observations of DLA Piper Africa's member firm lawyers in 21 jurisdictions across the continent in relation to the future of energy in Africa, all within a 2030 horizon. The report's country chapters address a number of discernible trends.

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## Africa Energy Futures: Algeria

19 November 2021

In Algeria, despite the enactment of Law No. 04-09 of August 14, 2004, on the promotion of renewable energies in the framework of sustainable development, no concrete governmental decision to promote renewable energies has been taken since.

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## Africa Energy Futures: Angola

19 November 2021

The Angolan Government has created investment incentive models to be adopted in the renewable energy sector. Through the Atlas and National Strategy for New Renewable Energies plan, a framework to encourage investment in renewable energy was proposed that focuses on attracting private initiatives to the sector.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Burundi**

19 November 2021

In Burundi, the liberalization of energy services began in 2015 following a new law on the reorganization of the electricity sector in Burundi. It involves attracting investors to the sector and promoting the emergence of national power sources through the use of public-private partnerships (PPP).

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Côte d'Ivoire**

19 November 2021

Côte d'Ivoire has launched a set of legislative and regulatory texts aiming at governing the energy sector in recent years. However, these texts need to be updated to better align with the development of the sector.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Ethiopia**

19 November 2021

In Ethiopia, the development of the renewable energy sector will play a fundamental role in realizing the government's policy of achieving middle-income country status by 2025. In the process of realizing this goal, the sector will create job opportunities, transfer knowledge and add skills to local professionals.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Executive Summary**

19 November 2021

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Ghana**

19 November 2021

Spurred by the power crises in the last decade, Ghana quickly ramped up production capacity and currently has excess capacity. But the added capacity came at a relatively high cost. The government's response has been to renegotiate some identified power-purchase agreements (PPAs) and encourage renewable sources of energy, notably solar.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Kenya**

19 November 2021

While thermal energy continues to play a role in Kenya's energy mix, more than 70% of installed capacity comes from renewables. Over the last five years, there has been tremendous growth in renewable energy technologies, particularly wind, solar and geothermal.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Mauritius**

19 November 2021

In today's challenging context marked by the continued prevalence of COVID-19 that has shaken Mauritius' economy and in the wake of the surge in prices of petroleum products, it is anticipated that renewable energy will play a pivotal role in the country's development.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Morocco**

19 November 2021

In 2009, the Kingdom of Morocco launched an ambitious energy strategy which essentially seeks to increase the country's total power and share of renewables in the energy mix. The objective was to reach a 42% share of renewable energy of total power production capacity by 2020.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Mozambique**

19 November 2021

Mozambique has the goal of becoming an energy hub in southern Africa with the production of hydrogen. Cheap energy used to produce hydrogen would be a real motivator for the construction of the long-awaited Mphanda Nkuwa Dam on the Zambezi River, a project that exists since the colonial era.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Namibia**

19 November 2021

Namibia has great potential for renewable energy, especially solar and wind. Under the National Energy Policy of 2017, the government resolves to guide integrated resource planning by prioritizing generation projects from renewable, non-polluting, indigenous, diverse, and decentralized resources, in a way that optimizes the long-term cost of electricity supply.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Nigeria**

19 November 2021

Nigeria will undoubtedly adopt greener sources of energy in its mix. It is expected to be mainly in the form of solar. Nigeria could generate over 50% of required power by deploying solar PV panels on just 1% of Nigeria's land mass. However, there will also be further development of thermal power plants in view of the abundant gas reserves in-country.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Rwanda**

19 November 2021

Rwanda is committed to the sustainable development of the energy sector by giving priority to renewable energy alternatives and new technologies. Solar power is expected to contribute a significant share of power generation as technology improves and battery storage prices fall.

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## **Africa Energy Futures: Senegal**

19 November 2021

Senegal is implementing a gas to power program in the energy sector. Its purpose is to convert existing thermal power plants to dual-fuel and to build future thermal power plants using natural gas as a primary energy source. The exploitation of the GTA field will play an important role in promoting consumption of clean energy and will support the implementation of the gas to power program.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: South Africa**

19 November 2021

Although South Africa remains very reliant on fossil fuels, there has been an increased supply and use of renewable energy, particularly wind and solar. This is mainly a direct result of the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) which sets out the South African government's diversification targets for the energy supply mix by 2030.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Tanzania**

19 November 2021

Tanzania like other developing countries in Africa is striving to adopt various ways of ensuring that energy supply is accessible as well as affordable. Talking into account the social, environmental, and economic benefits of off-grid renewable energy vis a vis costly grid infrastructure, renewable energy will undoubtedly remain a dependable energy source for Tanzania in the near future.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Tunisia**

19 November 2021

Tunisia is in the process of launching its first generation renewable energy projects. As part of this process, the state plans to build renewable energy projects with a capacity of 500 MW. Annual investment for these projects is estimated at USD400 million, which will improve Tunisia's energy autonomy, reduce production costs and create jobs.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Uganda**

19 November 2021

Due to the need to diversify Uganda's energy mix and fulfill the country's climate change commitments, the government's emphasis will be on renewable forms of energy such as wind, solar and biogas. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that large and mini-hydro will continue to be Uganda's principal energy supply source in the medium to long-term.

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### **Africa Energy Futures: Zambia**

19 November 2021

In Zambia, renewable and new technologies will attract foreign direct investment and can be used to develop the economy following the negative effects of poor rainfall in the past few years and COVID-19. There has been recent growth in industrial activity which has increased the demand for energy.

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## Africa Energy Futures: Zimbabwe

19 November 2021

Investment opportunities will arise in two main areas in Zimbabwe in the next decade: renewable energy and petroleum. The government has provided incentives to the energy sector and awarded several IPP licenses to different companies, but very few of these projects have been executed. The delay in implementing these projects has been caused by a lack of funding in light of perceived currency risks.

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## Episode 9: What will it take to decarbonise heat?

18 November 2021

### [THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)

Natasha Luther-Jones is joined by Richard Nourse, Founding Partner of Greencoat Capital, and James Samworth, who co-heads the company's bioenergy division, to discuss the need to decarbonise heat, the opportunities, benefits and uncertainties.

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## Africa Energy Futures: Botswana

19 November 2021

Botswana's power system has been characterized by unreliable power supply, lack of investment, poor maintenance and high service costs. To meet its peak power demand, Botswana imports power from the Southern Africa Power Pool – mainly from South Africa – and when imports are not available, resorts to the use of costly backup diesel power plants.

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## New developments in the Mexican energy sector generate uncertainty

17 November 2021

A discussion of relevant measures, criticisms and comments.

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## Food and Beverage News and Trends

12 November 2021

### [FOOD AND BEVERAGE NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Avoid foods with glittery garnishes, CDC says; USDA considers whether Salmonella should be declared an adulterant; soaring energy costs this year may mean widespread food shortages next year.

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## Episode 8: What is the potential of green hydrogen as a clean and renewable energy source?

11 November 2021

### [THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)

Andreas Gunst and Lee Beck of Clean Air Task Force discuss the potential of green hydrogen as a clean and renewable energy source.

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## The role of offshore wind in O&G's energy transition

11 November 2021

The oil and gas sector wants to change. Faced with an inevitable decline in long-term prospects resulting from climate change and the need for an energy transition, oil and gas companies increasingly realise that their future lies outside fossil fuels.

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## Issue 6

8 November 2021

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE**

This bumper edition of our Case Law Update summarises a number of significant English Court decisions relevant to businesses in the Energy and Natural Resources sector that were handed down in the period July 2020 to July 2021, and the key takeaways arising from them.

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### **Global Reporting Initiative updates its Universal Standards – revisions will affect ESG reporting by numerous businesses**

3 November 2021

GRI 11 outlines topics likely to be material for oil and gas organizations and lists relevant disclosures, such as air emissions, climate adaptation, and water and effluents.

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### **Carbon Matters - Autumn 2021**

2 November 2021

This autumn edition of Carbon Matters launches the same week COP26 commences in Glasgow. This edition includes articles on COP26, the pledges so far and what we might expect; the UK's Hydrogen Strategy; and the government's consultation paper to amend the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS).

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### **National Security and Investment Act 2021:**

1 November 2021

The National Security and Investment Act 2021 (the Act) is due to come into force on 4 January 2022. The Act gives the Secretary of State extensive powers to review transactions where it considers there is or may be a risk to national security.

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### **How to approach inconsistency between standard and bespoke terms**

29 October 2021

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Read on for a summary of *Dynasty Co for Oil and Gas Trading Ltd v Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq*<sup>1</sup> and the key takeaways for businesses operating in the ENR sector arising out of the judgment.

<sup>1</sup> [2021] EWHC 952 (Comm).

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### **Questions answered in the 6th Edition of our Energy and Natural Resources Case Law Update**

28 October 2021

Read on for a summary of the questions answered in the 6th Edition. If these are of interest, look out for the full Update, which will be published on Monday, 8 November 2021 and will provide the context for each of the questions answered in brief below, as well as the key takeaways to be aware of arising from each case.

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### **Treasury releases 2021 Sanctions Review: Its key recommendations and their implications for the private sector**

28 October 2021

The Report puts into perspective recent Biden Administration sanctions while helping to forecast what will come.

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### **FERC reliability standards in wake of Winter Storm Uri**

27 October 2021

One recommendation included a mandatory electric reliability standard.

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### **The new EU toolbox to tackle soaring energy prices**

22 October 2021

The ongoing energy price crisis in the aftermath of COVID-19, which has curtailed industrial production and left consumers across Europe facing higher heating bills as winter approaches, has ramped up pressure on the EU and EU Member States to urgently address the problem.

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### **A summary: the CFTC position limits compliance deadline of January 2022**

21 October 2021

Changes to the definition of a “bona fide hedging transaction or position.”

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## **BEIS publishes draft energy national policy statements and launches consultation until 29 November 2021**

14 October 2021

DLA Piper's summary of the UK Government's revised national policy statements relating to nationally significant energy projects in England and a reminder to all investors, developers and operators of energy infrastructure to consider responding to the consultation, to shape future consenting policies and emerging technologies.

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## **Five issues to watch for at COP26 in Glasgow**

12 October 2021

Hopes had already been high for COP26 even before the pandemic paused it. The pent-up potential has only heightened those expectations.

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## **An interview with Aldersgate Funding**

11 October 2021

In this podcast, DLA Piper partner Henry Quinlan interviews Jim Holding and Matthew Lo at Aldersgate Funding Limited, who shed some light on the advantages of litigation and arbitration funding; the types of claims eligible for funding; the process of funding a case; and the jurisdictional constraints on this type of financing.

DLA Piper · Aldersgate Funding on how litigation funding can help your business

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## **OECD announces global deal on international tax reform with its Two-Pillar solution**

11 October 2021

In addition, the OECD sets out a detailed implementation timeline aiming to have parts of the plan ratified in 2022 and effective as early as 2023.

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## **New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Oil country tubular goods from Argentina, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, and Russia – consequences for industry and downstream consumers**

8 October 2021

US AD and CVD investigations can result in the imposition of substantial duties in addition to already applicable duties and tariffs.

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## **President of Mexico files constitutional reform bill on electricity**

7 October 2021

The result may include serious consequences for private investors in the energy sector in Mexico.

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## **The Hydrogen Revolution in the Asia Pacific**

6 October 2021

Hydrogen is already having, and will continue to have, a significant impact in the Asia Pacific region – the opportunity is already being embraced by Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea in particular. Hydrogen offers the region a practical option to reduce carbon emissions and fossil fuel dependency.

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## **Commodities trading firms face increasing risk of FCPA enforcement activity**

5 October 2021

These developments signal a new, active period of heightened anti-corruption scrutiny for commodities trading firms.

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## **Biden Administration works to expand US offshore wind market**

28 September 2021

The federal government moves forward assertively with an expanded leasing program aiming to double offshore wind production by 2030. Meanwhile, some states are acting too.

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## **Recent key ESG and green finance regulation changes in Russia**

28 September 2021

In this legal update, we present a brief overview of the development and recent key regulatory changes on sustainable development and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance), green finance and green energy in Russia.

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## **As California aims to achieve carbon neutrality, CARB is updating the Scoping Plan: stakeholders may take part in the September 30 workshop**

27 September 2021

An opportunity to engage with California's strategic approach to addressing climate change.

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## **Dubai issues decree to consolidate Dubai's main arbitral institutions into one new institution**

27 September 2021

The Ruler of Dubai has issued Decree No. 34 of 2021 concerning the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, which aims to abolish the DIFC-based Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre and the DIFC Arbitration Institute.

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## **Energy Suppliers in Crisis – The Legal Issues**

27 September 2021

The current energy crisis is well-publicised, with Suppliers of Last Resort (SoLR) being appointed in respect of six energy suppliers within the last 21 days, and Bulb Energy (supplier to over 1.7 million consumers) reported to be "racing to secure its future" and exploring new sources of funding.

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## **Commodities News and Trends**

20 September 2021

## COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS

Brazil and Argentina lead the way in biofuels; CFTC: we will support transition to a low-carbon economy; is the end in sight for the shale-driven pipeline building boom?

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### Episode 7: How can we ensure emerging markets aren't left behind?

20 September 2021

## THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST

In this episode, Natasha Luther-Jones is joined by Rael McNally from Blackrock and the lead portfolio manager for the Climate Finance Partnership, an innovative clean energy and infrastructure strategy focused on emerging markets, to discuss the opportunities and challenges of investing in emerging markets.

DLA Piper · How can we ensure emerging markets aren't left behind?

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### By any standard? Meeting sustainability commitments through credible carbon markets

13 September 2021

Operating in today's evolving voluntary carbon trading ecosystem.

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### Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

Today, virtually all companies rely on third-party technical solutions to manage their business. The downside is that incorporating new third-party technology into business operations creates new vectors for cyberattacks.

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### Australia introduces offshore renewable energy regulatory regime

8 September 2021

On 2 September 2021, the Australian government introduced the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill 2021 (Cth) into Parliament. The Bill follows a consultation process undertaken by the government following a discussion paper in February 2020. The introduction of the Bill is the first step toward the passing into law of a framework to facilitate development, construction, operation and decommissioning of fixed and floating renewable generation and transmission projects within Australia's territorial sea.

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### New workplace sexual harassment laws passed – (some) Respect@Work recommendations become law

8 September 2021

After months of anticipation, the Australian Federal Government's Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Act 2021 has now passed both houses of Parliament. The amendment contains important reforms to address workplace sexual harassment.

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### Consumer Em-Power-ment: Treasury proposes draft rules for the Consumer Data Right in the Australian energy sector

3 September 2021

The Australian Government Treasury has released for industry consultation, draft amendments to the Consumer Data Right rules and regulations made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), seeking to expand the Consumer Data Right regime into the energy sector.

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## **Energy storage tax credits and climate goals: Latest developments in Washington**

24 August 2021

To meet President Joe Biden's goal of achieving 100-percent carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035, the US is anticipated to need 100 GW of storage by 2030.

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## **Brazil: Bioenergy in the ESG context**

22 July 2021

A look at Brazil's evolving approach to the sustainable use of environmental resources.

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## **Episode 6: Will oil giants supercharge the transition?**

20 July 2021

### **[THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)**

Oil giants have responded to Covid-19 by setting out 'green recovery' plans that could massively increase their investments in renewables. How will we see these companies change? How will this affect investment in renewables? In this episode, we look at these oil giants' changing investment plans and what this means for the energy transition.

DLA Piper · [Will oil giants supercharge the transition?](#)

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## **Ransomware preparedness: NYDFS announces additional expectations of regulated entities' cybersecurity programs**

7 July 2021

As regulatees address their vulnerabilities to ransomware, NYDFS raises its expectations.

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## **Episode 5: What should we expect from COP26?**

6 July 2021

### **[THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST](#)**

In this episode, we're joined by Ambassador P. Michael McKinley as we look ahead to COP26 and the best that businesses can hope for. Will this mark a step change in the energy transition? Are we putting too much faith in politicians to lead on that transition? How much can businesses lead and, if so, how much will COP26 help them?

DLA Piper · [What should we expect from COP26?](#)

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## **Impact on the US solar, silicon and related industries of new US government actions aimed to address labor practices in Xinjiang**

6 July 2021

Key details and implications for US companies.

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### **Sustainability standards setter seeks input on draft GRI Standards for agriculture, aquaculture, fishing and coal**

1 July 2021

Key details.

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### **Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021**

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

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### **Global corporate benchmarking group seeks inputs on corporate human rights standards**

22 June 2021

Comments are requested by June 25, 2021.

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### **Winter Storm Uri: New Texas legislation aims to improve power grid, restructure the grid's overseeing agency**

15 June 2021

The legislation responds to calls for sweeping change to the power infrastructure in Texas.

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### **A long hot summer: Five steps for energy commodities traders in a time of heightened scrutiny**

14 June 2021

Rising temperatures may exacerbate current market volatility, which in turn may lead to heightened regulatory scrutiny.

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### **A step forward for energy security in South Africa**

14 June 2021

Our Johannesburg team discusses the amendments to schedule 2 of the Electricity Regulation Act (ERA) announced on 10 June 2021 by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

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### **Whatever your sector, ransomware attacks are changing how to think about platform security risk: Action steps**

14 June 2021

In an increasingly digitized economy, creating awareness of platform security risks is critical.

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### **Episode 4: Does energy need a digital transformation too?**

11 June 2021

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## THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST

In this episode, we are joined by Brian Case, Chief Digital Offer at GE Renewable Energy to discuss the digital transformation of the energy sector.

DLA Piper · The Climate Transition Podcast – Does energy need a digital transformation too?

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### ESG and Renewable Energy in Africa

9 June 2021

Last month we moderated a great webinar with Invest Africa, focused on ESG issues in the renewable energy space. If you missed it and want to hear what Cathy Oxby, Chief Commercial Officer from Greenco, Dr. Valeria Biurrun-Zaumm, Senior Investment Manager from DEG and Orli Arav, Managing Director (FEI) -from Lion's Head Global Partners had to say, watch our video.

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### Reforms in the energy legal framework in Mexico and challenge mechanisms

4 June 2021

The Energy Counter-Reform includes variations which aim to restore the monopoly power of CFE and Pemex.

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### Announcing our global guide to Corporate Power Purchase Agreements

3 June 2021

At a time when sustainability and environmental issues are coming to the fore, PPAs remove a significant roadblock to financing and building new renewable facilities and help to deliver more renewable energy on the grid.

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### Commodities News and Trends

3 June 2021

#### [COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Fossil fuel industry and ESG; energy aspects of Biden infrastructure plan; floating storage can rule the seas or give you a sea of trouble.

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### EU AI Regulation Handbook

28 May 2021

On 21 April 2021, the European Commission published its long-awaited proposal for a Regulation on Artificial Intelligence (AI Regulation or Regulation). The AI Regulation will have broad reaching implications for the entire supply chain of AI Systems and the lifecycle of how these systems are designed, built, and run.

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### Multi-jurisdiction guide for screening foreign investments

26 May 2021

The aim of this guide is not to substitute proper due diligence and specialized advice when conducting business, it will hopefully help the reader navigate the different FDI regimes. Particularly in this complex context and in view of the proliferation of new regimes, by explaining the key aspects of regimes including main issues to consider, thresholds and proceedings to take into consideration when

investing in our globalized world.

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### Episode 3: Are corporates in the green driving seat?

24 May 2021

#### THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST

We have seen growing demand from corporates to buy power from wind and solar projects. In this episode, we are joined by Phil Dominy from EY as we look at how current agreement in these power purchase agreements (PPAs) is driving significant corporate activity on fixing the climate crisis. Are PPAs delivering the action we need? How can corporates work closely with renewable operators to do more and do it faster? How can we grow PPAs beyond a handful of off-takers and countries?

DLA Piper · Corporate power purchase agreements: Are corporates in the green driving seat?

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### Texas considers truth in labeling law for meat-alternative products: Potential consequences in the marketplace and the courtroom

19 May 2021

Truth in labeling acts have been met with close scrutiny in the states that have passed them.

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### Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation - navigating implementation

17 May 2021

#### EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

From 10 March 2021 the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) required Fund and Asset Managers to disclose a significant amount of new information, including how they consider sustainability risks in their investment processes and products.

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### President Biden issues broad-ranging Executive Order on cybersecurity

13 May 2021

The EO sets forth new requirements for federal agencies and government service providers.

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### Australian Federal Budget 2021-2022

11 May 2021

Australia's COVID-19 'comeback' 2021-22 Federal Budget ( **Budget**) was delivered by the Australian Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg, on 11 May 2021 and provides, amongst other things, several important business tax and related initiatives.

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### The Russia sanctions and their impacts on commodities companies: Action steps for companies engaged in transactions with Russian gas and energy companies

11 May 2021

Implications of key provisions in President Biden's Executive Order.

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## Episode 2: The hydrogen age: fact or science fiction?

5 May 2021

### THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST

In 2020, politicians around the world threw their weight behind green hydrogen as the fuel that will unlock the energy transition. Are they right? Can we pin our hopes on a technology that has been around since the 1970s? How can we overcome all of the hurdles? And, if we are heading for a hydrogen future, can we make it as clean as possible?

DLA Piper · The hydrogen age: fact or science fiction?

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## Greece's renewable energy sector: New rules in the pipeline to unleash potential

30 April 2021

The renewable energy sector (RES) in Greece continues its growth course, despite the impact of an unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis on the economy. Last year, 2020, has been a landmark year for Greece's energy transition, while the first quarter of 2021 indicates that this year will not be any different.

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## DLA Piper advises Strike Energy on AUD80 million capital raising

27 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising Strike Energy Limited (ASX: STX) on its successful AUD80 million capital raising, comprised of a placement and share purchase plan.

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## Democrats reintroduce Climate Risk Disclosure Act

27 April 2021

The bill aims to help companies and investors assess their exposure to climate-change risk and to push companies to address their contributions to climate change.

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## Reinforcing Respect at Work: Impending legislative reforms to address and prevent workplace sexual harassment

23 April 2021

Following months of intense public attention and debate regarding workplace sexual assault and sexual harassment, including within the highest echelons of the Australian government and legal system, the Australian Government has now released its long-awaited response to the landmark Respect@Work report delivered by the Australian Human Rights Commission to the Government in March 2020.

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## Episode 1: When will offshore wind go truly global?

22 April 2021

### THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST

Offshore wind is growing in Europe and Asia, and will in the US too. In this episode, Olivia Breese from Ørsted joins us to discuss the health of the offshore wind market. Where are the current and future hotspots? Will floating wind help to unlock huge investment

activity? And how can companies navigate an environment where power prices are falling yet bidding costs are rising?

DLA Piper · The Climate Transition Podcast: When will offshore wind go truly global?

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### **FERC issues policy statement regarding state-determined carbon pricing in wholesale electricity markets**

22 April 2021

The policy statement allows FERC to avoid the restriction imposed by the *EPSA* decision, which reserves certain matters under FPA section 201(b) exclusively for the states.

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### **Georgia's HB 156, requiring state notice for utility cybersecurity incidents, is now in effect**

21 April 2021

The law creates specific notice requirements for state agencies and utilities that experience cybersecurity attacks and requires swift notice to the state director of emergency management in Georgia.

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### **US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia**

16 April 2021

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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### **Winter Storm Uri: Using the doctrine of impracticability or impossibility for breach of contract claims**

14 April 2021

Because some potentially impacted contracts are governed by New York law, we examine these defenses in light of both New York and Texas law.

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### **Claiming the export exemption to the Section 4081 excise tax on diesel fuel and kerosene**

8 April 2021

With proper planning, a taxpayer may be able to take advantage of this exemption.

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### **Mexico's Hydrocarbons Law Reform Bill: A controversial new measure in the Mexican energy sector**

8 April 2021

The reform seeks to give Pemex the same monopoly control it had over the national market before the 2013 energy reform.

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### **We can keep things casual: New casual employee laws enacted in Australia**

1 April 2021

The Australian government's long awaited clarifying amendments to the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) have now been passed in their reduced form.

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As flagged, the new statutory provisions make a number of changes to the engagement of casual employees: statutory definition of 'casual employee'; casual conversion entitlement; casual Employment Information Statement (CEIS); ability to offset casual loadings.

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### **ERCOT v Panda: The Texas Supreme Court's non-decision on ERCOT immunity**

29 March 2021

The outcome of *Panda* paves the way for the issue to return to the Court, likely next year.

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### **iDS Talks podcast: Furlough Fraud**

29 March 2021

With billions of pounds potentially at stake, the UK government has invested £100 million in the investigation of furlough fraud. Listen to Laura Ford of DLA Piper and Tim LaTulippe of iDiscovery Solutions discuss how technology and structured data can demonstrate that claims made under the coronavirus support schemes were well founded.

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### **CFTC's new Climate Risk Unit: Another tool in the Biden Administration's "whole of government" campaign against climate change**

23 March 2021

With this move, the US joins governments across the globe in recognizing the vital role derivatives markets will play in developing new solutions to address climate and sustainability challenges.

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### **Casual changes to Australian Government's IR Omnibus Bill**

19 March 2021

Following contentious public scrutiny and prolonged debate, the Australian Senate yesterday passed a pared-back version of the ambitious *Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020* which proposed a raft of changes to be introduced to the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

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### **\$9,000 per MWh, disputes over governance and invoices, possible bankruptcies: Texas looks at the structure of its wholesale electricity market**

16 March 2021

In the wake of Winter Storm Uri, Texas scrutinizes its deregulated electricity market.

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### **CFTC final position rule limits enter into effect March 15**

10 March 2021

The Final Rules aim to "prevent excessive speculation" and thus implement one of the remaining key provisions of Dodd-Frank.

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### **Commodities News and Trends**

10 March 2021

## COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS

Oil and gas companies commit to transparency on methane emissions reporting; CFTC adopts final position rule limits; consequences of volatile markets.

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### Reform to the Electric Industry Law: a new risk for energy projects in Mexico

10 March 2021

Foreign investors involved in energy projects in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment treaties.

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### Imminence does not mean haste

4 March 2020

## EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG stewardship are at the forefront of investment managers' and investment funds' agendas under the combined pressure of investors and as a result of several important pieces of regulation becoming live. SFDR is one of them. It will become applicable in phases, the first deadline being as early as 10 March 2021.

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### A discussion of Colorado plugging and abandonment rules

2 March 2021

## US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES

Plugging and reclaiming requirements for non-injection oil and gas wells and well sites in Colorado, as well as implications for bankruptcies and approaches for buyers seeking to account for these rules in asset sale agreements.

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### Force majeure provisions and the ISDA Power Annex

22 February 2021

As climate change generates ever more severe weather events, market participants will likely need to assess the applicability of their force majeure claims under the Power Annex.

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### The Biden Administration's impact on oil and gas

18 February 2021

These actions will add an additional layer of regulations for oil and gas operations.

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### Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation – Are you ready?

16 February 2021

## EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG issues are making headlines like never before. 2021 has started with a flurry of activity, announcements and promises from policymakers and corporations around the world.

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## Protection provided for *bona fide* purchaser for value without notice in transaction involving First Nation lands

12 February 2021

Courts have long protected the interests of *bona fide* purchasers for value without notice in land transactions. However, seeking this protection can become far more complicated in land transactions where First Nations communities assert an interest and where such lands are held in trust. Despite these complexities, a recent decision from the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench has confirmed that the interests of a *bona fide* purchaser for value without notice of a breach of trust should be protected.

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## Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

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## The Hydrogen Revolution in EMEA

4 February 2021

Hydrogen will have a valuable role to play as many of the world's leading economies see investment in green energy as a key component of their sustainable strategies. In this report, we look at developments across EMEA, geographies linked by their existing commitment to hydrogen and the work being done in recognition of its future potential.

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## DLA Piper advises Respect Energy on the construction of the largest photovoltaic power plant in CEE

12 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Respect Energy, one of the largest independent entities on the electricity market in Poland, on the construction of the largest photovoltaic power plant in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for business

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Welcome to this last edition of Boardroom Brexit, marking the end of the negotiations and the agreement of a new trade deal, the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). In this edition, we summarise the impact of the deal on all aspects of business operations in one place – please use the hyperlinks below to help you navigate the report.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for energy and climate change

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA regulates the trade in electricity and gas between the EU and the UK over interconnectors, provides for cooperation in respect of security of supply, the integration of renewables into their respective markets and cooperation to develop hybrid projects that combine interconnectors and offshore wind farms in the North Sea (thus opening up the potential for a North Sea grid), as well as ensuring open

and fair competition and stipulating general safety standards.

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## Major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment and Critical Infrastructure Frameworks

22 December 2020

The Australian Federal Government has now enacted amendments to Australia's foreign investment regime targeted at ensuring Australia's foreign investment framework keeps pace with emerging national security risks and global developments.

The amendments come into effect on 1 January 2021 and, importantly, coincide with the reinstatement of the monetary notification screening thresholds under Australia's foreign investment regime which were reduced to zero in March this year as a result of the economic uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## 'Parent company' liability: from Vedanta to BHP

18 December 2020

On 9 November 2020, the English High Court handed down its decision in *Município De Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Anor* [2020] EWHC 2930 (BHP), striking out for abuse of process what would have been the largest mass tort claim in English legal history.

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## Climate change convergence? The potential for global collaboration following China's momentous announcement

17 December 2020

With the election of Joe Biden, it is widely expected that the US will reengage with the international community in the fight against climate change and in efforts to reduce overall emissions.

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## CFTC's annual enforcement report touts record-breaking year

16 December 2020

CFTC releases the annual report from its Enforcement Division, and expects to continue prioritizing four key areas.

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## Commodities News and Trends

16 December 2020

### COMMODITIES NEWS AND TRENDS

In the inaugural issue, three states collaborate on offshore wind project; record-setting year for CFTC enforcement; climate change lawsuit reaches Supreme Court - plus latest legal and regulatory developments in commodities trading.

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## Five Years into the Paris Agreement - Success or stalling?

16 December 2020

As the dust settles on the weekend's Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by the UK, France and the UN, we wanted to shine a spotlight on the headlines coming out of the Summit, what this means for the future of the Paris Agreement, and how these will impact businesses.

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## Climate activism: Status check and opportunities for public companies

14 December 2020

The systemic risk of climate change is being discussed and managed in board rooms around the world.

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## The road to recovery industrial relations bill

11 December 2020

The Australian Government's highly anticipated industrial relations reform legislation, the *Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2020* has been introduced in Parliament, following a lengthy roundtable process which involved input from employer organisations and unions. The Bill, which aims to improve the operation and usability of Australia's industrial relations system. In this update we discuss the significant changes being made if passed in its current form.

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## Nasdaq proposes board diversity listing standards

8 December 2020

The proposal is the first of its kind among US exchanges and, if approved by the SEC, would mark an important step toward mandated diversity requirements for the boards of US-listed public companies.

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## Legal reform of the framework on self-consumption of electricity in Morocco

7 December 2020

During the last 12 months, the legal framework for renewable energy in Morocco has undergone numerous reforms. Thus, following the bill amending Law 13-09 on renewable energy, it is now the turn of self-consumption regime to be subject to a draft amendment.

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## Oil and gas operations in Latin America

3 December 2020

Addressing key operational and commercial challenges that are unique to Latin America.

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## The journey to Netzero requires sustainable measures

1 December 2020

Both the Dutch Carbon Tax and the Euro Carbon Border Adjustment were subject in the Netherlands-Korea Green Business Seminar. It became crystal clear that both industry and the financial sector subscribe to the need and urgency of the development towards Netzero in 2050.

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## Projects Global Insight Issue 4, 2020

30 November 2020

### PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

In what is undoubtedly one of the most testing periods for the infrastructure and construction industry, key stakeholders continue to focus on delivering resilient, adaptable and fit-for-purpose assets and services in extremely challenging conditions.

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## **Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service**

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

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## **Issue 5**

23 November 2020

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE**

As the world adjusts to a new normal, businesses across all sectors will be anticipating significant changes to their operations and priorities. Continued disruption across the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) sector may, for example, see participants seek to re-visit long-term contracts, with subsequent disputes being played out in court.

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## **Greece: New package of financial and structural measures boosts the role of RES on the way to the country's "green" transition**

19 November 2020

On 1 November 2020, what is probably a new era for the Greek energy market was marked by the launch of the so-called "Target Model" implementation plan. The term "Target Model" essentially describes EU's initiative to create a single EU energy market, as such initiative is enshrined in the Third Energy Package.

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## **Creating voluntary carbon markets: IIF recommendations and consultation – suggestions due by December 10**

17 November 2020

The Taskforce's recommendations are based on core carbon principles to help establish standardized benchmark contracts for listing on exchanges and using existing infrastructure.

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## **Energy Sector Insights**

12 November 2020

The second half of 2020 has been of intense regulatory activity in the energy sector, mainly fueled by the changes implemented to Law no. 123/2012 of electricity and natural gas, which had to be subsequently transposed by the National Authority for Energy Regulation in the secondary legislation. We present the main regulations and developments.

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## **Alberta government lays the ground work for geothermal resource development**

6 November 2020

Alberta continues to evolve its legislative and regulatory framework to encourage the development of low-carbon and zero-carbon energy sources.

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## **CFTC issues staff guidance on recognition of self-reporting, cooperation and remediation**

3 November 2020

The recent guidance provides another benchmark that companies may use to demonstrate the strength and effectiveness of their internal policies to the public.

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### **Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis**

2 November 2020

Directors need to carefully consider how to address the risks of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many companies are continuing to face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

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### **HK Case Alert - Duties of a contractor as proprietor and employer to ensure safe system of work at construction sites**

28 October 2020

In the recent Hong Kong Court of Appeal judgment of HKSAR v Gammon Construction Limited (HCMA 97/2019) [2020] HKCA 752, the Court has endorsed the stringent statutory duty imposed on the proprietor of a construction site to ensure the safety of a construction site.

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### **Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector**

27 October 2020

#### **[ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)**

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

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### **Replacing NAFTA: What the USMCA means for the future of North American trade and investment – a Q&A**

26 October 2020

Contributors from the US, Mexico and Canada discuss several key considerations.

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### **Venezuela: Recent, significant commercial arbitration developments include several Supreme Tribunal cases**

26 October 2020

Recent significant developments in Venezuela's arbitration landscape.

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### **Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020**

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

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### **China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas**

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

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## **Hong Kong Employment Law Update**

16 October 2020

In this article, our Hong Kong Employment team provides an update on the Government's efforts to enforce clawback and penalties in respect of the first tranche of the Employment Support Scheme and statutory maternity leave increasing to 14 weeks from 11 December 2020.

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## **ESG and the Energy and Natural Resources Sector**

13 October 2020

"Just because you intend to do good, it doesn't mean that you cannot cause harm", was the advice from Chris Goodwin-Hudson, founder of Watchman, a specialist risk management business trading under the strapline "Where security meets social responsibility, during a September 2020 DLA Piper hosted webinar. On major energy and infrastructure projects around the world, Chris and his colleagues reduce the threat to their clients through what they term "holistic security" with a view to fostering community acceptance that sustains a project through its lifespan and beyond.

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## **The energy transition and renewable energy in Chile: Top points for foreign investors**

8 October 2020

Chile has been actively addressing the energy transition for more than a decade, building a legal foundation that is attracting investment in renewable energy projects.

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## **PACTA for Banks brings climate scenario analysis to financial institutions**

7 October 2020

PACTA for Banks is a toolkit for financial institutions to measure the alignment of their corporate lending portfolios with climate scenarios across a set of key climate-relevant sectors and technologies.

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## **Australian Federal Budget 2020-21**

6 October 2020

The Australian Treasurer, the Hon Josh Frydenberg, delivered the 2020/21 Federal Budget on 6 October, 2020 and as widely anticipated, the key focuses were on firstly, bringing forward to 1 July, 2020 the effective date of previously legislated personal income tax cuts and secondly, expanding significant economic stimulus initiatives.

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## **CFTC sues foreign registered exchange for engaging in activity in the US and with US persons without proper US registration**

6 October 2020

The CFTC renews its commitment to protecting the US commodities markets.

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### **Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide**

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

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### **Recent Breakthroughs for Foreign Arbitration Institutions in China**

5 October 2020

On 7 September 2020, the State Council has further published the “Work Plan for Deepening Comprehensive Pilot and New Round of Opening-Up of Services Sectors in Beijing and Building Comprehensive Demonstrative Area of Opening-Up of State Service Sectors” further allowing foreign arbitration institutions to provide arbitration services in Beijing.

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### **New York Department of Financial Services issues circular on climate change and financial risks**

1 October 2020

The NYDFS expects insurers to start integrating the consideration of financial risks from climate change into their governance framework, risk management processes and business strategies.

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### **CFTC updates guidance on compliance programs and enforcement**

29 September 2020

The Guidance is the latest effort by the CFTC to ensure the transparency of its processes for registrants and the public.

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### **China lifts further travel restrictions for certain foreigners**

28 September 2020

Effective from 28 September 2020, China will allow foreign nationals holding three categories of valid Chinese residence permits (work, personal matters, and reunion) to enter China with no need for applying for new visas. This is a further lifting of travel restrictions for foreigners who have the need to return to China.

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### **The innovations introduced in the energy sector by the Simplifications Decree**

21 September 2020

#### **[ENERGY SERIES - ITALY](#)**

With the overcoming of the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Italian government has intervened with Law Decree No. 76 of July 16, 2020 (i.e. Simplifications Law Decree) in order to accelerate the upturn of the Green Economy.

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### 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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### Distributed generation: A rising energy market in Chile

16 September 2020

This growing market has features that make it attractive for investors in uncertain times.

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### Human rights compliance programmes in the Energy & Natural Resources sector

10 September 2020

The risk of adverse environmental, social or human rights impacts is one that Energy & Natural Resources businesses will be familiar with.

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### Human rights compliance programmes: Why now?

10 September 2020

Businesses are increasingly required to identify and manage their involvement in adverse environmental and social impacts throughout their organisations and supply chains. Previously, drivers for developing human rights compliance programmes have included reputation risk and compliance with best practice and “soft law” standards.

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### Can Australia forget about investment from China?

8 September 2020

This article is based on a series of interviews with clients and colleagues based in mainland China, and explores the attitudes of Chinese businesses to overseas investment generally, and into Australia in particular. There was high degree of consistency in responses from clients on their investment plans, and perceived barriers to investment in Australia. The overall picture painted was one of businesses and investors still interested in overseas investment in certain sectors and in certain markets, but who are currently adopting a “wait and see” approach given travel restrictions and a significant level of uncertainty in global markets.

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### Working from home in Australia

8 September 2020

The Australian Fair Work Commission has released a Draft Award Flexibility Schedule in self-described effort to promote discussion about ways in which flexibility can be introduced into modern awards to assist businesses and industries impacted by COVID-19.

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## **Learning from the Addy and Auctus Resources decisions in Australia**

26 August 2020

From economic recovery plans to judicial decisions, we summarise the tax-related developments from mid-2020 in Australia.

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## **Details of the second tranche of Hong Kong's Employment Support Scheme released**

24 August 2020

On 18 August 2020 the Hong Kong government announced details surrounding the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme. While the majority of the rules surrounding the second tranche remain largely the same as the first tranche, there are new penalties for employers who have fallen foul of a number of nebulous terms.

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## **Japan renewable energy update**

17 August 2020

The Act to Partially Amend the Electricity Business Act and other Acts to Establish a Resilient and Sustainable Electricity Supply System enacted in June 2020 (scheduled to be enforced in April 2022, with a few exceptions) has resulted in significant legislative amendments affecting the renewable energy sector in Japan and the Electricity Business.

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## **Construction Market and Construction Business Licenses in Japan**

13 August 2020

The Japanese construction market these days has been quite active due to, among other items, the upcoming 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics (which are actually now to be held in 2021), integrated resorts ("IRs") including casinos to be developed in Japan and 2025 World Exposition which will be held in Osaka. They attract not just Japanese construction companies but also overseas construction companies looking to develop projects in Japan.

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## **Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework**

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

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## **The US-Mexico-Canada Agreement: A summary of changes in Mexico's laws**

6 August 2020

Mexico makes sweeping changes to an array of laws.

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## **Ukrainian Parliament adopted law aimed at feed-in tariff reduction**

6 August 2020

On 31 July 2020, the President of Ukraine signed the Law no. 810-IX "On Amending Certain Laws of Ukraine to Improve Support of the Production of Electric Power from Renewable Energy Sources".

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### **DLA Piper achieves a successful result in *Auctus Resources Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation* [2020] FCA 1096**

5 August 2020

DLA Piper's tax team has been successful in representing its client, the taxpayer, in *Auctus Resources Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation* [2020] FCA 1096. The case relates to specific tax assessment and tax recovery powers of the Commissioner of Taxation relating to an R&D tax offset refund in the 2013 income year. It is also a reminder to legal practitioners to raise all grounds and contentions during the hearing. This article will explore these issues in further detail.

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### **Follow-up: Sustainable and resilient mobility – key considerations**

31 July 2020

We, together with the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in the United Kingdom, recently hosted a webinar on key considerations regarding sustainable and resilient mobility. Our panel of speakers which included Maria Pereira (Partner in DLA Piper's Finance, Projects and Restructuring department), Laura Harding (Head of Environmental Policy at HS2 Ltd), Ri.

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### **Directors' and officers' duties in Australia**

30 July 2020

Our guide on directors duties in Australia for resident and non-resident directors is designed to provide an overview of the regulatory and legislative obligations of directors.

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### **Welcome tax change announced for Canadian resource companies**

28 JUL 2020

On July 13, 2020, the Canadian federal Department of Finance announced proposed changes to the flow-through share tax rules that will be welcome news to Canadian resource exploration companies. The proposals, which are in response to difficulties that such companies have faced in pursuing their exploration activities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, extend the period by 12 months during which "Canadian exploration expenditures" must be spent.

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### **Hong Kong Government increases statutory entitlement for maternity leave**

16 July 2020

On 10 October 2018, the Chief Executive stated in her policy address that the government proposed to increase the statutory maternity leave entitlement from ten to 14 weeks.

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### **New measures threaten investments in the Mexican energy sector**

14 July 2020

Details on the impact of these developments.

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## **Podcast | Il settore delle energie rinnovabili nello scenario post-Covid**

9 July 2020

Giulio Maroncelli, Partner e responsabile del sector Energy, analizza i temi chiave per le gli operatori del settore delle rinnovabili nello scenario post-Covid.

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## **The new US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement goes live today**

1 July 2020

USMCA is the first treaty in which complaints of noncompliance by a Mexican facility may be reported to a US government agency for the purpose of investigation and, if appropriate, remediation.

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## **Are you ready for the USMCA? Customs-related takeaways on key changes from NAFTA**

30 June 2020

Claiming USMCA duty advantages – practical considerations.

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## **Changes to Hong Kong anti-discrimination legislation**

30 June 2020

Anti-discrimination laws in Hong Kong have undergone a series of changes over the past few years.

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## **Scotland gets go ahead for multi-billion pound wind farm investment**

29 June 2020

As an antidote to all the COVID-19-related gloom, 10 June brought good news in Scotland for all stakeholders in the offshore wind sector.

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## **Australian Annual Wage Review - key figures**

19 June 2020

On 19 June 2020, the Fair Work Commission (FWC) published the Annual Wage Review Decision for 2019-20, announcing a rise of 1.75%.

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## **Australia tightens rules on foreign investment**

17 June 2020

In this article we summarise the tax-related developments from early June 2020, as Australia takes a more stringent approach towards compliance procedures involving foreign investments.

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## Renewable energy subsidies in Italy

15 June 2020

On 28 May 2020, the Italian Energy Services Manager (GSE) published the rankings of the second (out of seven) auction and registries applications launched under the DM 4 July 2019 (FER1 Decree).

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## Australian Treasurer announces proposed major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

9 June 2020

On Friday 5 June 2020, the Australian Treasurer announced major reforms to Australia's foreign investment rules to ensure that Australia's foreign investment framework keeps pace with emerging national security risks and global developments, including similar changes in foreign investment screening in other countries.

The changes are expected to come into effect on 1 January 2021 and replace the temporary changes to Australia's foreign investment regime which were implemented on 29 March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For further details on these temporary measures please read our previous article.

The exposure draft legislation for the new changes is expected to be released in July 2020.

The proposed reforms are expected to provide the foundations for increased scrutiny of foreign investment into sensitive Australian business sectors and compliance by foreign investors with conditions attaching to foreign investments approved by the Treasurer from time to time.

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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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## IRS modifies renewable energy tax credit safe harbors to address construction delays

5 June 2020

Extending the Continuity Safe Harbor for projects in which construction began in 2016 or 2017 by one year and establishing a safe harbor for satisfaction of the 3½ month economic performance rule.

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## Incentivi per le rinnovabili in Italia – pubblicati i risultati della seconda procedura per l'iscrizione alle Aste e ai Registri

5 June 2020

Il 28 maggio 2020 sono state pubblicate le graduatorie relative agli impianti iscritti alle Aste e ai Registri per la seconda delle sette procedure previste dal DM 4 luglio 2019 (Decreto FER1). Tale procedura, avviata il 31 gennaio 2020, si era chiusa il 1 marzo 2020.

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## Australia updates measures to prop-up COVID-19 hit economy

1 June 2020

In this article we summarise the tax-related developments from May 2020, as Australia continues its economic response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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### **The Energy Transition: The impact of Covid-19 and moving to a net-zero economy**

26 May 2020

On 19 March 2020, Adrian Del Maestro, global research director with PwC Strategy&, presented to DLA Piper's International Energy and Natural Resources sector lawyers on the immediate impact of COVID-19 and challenges of moving to a net zero economy.

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### **The changing face of the Zambian power market: Corporate PPAs – fact or fiction?**

25 May 2020

Whilst many challenges exist within Zambia's power sector, including the well documented shortages, outages and off-taker issues, recent changes may usher in a new era.

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### **CFTC commits to ensuring a properly functioning derivative markets during COVID-19 pandemic**

22 May 2020

The CFTC uses its powers under Dodd-Frank to mitigate market upheaval.

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### **When casuals aren't casual: What you need to know about Workpac v Rossato**

21 May 2020

The Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia has now released its long-awaited judgment in *WorkPac Pty Ltd v Rossato* [2020] FCAFC 84.

As was expected, the Court has found that Mr Roassato was not, in fact, a casual employee. While there are some facts specific to this case, it is generally of widespread application. That means that all employers should give close consideration to their use of casual employees.

This decision will have far-reaching impacts for all employers, including labour hire providers. In particular, employers of casual employees may be liable for significant amounts of unpaid entitlements which will be owing in full.

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### **Mexican renewable energy projects affected by new measures**

19 May 2020

Foreign investors in wind and solar electricity generation facilities in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment instruments.

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### **Proyectos de energías renovables en México afectados por nuevas medidas**

19 May 2020

El 29 de abril de 2020 el Centro Nacional de Control de Energía (el "CENACE") emitió el "Acuerdo para garantizar la eficiencia, Calidad, Confiabilidad, Continuidad y seguridad del Sistema Eléctrico Nacional, con motivo del reconocimiento de la epidemia de la enfermedad

causada por el virus SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19)" (el "Acuerdo CENACE").

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### **Maintaining oil and gas leases during secondary terms**

14 May 2020

Highlighting several relevant lease interpretation issues.

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### **Guidance on Green Loan Principles and Guidance on Sustainability Linked Loan Principles**

8 May 2020

These guidelines and standards portend an increase in sustainable finance documents and projects in the near future.

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### **Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)**

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

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### **COVID-19: New York and Other Northeast Council states take phased approach to reopening economy**

6 May 2020

These developments raise a number of immediate questions and considerations for businesses operating in the region.

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### **Ending the inevitable battle over whether the estate should assert claims: The case for independent fiduciary investigations**

6 May 2020

An effective mechanism for investigating whether claims should be pursued against the debtor on behalf of the bankruptcy estate.

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### **A discussion of North Dakota plugging and abandonment rules**

5 May 2020

#### **US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES**

Requirements for onshore oil and gas wells in North Dakota, as well as ties among these requirements and bankruptcy.

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### **Chicago City Council adopts electric vehicle readiness requirements**

4 May 2020

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The requirements affect new non-residential developments with 30 or more parking spaces and new multi-unit residential developments with five or more dwelling units.

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### Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

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### The state of emergency and force majeure events in the petroleum sector

30 April 2020

Although international oil companies are not required to suspend operations under the Mozambican State of Emergency, the global spread of COVID-19 has affected their operations in the country. The dimension and impact of the measures on business lead to a situation of force majeure, which we discuss in this article.

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### Are high voltage DC networks the future of electricity distribution?

29 April 2020

In the late 19th century direct current (DC) electricity supply networks were promoted by Thomas Edison as a purportedly safer alternative to alternating current (AC) which was championed by George Westinghouse for use in high voltage street arc lighting and which caused many fatalities.

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### Revisions to Japan's Stewardship Code in 2020

29 April 2020

On 24 March 2020, Japan's Financial Services Agency (FSA) finalized and published the second revised version of Japan's Stewardship Code (the Code). The revised Code (the Revision Code) is intended to progress the Japanese government's corporate governance reform, one of the key pillars of Prime Minister Abe's economic revival program, following revisions to Japan's Corporate Governance Code in 2018.

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### Supreme Court recognizes state court jurisdiction relating to Superfund remediation but conditions some additional landowner remedies on approval by EPA

29 April 2020

The Court decided two critical questions.

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### A discussion of California plugging and abandonment rules

27 April 2020

## US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES

Requirements for onshore oil and gas wells in California, as well as ties among these requirements and bankruptcy.

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### Australia announces tax measures to tackle COVID-19 business disruption

27 April 2020

In this article we discuss how the Australian government and the Australian Tax Office have moved to assist businesses affected by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

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### EPA and CalEPA guidance on field activities during COVID-19 focuses on agency communication, deadlines and flexibility

24 April 2020

EPA wishes individual regions to communicate directly with their regulated communities to ensure reasonable expectations for ongoing field work; meanwhile, CalEPA may fill gaps in EPA's enforcement.

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### Projects Global Insight Issue 3, 2020

24 April 2020

## PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

Contributing to a sustainable future is more important than ever during these uncertain and testing times. Infrastructure and public services are under particular pressure, especially in terms of what can be done to make them more resilient, yet adaptable.

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### A discussion of Texas plugging and abandonment rules

17 April 2020

## US OIL AND GAS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT RULES

An outline of the plugging and abandonment requirements of onshore oil and gas wells in Texas plus a discussion of ties between the plugging requirements and bankruptcy.

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### Temporary changes to Modern Awards to provide a new Pandemic Leave and increased annual leave flexibility (Australia)

15 April 2020

Last week, Australia's national employment tribunal, the Fair Work Commission, determined to temporarily amend 99 modern awards to provide an entitlement to unpaid 'pandemic leave' and flexibility to take annual leave at half pay. The 99 modern awards largely cover most industries, with the exception of awards in the construction, maritime and mining and resources sectors.

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### Australia's JobKeeper stimulus package: what you need to know

14 April 2020

Australia's 'JobKeeper' stimulus package is now law – it is designed to assist Australian businesses that have experienced a substantial

decline in turnover due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, by subsidising wages of their employees.

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### **Paradigm Change in Germany's Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law**

14 April 2020

Germany's FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.

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### **"Recycling Victoria: A new economy" and the future of waste to energy**

9 April 2020

Australia's Victorian Government recently released "Recycling Victoria", a circular economy policy and 10 year action plan. The policy and action plan primarily focuses on reduction of waste and increasing recycling.

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### **Australian Federal Government short-term amendments Fair Work Act 2009**

9 April 2020

On 8 April 2020 the Federal Government passed short-term amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) to give effect to the JobKeeper wage subsidy scheme announced on 30 March 2020 and provide employers who have qualified for this scheme with greater flexibility in dealing with issues arising in relation to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Issue 4**

9 April 2020

#### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CASE LAW UPDATE**

In this fourth edition of the E&NR Case Law update we focus on cases from the last six months of 2019 which - even where they did not directly concern the energy sector - are of general application to the drafting and management of contracts by E&NR businesses.

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### **Alberta government announces relief for energy industry**

8 APR 2020

Alberta oil and gas producers, who are dealing with both historically low commodity prices and the COVID-19 crisis, received some relief from the Alberta government over the last several weeks as the government announced several measures designed to reduce and defer producers' costs and ease the administrative burden on producers.

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### **Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts**

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

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### **Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)**

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

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### **COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"**

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19 and a FIFO Workforce in Australia - Update 3**

6 April 2020

While most of Western Australia's resources sector has now put in place initial steps to protect its workforce and maintain operations, it is now the time to consider the next steps to preserve and maintain an effective workforce as the West Australian Government tightens the restrictions on the community in response to COVID-19.

Many resources companies have implemented or are in the process of implementing longer roster cycles to minimise changeovers, but restrictions on interstate and regional travel may force resource companies to consider further roster changes or additional local workforce recruitment.

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### **Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19**

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

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### **COVID-19 – Force Majeure & Frustration of Commercial Contracts in Ireland**

31 March 2020

Working with our international colleagues, we are advising organisations on novel and complex cross-border contract management issues. As an initial guide, Senior Associate, Conor McEaney and Associate, Clodagh Butler outline remedies that may be available if it becomes difficult or impossible for a party to the contract to perform contractual obligations.

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### **Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)**

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

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### **Emergency Legislation In Ireland**

31 March 2020

The Irish parliament has passed emergency legislation to support the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic - the "Health Act 2020" (the Act). The Act gives the Government significant powers which will have major impact on businesses across Ireland. In this article, Associate, Louise McErlean explores likely measures and impacts.

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### **Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know**

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19 and a FIFO Workforce in Australia - A Further Update**

27 March 2020

As the Australian Government and State and Territory Governments continue to implement further restrictions to respond to the threat of COVID-19, the Western Australian resources sector continues to focus on continuing operations while managing risks.

In Western Australia, the Minister for Emergency Services, pursuant to the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)*, declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am on 16 March 2020. This allows for certain powers to be exercised including directions to be issued by the Commissioner for Police as the State Emergency Coordinator. Various directions have been issued to date, including directions issued on 24 March 2020 providing for restrictions on interstate travel.

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### **Coronavirus: Competition and regulatory measures in Ireland**

25 March 2020

#### **ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD**

An unprecedented challenge calls for unprecedented measures. The competition and regulatory world has reacted rapidly to the challenge of COVID-19 with bold legal solutions. We discuss how EU and Irish regulators are responding with support for business, exploring the relaxation of competition laws and adopting temporary measures for merger review.

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### **Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices**

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)**

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1**

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

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### **The NBU adopts urgent financial stability measures related to COVID-19**

25 March 2020

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) is introducing measures aimed at maintaining financial stability in the country and stimulating economic growth during the turbulent period of coronavirus outbreak.

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### **Alta Energy — FCA confirms treaty shopping not abusive**

24 MAR 2020

On February 12, 2020, the Federal Court of Appeal released its decision in *The Queen v. Alta Energy Luxembourg S.A.R.L.*, 2020 FCA 43, which confirms “treaty shopping” arrangements are not inherently abusive for Canadian tax purposes and is a victory for non-residents relying on the “business property exception” in many Canadian tax treaties in structuring Canadian real estate or resource investments.

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### **Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)**

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

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### **Energy commodity marketing and trading companies in times of crisis: Risks of heightened scrutiny from the CFTC and FERC**

23 March 2020

Energy commodity marketing and trading companies should take a number of steps to mitigate the risks of regulatory infractions during times of crisis.

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19 and a FIFO Workforce**

17 March 2020

Media reports have emphasised that the Western Australian resources sector considers itself well-prepared for the threat of coronavirus COVID-19, and have measures in place to ensure any disruption to production levels is minimised. But it’s important to consider what obligations employers in the mining sector have to their employees and what steps they may take to appropriately respond to the current threat.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer’s unique circumstances.

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## Understanding the NEC4 suite of contracts

6 March 2020

Despite its immaturity in the Australian market, the New Engineering and Construction Contract (NEC) suite of contracts has been used around the globe for many years. The new NEC4 suite is becoming increasingly relevant in the Australian and Asia Pacific construction market, as project owners look for alternatives to existing, outdated standard form contracts.

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## Looking at FERC record retention regulations for US commodities marketing and trading firms

4 March 2020

Exploring a hypothetical situation in which a natural gas marketing and trading company receives a FERC audit commencement letter.

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## Italy Energy Newsletter - Issue 1, 2020

24 February 2020

### [ENERGY SERIES - ITALY](#)

Renewable energy subsidies in Italy – GSE publishes the outcome of the first Auction for long-term Contract For Difference and Register process for smaller plants. The second procedure for the Auction and Register is open now and will close on March 1, 2020

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## Energy update – Victoria acts to enable transmission upgrades required for renewable generation projects

21 February 2020

On Tuesday 18 February, the Victorian Government introduced legislation to Parliament that will allow it to side-step the national framework for transmission investment under the National Electricity Law (NEL) and National Electricity Rules (NER).

The amendments are intended to enable the State, in close consultation with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), to avoid the processes currently applicable to transmission investment under the NEL and NER, and thus fast-track urgent upgrades to the Victorian transmission network and the deployment of grid-scale battery projects. The Victorian Government's action demonstrates a genuine commitment to address connection risks affecting numerous Victorian renewable energy projects and seeks to deliver a more favourable commercial environment for investment in renewable energy projects.

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## EPA renewable fuel shift may increase cost of compliance

20 February 2020

What RINs are, how they are priced and how the US EPA's 2020 rules may affect compliance costs.

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## Coronavirus COVID-19 and corporate governance (Australia)

18 February 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing government restrictions raise corporate governance concerns and create areas of risk across the ESG spectrum that should be considered by companies and their directors and officers.

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## **An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore**

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease (the COVID-19) situation, the Ministry of Health (the MOH) and the Ministry of Manpower (the MOM) have, since January 2020, issued advisories which employers will need to be aware of. In particular, the MOH and MOM have, since our last update on February 12 2020, updated and issued new advisories due to the increased risk of importation of COVID-19 into Singapore.

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## **COP25's key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business**

12 February 2020

Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

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## **Coronavirus COVID-19: The legal impact on force majeure events (Australia)**

12 February 2020

Key considerations for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty in relation to coronavirus COVID-19.

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## **Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures**

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

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## **How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)**

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert**

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

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### **APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)**

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

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### **Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore**

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

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### **China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)**

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

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### **First EU international agreement linking greenhouse emissions trading systems**

24 January 2020

This publication offers you the latest insights and conclusions on the first international agreement linking greenhouse gas emissions trading systems.

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### **Cybersecurity: past is prologue**

29 MAR 2016

During 2016, we will likely see another increase in cyberattacks, and we will see cybersecurity being taken more seriously by its potential victims.

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### **Intellectual Property and Technology News (United States), Issue 23, Q3 2014**

10 SEP 2014

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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### Patent wars: can the energy industry avoid them?

10 SEP 2014

Proactively navigating the challenges of protecting energy IP

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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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### Public-Private Partnerships in Puerto Rico

21 MAR 2017

For those considering participating in P3s in Puerto Rico, this handbook summarizes the applicable legal framework and discusses why Puerto Rico is a favorable jurisdiction for entering into P3s.

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### Is it a new day for Jones Act enforcement? Maybe. A practical look at coastwise concerns

9 AUG 2016

The decision underscores the significance of each party's right to participate in the arbitration process and arguably expands the scope of existing arbitration jurisprudence.

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### EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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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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## The CSA's latest continuous disclosure review: Two key takeaways for material contract and mining disclosure

5 AUG 2015

While issuers should pay closer attention to these areas going forward, this bulletin focuses on two other key takeaways from the review: the failure to file material contracts on SEDAR, and the ongoing focus on deficient technical disclosure in the resource sector, particularly mining disclosure.

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## Federal district court decision appears to clear way for Cape Wind

24 MAR 2014

The Federal District Court in Washington, DC has issued a lengthy ruling that appeared to substantially clear the way for Cape Wind, a large proposed offshore wind farm on Horseshoe Shoal in Nantucket Sound south of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

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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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## A new test for the *Pacto por México*: energy reform – key points for energy companies

12 SEP 2013

Opening the petrochemical industry to private investment

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## US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

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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## **British government lifts year-old fracking moratorium**

20 DEC 2012

The British Government has announced it is lifting its ban on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) to extract natural gas from shale deposits.

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## **With revised proposed regulations, "fracking" returns to the fore of New York State's energy policy**

11 Dec 2012

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's administration has issued revised proposed regulations for high-volume hydraulic fracturing (fracking or HVHF) in New York State, a move that will avoid sending the entire process back to the drawing board.

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## **Thinking strategically on pipe build-out for the shale boom**

1 Oct 2012

Recent developments in horizontal drilling techniques have propelled natural gas production from shale formations to the forefront of domestic oil and gas production today. This rapid expansion is presenting opportunities and challenges for producers and pipeline developers seeking to capitalize on the need to move this gas to market.

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## **The final countdown: Dodd-Frank compliance to begin as SEC and CFTC issue key rules re swaps activities**

11 Jul 2012

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## **CFTC issues two proposals affecting those engaging in swaps activities**

10 Jul 2012

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## **Marcellus Shale pipeline decision provides guidance on scope of environmental "cumulative impacts" analysis for projects requiring government approval**

20 Jun 2012

The Second Circuit has issued a decision providing further clarity on the scope of "cumulative impacts" analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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## CFTC approves commodity options final rule, establishing trade option exemption

30 Apr 2012

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## CFTC issues the first of the two rules that will shape the post-Dodd-Frank world

19 Apr 2012

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission met and issued the first of the two “pillar” rules that will shape the landscape of the CFTC’s regulation of swaps under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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## Pennsylvania tightens rules for drilling in the Marcellus Shale

1 Mar 2012

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett has signed into law Bill 1950, a set of amendments to the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act that set forth new standards and requirements for natural gas drilling operations in the Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania.

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## States' regulations on Marcellus Shale gas extraction continue to take shape

30 Nov 2011

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## Marcellus Shale drillers face potential liability under Clean Air Act

5 Oct 2011

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## EVENTS

### Upcoming

#### California regulations on diverting organic waste are in effect: New rules affect municipalities and food sector, bring opportunities for composting and biofuel businesses

28 January 2022 | 9:00 - 10:00 PT  
Webinar

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#### Beyond Politics: The Person Behind the Policies

16 February 2022  
Webinar

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### Previous

## The Times: Looking back at 2021 and forward to 2022

8 December 2021

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### What's happening in oil and gas? ESG, commodity prices, investor reallocation and beyond

18 November 2021 | 12:00 - 1:00 EDT

#### COMMODITIES WEBINAR SERIES

Webinar

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### Webinar: COP26 in conversation

15 November 2021

Webinar

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### Energy Trading Compliance Discussion

9 November 2021 | 11:00 am CT - 3:45 pm CT

Webinar

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### Ransomware and missing wire payments: Managing cyber threats in the commodities sector

28 October 2021 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT

#### COMMODITIES WEBINAR SERIES

Webinar

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### COP26 - The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP in conversation with Baroness Bryony Worthington

11 October 2021

Webinar

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### Interviews on Key Trade Compliance Issues

22 September 2021

#### UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT

Webinar

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### What are the realities of regulating Artificial Intelligence

21 September 2021

#### UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT

Webinar

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## DLA Piper's women in sport initiative: sponsorship and major events

21 September 2021

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Webinar

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## Global Britain, the journey so far

16 September 2021

[UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT](#)

Webinar

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## Measuring sustainability in hotel assets

16 September 2021

[UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT](#)

Webinar

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## The Future of UK Infrastructure

15 September 2021

[UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT](#)

Webinar

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## Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021

Webinar

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## H.E. João Vale de Almeida, EU Ambassador to the UK, in conversation with Matt Frei

13 September 2021

[UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT](#)

Webinar

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## The Kalifa Review of UK Fintech: Implementation and beyond

6 September 2021

[UK SECTOR FORTNIGHT](#)

Webinar

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## **2021 Veteran Careers in the Renewable Energy Economy**

2 August 2021  
Webinar

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## **Hedging Exposure to the EU's CBAM with Green Certificates and Renewable Energy?**

27 July 2021

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## **Part 2 - Use of FIDIC for offshore projects**

26 May 2021  
Webinar

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## **Winter Storm Uri's legal, economic and political impact on the Texas energy market**

25 May 2021 | 3:00 - 4:00 EDT

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## **Energy sector SESG webinar series**

29 April 2021 | 9:00 - 10:00 PT  
Webinar

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## **Biden's Climate Summit - what changes can we expect and how could those impact COP26?**

27 April 2021  
Webinar

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## **Pan-European Week - Launch Event**

14 April 2021

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## **The societal, medical and economic consequences of the global pandemic and the lessons we can learn**

22 March 2021  
Webinar

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## Use of FIDIC for offshore projects

4 February 2021  
Webinar

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## The Brexit Deal - what does it mean for climate change and energy?

26 January 2021  
Webinar

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## Looking back to 2020 and forward to 2021

15 December 2020  
Webinar

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## Michael Gove: Building back better after COVID-19 and Brexit

24 November 2020  
Webinar

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## EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II

19 November 2020  
Webinar

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## The year is 2020 in finance, investments and transactions

19 November 2020 | 12:00 - 6:00 ET  
Webinar

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## Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020  
[TECHLAW EVENT SERIES](#)  
Webinar

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## TechLaw

31 July 2020  
[TECHLAW EVENT SERIES](#)  
Webinar

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## International advertising law webinar: The trend to sustainability and ESG advertising

15 July 2020 (afternoon session)

### [INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING LAW WEBINAR: THE TREND TO SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG ADVERTISING](#)

Webinar

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## International advertising law webinar: The trend to sustainability and ESG advertising

15 July 2020 (morning session)

### [INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING LAW WEBINAR: THE TREND TO SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG ADVERTISING](#)

Webinar

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## TechLaw

5 March 2020

### [TECHLAW EVENT SERIES](#)

Sydney

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## TechLaw

3 March 2020

### [TECHLAW EVENT SERIES](#)

Melbourne

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## WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Perth

27 February 2020

### [WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)

Perth

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## WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Melbourne

20 February 2020

### [WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)

Melbourne

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## WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Brisbane

19 February 2020

### [WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)

Brisbane

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## **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Sydney**

18 February 2020

### **WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020**

Sydney

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## **NEWS**

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### **Campos Mello Advogados advises Cobra Group in US\$1.1 billion acquisition of Carmópolis Cluster**

21 January 2022

Campos Mello Advogados (CMA), in cooperation with DLA Piper, advised Cobra O&G Group, a privately held independent oil and gas company, in the negotiation and acquisition of the Carmópolis Cluster from Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras.

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### **DLA Piper advises H&M Group on global renewable partnerships to further the growth of renewables**

21 January 2022

DLA Piper has advised Swedish fashion retailer H&M Group on two significant partnerships with global solar energy companies.

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### **Campos Mello Advogados advises Banco do Brasil in social bond issuance**

19 January 2022

Campos Mello Advogados (CMA), in cooperation with DLA Piper, advised Banco do Brasil S.A. on its issuance of senior unsecured social bonds, in the first transaction of this type carried out by a Brazilian financial institution this year.

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### **DLA Piper advises Elgin Energy on sale of UK's largest solar portfolio**

19 January 2022

DLA Piper has advised Elgin Energy, a leading international independent solar and storage developer, on the sale of a 519MW portfolio of solar PV projects and 70MW of co-located energy storage capacity to ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of global utility Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest energy companies.

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### **DLA Piper announces new office and regional leadership**

19 January 2022

DLA Piper is pleased to announce changes to its office leadership in Atlanta, Boston, New York, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Juan, Seattle and Short Hills, as well as a change to its regional leadership in Northern California.

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### **DLA Piper advises NSG Group on their first virtual power purchase agreement**

18 January 2022

DLA Piper has advised NSG UK Enterprises Limited (NSG), part of NSG Group, the world's leading supplier of glass and glazing systems in the business areas of architectural, automotive and creative technology, on their first virtual power purchase agreement (vPPA).

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### **DLA Piper advises Russian coal producer Rospadskaya on demerger from Evraz**

10 January 2022

DLA Piper is advising Rospadskaya, one of Russia's largest coal mining and enrichment companies, listed on the Moscow Exchange, on its demerger from Evraz, a global steel and mining company which is listed on the London Stock Exchange FTSE100 index.

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### **DLA Piper advises Shell in its acquisition of solar and energy storage developer Savion**

6 January 2022

DLA Piper represented Shell New Energies US LLC, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell plc (Shell), in its agreement to buy 100 percent of Savion LLC (Savion), a large utility-scale solar and energy storage developer in the United States, from Macquarie's Green Investment Group. With this acquisition, Shell expects to significantly expand its global solar portfolio.

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### **Diego Peña named new partner of DLA Piper Chile**

3 January 2022

DLA Piper announced today that Diego Peña, who has served as a senior associate in the regulatory and energy and natural resources practices of DLA Piper Chile since 2015, has been named a partner of the firm.

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### **DLA Piper advised Delta on its acquisition of global video surveillance provider March Networks**

20 December 2021

On December 8, 2021, Delta Electronics, a global leader in power and thermal management solutions, completed the acquisition of global video surveillance provider, March Networks.

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### **DLA Piper advises on AUD860 million proposed acquisition**

17 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised POSCO International (PIC), a separately-listed trading arm of South Korea's steel group POSCO, with its proposed AUD860 million acquisition of a public Australian gas producer Senex Energy.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid to Allianz**

7 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore windfarm Hollandse Kust Zuid (HKZ) in the Netherlands to Allianz.

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## **DLA Piper advises Sber on acquisition of Russian online service for refueling cars at gas stations FuelUp**

2 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Sber, Russia's largest financial services company, on the acquisition of a 100% stake in FuelUp, a Russian online service for refueling cars at gas stations.

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## **DLA Piper continues to bolster Asia capability with senior energy partner hire in Hong Kong**

2 December 2021

DLA Piper has appointed Russell Wilkinson as a partner in its Finance, Projects and Restructuring (FP&R) practice, based in Hong Kong.

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## **DLA Piper has acted as legal adviser to UK Infrastructure Bank on its first private-sector transaction which relates to the financing of a portfolio of subsidy-free solar projects**

2 December 2021

The UK Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) has made its first private-sector transaction, providing financing to the initial seed assets of NextEnergy Capital's (NEC) GBP500m subsidy free solar fund – comprising two major subsidy-free solar farms in the UK.

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## **DLA Piper report shows trends in Africa's energy transition**

1 December 2021

DLA Piper Africa has today released the Africa Energy Futures: Horizon 2030 report. Comprised of 21 country chapters, the report is an in-depth look at where the continent stands in regards to the energy transition, as well as the challenges and opportunities that will arise in the next five to ten years.

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## **DLA Piper advises Sonnedix in sale of Puerto Rico solar operations to ArcLight's Infinigen platform**

12 November 2021

DLA Piper represented Sonnedix, a leading global solar independent power producer (IPP), in the sale of its interest in the "Puerto Rico solar operations" to ArcLight Capital Partners' Infinigen renewables platform.

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## **DLA Piper advises Greencoat Renewables on acquisition of first wind farm in Sweden**

1 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Greencoat Renewables PLC, through a multi-jurisdictional team from the UK, Sweden and Germany, on the acquisition of the 101.1 MW Ersträsk South Wind Farm in Sweden.

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## **DLA Piper advises Six One Commodities in closing of US\$540 million revolving credit facility**

1 November 2021

DLA Piper represented Six One Commodities LLC, a natural gas and power merchant, on the energy and commodity aspects of a US\$540 million, one-year revolving borrowing base credit facility, which closed on October 25, 2021.

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## **Ana Paula Chagas joins Campos Mello Advogados, strengthening Environmental Law, Climate Change and ESG practice**

26 October 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Ana Paula Chagas has joined Campos Mello Advogados (CMA), which has a cooperation agreement with DLA Piper, as a partner in the Environmental Law, Climate Change and ESG practice.

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## **DLA Piper lawyers, practices and sectors ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500 Latin America***

25 October 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 46 individual lawyer rankings and 68 firm rankings in The Legal 500 Latin America 2022 guide.

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## **Campos Mello Advogados bolsters team with new partners in oil and gas, maritime, environmental, litigation and arbitration**

18 October 2021

DLA Piper announced today that five new partners have joined Campos Mello Advogados (CMA), in cooperation with DLA Piper. The expansion strengthens its capabilities in oil and gas, maritime, litigation and arbitration, with a particular focus on environmental and sustainability initiatives. This significant lateral group expansion represents the latest step in CMA's alignment with DLA Piper and its relationship firms throughout the region and in Canada.

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## **DLA Piper launches Hydrogen Revolution in Asia Pacific report**

7 October 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has today launched its second report on the hydrogen revolution, this time analysing developments in the Asia Pacific region.

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## **DLA Piper advises Hive Energy on the sale of the UK's largest solar park Cleve Hill to Quinbrook**

6 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hive Energy on its disposal of the UK's largest solar park, Cleve Hill, to Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners.

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## **DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on the GBP121m acquisition of Statkraft wind project in Scotland**

1 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Greencoat UK Wind PLC (Greencoat) on the acquisition of Andershaw Wind Farm in Scotland from Statkraft for a purchase price of GBP121m. Greencoat will fund the acquisition through its revolving credit facility and cash.

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### **DLA Piper sets science-based target to halve all emissions by 2030**

30 September 2021

DLA Piper International LLP has set a science-based target (SBT) to halve its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 2019/20 pre-pandemic levels. Approved by the Science Based Target initiative, the target spans DLA Piper's entire value chain, including indirect emissions from the firm's supply chain and covers all International offices.

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### **DLA Piper advises on USD240 million investment for development of the Manono Project**

29 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised AVZ Minerals Limited (AVZ) on securing a cornerstone investor, Suzhou CATH Energy Technologies (CATH), for the development of the Manono Lithium and Tin Project by entering into a transaction implementation agreement to earn a 24% joint venture interest in the Manono Project for USD240 million.

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### **DLA Piper advises SG H2 Energy Global in offtake agreement for clean energy hydrogen plant in Southern California**

28 September 2021

DLA Piper is representing SG H2 Energy Global, LLC in the development and financing of a green hydrogen production facility to be located in Southern California. The representation includes the negotiation and signing of the recently concluded hydrogen offtake agreement with Iwatani Corporation and a public private partnership (PPP) agreement with the City of Lancaster, California, where the project will be located, as celebrated by SG H2 and project participants at the recent signing ceremony in Lancaster.

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### **DLA Piper helps Hellenic Republic resolve Greek electricity market dispute**

22 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Hellenic Republic in negotiations with the European Commission to resolve a landmark 'Greek lignite and electricity markets' antitrust case.

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### **DLA Piper advises Whitehelm on sale to Patrizia**

16 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Whitehelm Capital (Whitehelm) on its sale to PATRIZIA AG, a leading partner for global real assets. The initial purchase price of EUR67 million will be paid in a combination of cash and PATRIZIA shares.

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### **DLA Piper advises Siam Commercial Bank on USD330m acquisition financing for Gulf Energy**

13 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Limited on its THB10 billion (approx. USD330 million) acquisition financing for Gulf Energy Development Public Company Limited (Gulf Energy) in acquiring shares of Intouch Holdings Plc through a bidding process.

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### **DLA Piper advises on investment in Jolt Charge**

9 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised BlackRock Real Assets on its investment in innovative Australian electric vehicle charging company, JOLT Charge. This is BlackRock Real Assets' first investment in the EV charging infrastructure sector in Asia-Pacific and will provide JOLT with the required capital to accelerate its roll out of EV charging stations across Australia.

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### **DLA Piper wins landmark case for Kaproben Handels in Russian Supreme Court**

1 September 2021

DLA Piper has won a significant transshipment case in the Judicial Collegium for Economic Disputes of the Russian Supreme Court representing Kaproben Handels.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in *Chambers Latin America 2022***

30 August 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 38 individual lawyer rankings and 15 firm rankings in the *Chambers Latin America 2022* guide.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on \$150 million initial public offering and TSX listing for Tidewater Renewables Ltd.**

26 August 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd. and Tidewater Renewables Ltd. in connection with Tidewater Renewables' initial public offering for gross proceeds of \$150,000,000 and listing on the TSX. The transaction closed on August 18, 2021.

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### **DLA Piper advises Aligned Energy on US\$1.725 billion of structured sustainable debt financing, including largest-ever inaugural data center securitization**

25 August 2021

DLA Piper represented Aligned Energy in the largest inaugural data center securitization and first-ever green data center securitization.

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### **DLA Piper advises EDPR on the sale of 149 MW wind portfolio in Poland to Mirova**

9 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised EDP Renewables Polska (EDPR) on the sale of 100% equity stake in a 149 MW Polish wind portfolio to Mirova, an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, for an enterprise value of approximately EUR303 million (EUR2 million per MW).

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## **DLA Piper doradcą EDPR przy sprzedaży portfela farm wiatrowych o mocy 149 MW zlokalizowanych w Polsce**

9 sierpnia 2021

Kancelaria DLA Piper doradzała EDP Renewables Polska (EDPR) przy zawarciu umowy sprzedaży 100% udziałów w portfelu farm wiatrowych o mocy 149 MW zlokalizowanych w Polsce na rzecz Mirova, podmiotu powiązanego z Natixis Investment Managers, za szacunkową wycenę wartości rynkowej przedsiębiorstwa wynoszącą około 303 mln euro (średnio 2 mln euro/MW).

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## **DLA Piper advises Hawaiki on divestment of its submarine cable**

30 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper have advised Hawaiki on its divestment of 100% of its interest in the Hawaiki Submarine Cable. The divestment was made to BW Digital Pte. Ltd with the current Hawaiki team continuing to manage the business.

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## **DLA Piper advises Senex Energy Ltd on long term gas sales agreement**

27 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is proud to have advised Senex Energy Ltd on its new long-term gas sales agreement with Adbri Limited.

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## **DLA Piper recognized as one of the "Most Recommended Law Firms" by BTI Consulting Group**

26 July 2021

Due to its ability to "exceed client expectations and consistently demonstrate deep business understanding," DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been named one of the 11 Most Recommended Law Firms by BTI Consulting Group for 2021.

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## **DLA Piper advises lenders on two solar energy projects in Ireland under RESS 1**

21 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Coöperative Rabobank U.A., Landesbank Baden-Württemberg and Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale as the lenders to Highfield Solar Limited in the financing of two separate solar energy projects in Ireland with a total capacity of 282 MWp.

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## **DLA Piper advises Heliad Equity Partners on its participation in EUR100m financing round of Enpal**

9 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heliad Equity Partners GmbH & Co. KGaA on its participation in a EUR100m financing round of Enpal. Heliad Equity Partners is investing a single-digit million amount as part of the financing round.

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## **DLA Piper advises Athena Technology Acquisition Corp. in a US\$2 billion SPAC deal with Heliogen, Inc.**

8 July 2021

DLA Piper represented Athena Technology Acquisition Corp. in connection with the negotiation of a definitive agreement for a business combination with Heliogen, Inc.

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## **DLA Piper assists Deutsche Bank in landmark securitization for Greek State controlled Public Power Corporation**

7 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Bank under English, Greek and Irish law in the recently closed trade receivables securitisation programme for Public Power Corporation S.A., the largest Greek electricity producer and principal supplier of electricity in the country.

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## **Sameer Ghaznavi named a 2021 Energy and Environmental Trailblazer by *National Law Journal***

6 July 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that of counsel Sameer Ghaznavi has been named a 2021 Energy and Environmental Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*.

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## **DLA Piper advises Russia's Gazprom Export on the acquisition of Centrex Europe & Energy Gas AG**

2 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Gazprom Export on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Centrex Europe & Energy Gas AG from Gazprombank.

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## **DLA Piper advises Solis LLC and Parasol Renewable Energy LLC in sale of Clēnera with an enterprise value of US\$433 million**

1 July 2021

DLA Piper represented Solis LLC and Parasol Renewable Energy LLC in the sale of renewable energy company Clēnera to Enlight Renewable Energy LTD.

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## **DLA Piper advises Baker Hughes on its investment in bio-methanation company Electrochaea**

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised US stock-listed energy technology company Baker Hughes on its investment in Electrochaea, a growth stage company developing novel proprietary bio-methanation technology.

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## **DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

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## **DLA Piper advises on Prime Capital's acquisition of the 192MW Lappfjard project in Finland**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG and Prime Green Energy Infrastructure Fund S.A. SICAV-RAIF on the acquisition of the 192 MW Lappfjärd wind farm from CPC Finland.

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### **Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA lists on Oslo Børs**

23 June 2021

Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA (Cloudberry), the Nordic renewable energy company that owns, develops and operates hydro power plants and windfarms in Norway and Sweden, today moved from Euronext Growth to a listing on Oslo Stock Exchange's main list, Oslo Børs. Our Oslo-based Capital Markets team advised Cloudberry on the listing.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500***

17 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 42 individual lawyer rankings and 49 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 United States* 2021 guide.

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### **DLA Piper advises lender on financing of wind farm portfolio in Finland**

10 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Kommunalkredit Austria AG as lender to Renewable Power Capital (RPC) in the financing of a portfolio of three on-shore wind farms with a total capacity of 154 MW in Finland, known as Merkkikallio, Puutikankangas and Rustari.

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### **DLA Piper advises Banpu Energy Australia on first renewable power investment in Australia**

7 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is proud to have advised Banpu Energy Australia on its entry into a Securities Sale Agreement for the acquisition of a portfolio of two operating utility scale solar projects in New South Wales from New Energy Solar Limited.

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### **DLA Piper advises Greencoat Capital in acquisition of majority stake in 405-megawatt wind portfolio**

1 June 2021

DLA Piper represented Greencoat Capital in the acquisition of a 55 percent cash equity stake in two US wind farms from EDP Renewables.

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### **Lucas Arboleda joins DLA Piper Martinez Beltran as director of Energy and Natural Resources practice**

29 April 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Lucas Arboleda has joined DLA Piper Martinez Beltran in Colombia as director of the Energy and Natural Resources practice.

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### **DLA Piper advises TAIF on merger of its petrochemical business with Sibur**

27 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised TAIF, a Russian oil and gas company, on the merger of its petrochemical business with Sibur, the largest

integrated petrochemical company in Russia. The enlarged company will become one of the world's top five producer of polyolefin and rubber products.

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### **DLA Piper advises Six One Commodities Global LLC in acquisitions of Vega Energy Partners and WGL Midstream**

26 April 2021

DLA Piper represented Six One Commodities Global LLC, a natural gas and power merchant, in its acquisitions of Vega Energy Partners, Ltd.

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### **DLA Piper advises Iduna on crowdfunding campaign to help build Greater Manchester's electric vehicle charging infrastructure**

16 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised UK infrastructure development company Iduna on the launch of its first multi-million pound round of fundraising looking for its roll out of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across Greater Manchester (GM). Iduna will use ethical investment crowdfunding platform Abundance to raise the funds.

These funds will finance the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the next phase of electric vehicle chargers in its programme and will provide GM with a geographically concentrated charging network. The investment is an offer of debentures for a 5-year period.

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### **DLA Piper partners with Datamaran to integrate ESG due diligence**

13 April 2021

DLA Piper has partnered with ESG risk management and data platform, Datamaran, to integrate Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) due diligence into legal due diligence.

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### **The Magnox Inquiry publishes its final report**

9 April 2021

On 4 March 2021, the Final Report of the Magnox Inquiry was published, bringing to an end the public inquiry started by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 27 March 2017. DLA Piper UK LLP acted as external legal advisers to the Inquiry.

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### **Trevor Wong-Chor named Global Co-Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources group**

9 April 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Trevor Wong-Chor has been appointed Global Co-Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources group.

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### **DLA Piper advises Amethis on its acquisition of Magriser in Morocco**

26 March 2021

DLA Piper advised investment fund manager Amethis on its acquisition of a majority stake in the Magriser Group, a company specializing in the distribution and installation of complete micro-irrigation and solar pumping systems, based in Mohammedia, Morocco

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## **DLA Piper advises Invenergy in sale of a 195-megawatt solar facility to Indianapolis Power and Light Company**

24 March 2021

DLA Piper advised Invenergy in the sale of a 195-megawatt solar facility to Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

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## **DLA Piper advises Kunlun Energy on substantial transactions**

18 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Kunlun Energy Company Ltd (Kunlun Energy) on the substantial disposal of its 60% equity interest in the PetroChina Beijing Gas Pipeline Co., Ltd. and a 75% equity interest in PetroChina Dalian LNG Co., Ltd. to the China Oil & Gas Pipeline Network Corporation for a total base consideration of RMB40,89 billion.

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## **DLA Piper advises Rosatom subsidiary on acquisition of 49% stake in South Korean battery manufacturer Enertech International**

18 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised RENERA, a Russian energy storage business owned by Rosatom's TVEL Fuel Company, on the acquisition of a 49% stake in Enertech International, a South Korean manufacturer of electrodes, lithium-ion storage cells and energy storage systems.

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## **DLA Piper announces new sector leadership**

10 March 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's sector leadership.

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## **DLA Piper advises bondholder committee in YPF's exchange offers and consent solicitation**

4 March 2021

DLA Piper represented an ad hoc bondholder committee comprising some of the largest holders of the international notes of Argentine leading energy company, YPF S.A. ("YPF"), in YPF's recent US\$6.2 billion exchange offers and consent solicitation constituting the largest corporate liability management transaction in Argentina to date.

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## **Deanna Reitman appointed chair of Energy Bar Association's Transactions and Finance Committee**

2 March 2021

Deanna Reitman has been appointed chair of the Energy Bar Association's Transactions and Finance Committee.

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## **DLA Piper advises Sawafi in its acquisitions of Newsco International Energy Services USA and Telemetrix USA Inc.**

23 February 2021

DLA Piper represented Sawafi Al-Jazeera Oilfield Products and Services Co. Ltd. in its simultaneous acquisitions of Newsco International Energy Services USA Inc. and Telemetrix USA Inc.

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## **Planned hydrogen projects outnumber current projects across Europe as demand for clean energy increases**

9 February 2021

The number of planned or announced hydrogen projects across Europe is almost double that of current operational projects as demand for clean energy solutions heightens globally, according to research by global law firm DLA Piper and inspiratia.

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## **DLA Piper advises Wintershall Dea tax wise on successful 1.5 billion Euro subordinated notes transaction**

27 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Wintershall Dea GmbH, Europe's leading independent natural gas and oil company, on tax law aspects of the successful issue of its first subordinated notes in two tranches in the total amount of EUR1.5 billion.

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## **Tiwai Aluminium Smelter Extension**

26 January 2021

DLA Piper have advised Contact Energy Limited ('Contact') in relation to its arrangements with Meridian Energy and New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter (Tiwai).

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## **DLA Piper advises Russian coal producer Raspadskaya on USD920m acquisition of Yuzhkuzbassugol from EVRAZ**

13 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Raspadskaya, a Russian integrated group of coal mining and enrichment facilities, on the RUB67.7 billion (USD920 million) acquisition of Russian coal producer Yuzhkuzbassugol from EVRAZ, a global steel and mining company.

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## **DLA Piper advises Photon Energy on listing on regulated markets of the Warsaw and Prague Stock Exchanges**

6 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Photon Energy ("The Company"), a global solar energy solutions and services company, in connection with the admission to trading of all its shares on the regulated parallel markets of the Warsaw and Prague Stock Exchanges.

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## **DLA Piper advises Societe Generale on first green loan to Russian mining sector**

28 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Societe Generale, one of Europe's leading financial services groups, on the USD125 million loan to Polymetal, a global gold and silver producer with assets in Russia and Kazakhstan, to finance investments in transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy. This is the first green loan in the Russian mining sector.

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## **DLA Piper advises SO4 on project financing**

22 December 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised dual-listed Australian company Salt Lake Potash (ASX/AIM: SO4) (SO4) on its project financing for the development of the Lake Way Sulphate of Potash (SOP) Project in Western Australia.

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### **DLA Piper advises BNP Paribas, DBS Bank and ING on their Financing of Vena Energy's Wandoan South Battery Energy Storage System**

21 December 2020

DLA Piper is proud to have supported BNP Paribas, DBS Bank and ING Bank N.V on their financing of Vena Energy's AUD120m 100MW/150MWh Wandoan South Battery Energy Storage System (Wandoan South BESS) in Queensland, Australia. All three banks were joint mandated lead arrangers for the Wandoan South BESS which reached financial close on 14 December 2020.

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### **DLA Piper advises Big Four accountancy firm on synthetic corporate PPA**

14 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised a Big Four accountancy firm on their first synthetic Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), with LightsourceBP as the developer.

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### **DLA Piper advises Invenergy in construction agreement for Phase 1 of the Samson Solar Energy Center**

11 December 2020

DLA Piper advised Invenergy, a privately held global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions, in the negotiation of the balance of system agreement for Phase 1 of the Samson Solar Energy Center, a new 1,310-megawatt solar energy generation facility that will be the largest in the US and second largest in the world upon completion.

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### **DLA Piper advises Exelon in US\$810 million agreement to sell solar business to Brookfield Renewable**

9 December 2020

DLA Piper is representing Exelon Corporation (NASDAQ: EXC) and its subsidiary Exelon Generation Company in the sale of Exelon Generation's solar business to Brookfield Renewable Partners for US\$810 million.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of Solarcentury by Statkraft**

1 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised shareholders of Solar Century Holdings Limited in relation to its sale to Statkraft, Europe's largest producer of renewable energy. Together the companies are well positioned for accelerated growth in solar and to become one of the world's leading renewable energy companies.

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### **DLA Piper advises City of London Corporation on pioneering renewable energy deal with Voltaia**

20 November 2020

DLA Piper is advising the City of London Corporation on its entry into a sleeved power purchase agreement (PPA) to buy renewable energy from the Dorset Solar Farm. The PPA was procured by the City in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations.

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## **DLA Piper win at Middle East Legal Awards 2020**

5 November 2020

DLA Piper has been named *Energy & Infrastructure Team of the Year* at the Middle East Legal Awards 2020, hosted by Legal Week, highlighting the firm's continued strength in the region's energy and infrastructure sectors.

Underpinning the award was the team's work advising Saudi Water Partnership Company (SWPC) on the Rabigh 3 Independent Water Producer (IWP) project. The USD750 million project was the first new stand-alone desalinated water project to be project financed in Saudi Arabia under Vision 2030.

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## **DLA Piper advises SER Capital Partners in its acquisition of three battery storage project companies**

2 November 2020

DLA Piper represented SER Capital Partners in its acquisition of three project companies from HGP.

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## **DLA Piper advises Prime Capital and Enlight Renewable Energy on large investment in Sweden**

13 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG, the independent asset manager and financial services provider, and Enlight Renewable Energy (Enlight), the Tel-Aviv-listed independent power producer, on their co-investment in the ready-to-build Björnberget wind park project in central Sweden. This is Prime Capital's first investment from its newly launched.

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## **DLA Piper advises Lithuania's Ignitis Group on acquisition of minority stake in Moray West wind farm**

28 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Ignitis Group on its acquisition of a minority stake in the Moray West wind farm development project on the east coast of Great Britain.

The acquisition represents a strategic partnership between Ocean Winds and Ignitis Group for the development of offshore wind farm projects.

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## **DLA Piper advises CCR Logistics Systems AG on the legislative process for the new German Battery Act**

23 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised CCR Logistics Systems AG on the legislative process for the new Battery Act, which was passed by the German Bundestag on 17 September 2020 and due to come into force on 1 January 2021.

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## **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment**

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axium Infrastructure.

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### **DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada***

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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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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### **DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

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### **Raul Farias joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice and Energy sector**

3 August 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Raul Farias has joined the firm's Corporate practice and Energy sector as a partner in San Diego.

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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 (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Denis G. Silva to the Vancouver office**

13 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Denis G. Silva has joined the firm as a Partner in the Vancouver office. Denis focuses his practice on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions and has extensive experience advising public and private clients in the mining, technology and financial sectors on a full range of business law matters.

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## **DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in sale of Distributed Valve business**

7 July 2020

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc. in the sale by its subsidiary, CIRCOR Energy Products LLC (CEP), of its distributed valve business to MS Valves GmbH.

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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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## **Andrew Young joins DLA Piper's Finance practice and Energy sector in Washington, DC**

20 May 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Andrew Young has joined the firm's Finance practice and Energy sector as a partner in Washington, DC.

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## **DLA Piper advises WaterSmart Software in its sale to VertexOne**

14 May 2020

DLA Piper represented WaterSmart Software in its recent sale to VertexOne.

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## **DLA Piper advises Pacific Energy on acquisition of Hybrid Systems**

12 May 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited on its acquisition of solar and battery microgrid specialist Hybrid Systems Australia.

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## **DLA Piper partners with Zeigo to digitise PPAs**

5 May 2020

DLA Piper and Zeigo are jointly working on artificial intelligence (AI) contracting solutions to further simplify and standardise the contractual process for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and future contracting structures.

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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 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 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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### **DLA Piper advises ITM Power on joint venture with Linde Group**

30 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the British hydrogen specialist ITM Power (ITM.L) on the establishment of a joint venture with the DAX-listed Linde Group. Both companies will have an equal share in the joint venture.

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## DLA Piper Canada advised Granite Oil in its transaction with International Petroleum Corporation

24 JAN 2020

On January 20, 2020 Granite Oil Corp. announced that it had entered in an arrangement agreement with International Petroleum Corporation providing for the acquisition by IPC of the issued and outstanding shares of Granite Oil for cash consideration of \$0.95 per Share. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal advisor to Granite Oil for the transaction.

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## Sustainability and ESG

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More than 30 countries around the world have declared a state of climate emergency, with many jurisdictions, among them Sweden, the UK, France, Denmark and New Zealand, having legislated net-zero emissions targets. In face of the global response, this places the Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) sector front and center.

Sustainability and ESG (SESG) issues affect the ENR sector in profound ways and environmental-related factors are only part of the picture: social and governance elements are also increasingly being seen as key drivers of success. For some companies, protecting human rights, protecting a watershed, and considering long-term impacts on local communities are becoming crucial. Actions such as linking executive remuneration to delivery of SESG targets can also demonstrate a company's commitment to SESG. The spectrum of issues is broad and depends on factors like geographic location or specific assets. The risks themselves are also dynamic and non-linear, introducing additional challenges in identifying and addressing them – unless they are viewed through an integrated sector lens.

Our Sustainability and ESG team within the ENR sector is well versed in these complexities. We understand that each company's needs differ enormously, depending on sector, strategy and specific context. We can address those challenges and provide tailored advice in areas of sustainable finance, climate change, corporate PPAs, human rights, worker protections and community inclusion. We know that companies are seeking to demonstrate that they are incorporating SESG into their strategies and operations and that they recognize the hazards and material risks which may arise from inadequate prioritization of SESG concerns.

### RENEWABLES

The transition to a net-zero economy means renewable energy solutions are in high demand. However, for renewables companies, climate change issues are only part of the story: even renewable energy can be unsustainable if it does not adequately integrate SESG factors. Aspects such as supply chain management, data security, human rights and materials sourcing, to name a few, need to be carefully considered. For instance, supply chain issues for solar projects are substantial: panels may be manufactured in another country, even in another hemisphere, and then shipped around the world to the solar park location. Similarly, developing wind farms often means constructing and maintaining facilities in remote locations, and therefore addressing health, safety and employment issues, in addition to environmental and supply chain concerns. A recycling plant is a great initiative, but is it sustainable if the waste trucks run on diesel fuel and the drivers are paid below the minimum wage? The need to consider SESG exists throughout the life cycle of a renewable energy project, be it in planning, developing, operating or decommissioning.

### OIL AND GAS

The energy transition aims to transform the global energy sector from fossil-based to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We are witnessing major integrated oil and gas companies committing to aligning their portfolios with the Paris Agreement goals, with all major O&G companies investing more and more in their renewable energy offerings.

Forward-thinking companies in the industry understand that being sustainable means reviewing all parts of the business, including health and safety issues on rigs, product design to ensure the safe and effective transportation of substances at all stages of the process, and transparent risk mitigation and management.

When we advise O&G companies on sustainability issues, generation of energy from renewable sources is a benefit, yet by no means the sole element of the approach to sustainability.

## MINING

For the mining sector, transitioning to net-zero emissions is also a key element. Mining operations need to be taken into account, but so do the indirect emissions that occur in the value chain, including both upstream and downstream. In addition, businesses will need to improve their collaboration with customers to become resource efficient and to reuse and recycle energy-intense commodities and minerals, such as steel and copper.

Furthermore, the ever-growing demand for new technology components and energy storage solutions means that the mining sector is experiencing a shift in demand toward higher production of key minerals. This change comes hand in hand with environmental and social impacts that need to be mitigated and managed appropriately and transparently. Human rights and local community engagement are vital elements of sustainability.

Shifting investor and consumer expectations are also a key driver. Investors are increasingly calling for reporting and transparency requirements regarding a company's material ESG factors and how these integrate into the company's governance, strategy, risk management, metrics and targets. Access to capital and the cost of capital are also being progressively linked to ESG performance and impacts.

## WATER

Building water resilience and providing for water security are priorities around the world. A product's efficient use of water over its lifetime as well as the water footprint of its production are factors that will grow in prominence as water shortages, climate perils and chronic impacts of climate change increase.

Another aspect of industrial consumption of water arises from water pumping and distribution, which each generate significant levels of emissions. Using renewable energy for such operations will become important for the water sector. Payment for ecosystem services and nature-based solutions (aiming to help protect watersheds and secure access and supply) are policies that are already gaining traction in large jurisdictions such as the European Union.