



Infrastructure Finance

Our lawyers have more than three decades of experience in the infrastructure market and act for both sponsors and lenders in a wide range of limited recourse financing transactions. We have broad experience of PPP/PFI transactions and thorough knowledge of several market sectors, including power (thermal and renewable), transport (roads, airports and shipping), oil, gas, commodities and water.

We have experience in executing all types of infrastructure finance, including project finance and other secured, structured financings, bond financing and other financings solutions tailored for the current market.

We take a proactive role in understanding project economics and are skilled at crafting innovative solutions to mitigate credit risks.

EXPERIENCE

- Agility Trains, a joint venture between Hitachi and John Laing, in connection with the largest project financing in the UK in 2012, the financing (in excess of £2 billion) of the West Coast Main Line PPP project. This project involved the manufacture, delivery and maintenance of trains, financed from a combination of a direct term loan facility from JBIC, a term loan facility from commercial banks covered by NEXI credit insurance, an uncovered term loan facility from commercial banks and a term loan facility from EIB.
- The lenders, including SEK (guaranteed by EKN), PROPARCO and a number of local DFIs (including DBSA and EDC) in respect of the financing of Tigo, a mobile telecoms operator in Tanzania.
- The lenders in connection with the MIGA-backed project financing of a US\$ 120 million water desalination plant project in Ghana which was developed by Befesa Ghana (a joint venture between Abengoa Water and Sojitz).
- An international sponsor on its USD 800 million financing of a 300 MW coal-fired power project in Zambia, including the negotiation of all project and finance documents, with the project financing using DFI and Sinasure-covered tranches (which would be the first Sinasure covered project financing in Africa).
- The arranging banks to Hochtief Airport Consortium in relation to its acquisition of Budapest Airport.

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Publicaciones

Driving change: The decarbonisation of European transport

1 April 2022

Our new study, in association with Acuris Studios, surveyed 100 senior executives of organisations based in Europe that have invested in European decarbonisation projects and/or technologies related to aviation, rail or shipping in the past 24 months.

Economic drivers in Latin America: Key industry sectors and the rise of SESG

1 April 2022

Overshadowed by the pandemic, Latin America's GDP growth results closed 2020 at nearly – 8%, while global GDP growth results closed at – 5%. The growth forecast for 2021 is at 4.1%, relying on the vaccination efforts across Latin America countries to combat COVID-19, as well as the many relief packages launched by the world's biggest economies to help emerging economies.

Green Hydrogen in Chile: A Contribution to the Global Energy Transition

1 April 2022

Nowadays we see governments around the world adopting decarbonization policies to transition their economies away from high-emission electricity generation and polluting manufacturing/production of goods and services.

Projects Global Insight Issue 5, 2022

1 April 2022

PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

Welcome to the new issue of the Project Global Insights 2022. In some areas of the globe we are now seeing a gradual loosening of restrictions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, and stakeholders and governments across the world continue to focus on transport, infrastructure and clean energy investments to boost economic activities.

The Biden Plan: The most awaited infrastructure plan for the US

1 April 2022

The need for an adequate infrastructure program for the US is well known. This program has taken several presidencies to see the light of day, but it finally took the form of a concrete and ambitious plan presented by the Biden Administration in March 2021 known as the American Jobs Plan.

'Boomerang' decommissioning liabilities for the oil & gas industry in Australia

1 April 2022

Since ExxonMobil drilled Australia's first offshore well in 1965, Australia's oil & gas industry has developed, grown and matured, supporting Australia's energy security and generating significant economic growth.

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.

Nuevos acontecimientos en el sector energético mexicano generan incertidumbre

17 de noviembre de 2021

Una discusión de las medidas, críticas y comentarios relevantes.

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.”

Presidente de México presenta iniciativa de reforma constitucional en materia de electricidad

7 de octubre de 2021

El resultado puede implicar graves consecuencias para los inversionistas del sector energético en México.

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.

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?

Brazil: Bioenergy in the ESG context

22 July 2021

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

Reformas en el marco jurídico de los energéticos en México y mecanismos de impugnación

4 de junio de 2021

La Contrarreforma Energética incluye cambios en la regulación cuyo propósito es devolver el poder monopólico a CFE y Pemex.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Iniciativa de reforma a la Ley de Hidrocarburos: una nueva controversial medida en el sector energético mexicano

8 de abril de 2021

Las reformas y sus posibles implicaciones en el sector del petróleo y gas de México.

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.

Public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment: a global perspective

18 March 2021

In a new global report, produced in partnership with Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA), DLA Piper assesses the case for PPPs, backed by multijurisdictional analysis from our projects and infrastructure lawyers around the world as well as insight from leading infrastructure investors who are fellow members of the GIIA.

\$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.

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.

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.

Reforma a la Ley de la Industria Eléctrica: un nuevo riesgo para proyectos energéticos en México

10 de marzo de 2021

La Iniciativa, básicamente, favorece el despacho de electricidad generada por la Comisión Federal de Electricidad, una empresa productiva del Estado mexicano.

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.

Oil and gas operations in Latin America

3 December 2020

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

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.

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.

Mexico announces new transportation and telecommunications investment program

17 JUL 2013

The program will include highways, bridges, train systems, urban BRT systems, seaports and airports, as well as better telecom services

US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

2 JUL 2013

A new initiative aiming to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa

EPA reduces natural gas GHG emission estimates; Pennsylvania reaffirms property law on "minerals"

16 MAY 2013

Senator Dodd introduces revised financial services reform bill

18 Mar 2010
