



Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

DLA Piper's Projects, Energy and Infrastructure team has a track record of successfully delivering first-rate legal services in all segments of the infrastructure and energy industries. We advise on energy law, infrastructure finance, transport matters and more.

Our lawyers understand the commercial, strategic, technical, geographical and political factors that shape and impact these industries, as well as the business issues and risks inherent when working in these sectors. Our market leading presence also allows us first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and key decision makers worldwide.

CAPABILITES

The group represents sponsors, contractors, multilateral institutions, corporations, developers, equity investors, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies in the procurement, development, financing, acquisition, construction and operation of a wide range of complex infrastructure and energy projects on nearly every continent.

These projects include:

- Power generation from natural gas, coal, petroleum and, renewables
- Pipelines
- Drilling platforms
- Transmission networks
- Mining facilities
- Defence and security projects
- Waste projects and resource recovery facilities
- Telecommunications networks
- Vessels
- Ports
- Airports
- Highways, toll roads and bridges
- Transportation systems including airports, heavy rail, light rail and bus

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- International Corporate Reorganizations
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- Accommodation and healthcare facilities
- Sports, tourism and entertainment facilities

INSIGHTS

Publications

New wave of US sanctions on Russia targets services, broadcasting, banking, and US exports

16 May 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

The US government continues to announce new measures.

Mexican Congress rejects electricity constitutional reform and approves bill to regulate lithium

20 April 2022

An outline of the House of Representatives' decision regarding the Electricity Reform and Mining Reform, as well as its possible implications.

US DOC initiates circumvention inquiries against solar cells and modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam

14 April 2022

Any additional duties could be applied retroactively to entries before April 1 and could be as much as or in excess of 250 percent of the price of the applicable CSPV cells and modules.

Latest sanctions block Russia's largest banks, cyber actors and more; Biden's executive order prohibits investments in Russia by US persons

8 April 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

Two of Russia's largest banks, Sberbank and Alfa-Bank, which had previously been subject to narrower restrictions, have now been blocked.

Mexican Supreme Court dismisses Unconstitutionality Action against Electricity Industry Law reform

8 April 2022

Key developments and implications

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.

Proposed EU corporate sustainability due diligence directive: what US companies need to know

31 March 2022

If adopted, the proposed directive could have significant implications not only for EU enterprises but also for US and other non-EU companies conducting business within the EU.

New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft

29 March 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

NZ REZ consultation paper released by Transpower

28 March 2022

On 28 February 2022, Transpower announced its national consultation programme for a potential Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) project in Northland in response to the growing demands for new renewable energy sources in New Zealand from both consumers and potential developers.

US sanctions Russian energy sector while allowing various energy-related activities to continue

9 March 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

Today's actions further restrict commercial activity and increase risks of sanctions violations by well-intentioned companies.

US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus

4 March 2022

GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

Looking to verify your energy project to generate carbon credits? Understanding two popular verification registries

18 February 2022

A summary of VERRA and Gold Standard.

Canada develops GHG offset regulations

8 February 2022

The System will work in tandem with existing provincial and territorial systems to develop a consistent suite of requirements for transferability and fungibility of GHG offset credits across Canada.

New developments in the Mexican energy sector generate uncertainty

17 November 2021

A discussion of relevant measures, criticisms and comments.

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.

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.

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.

Social Responsibility Risk

23 July 2021

Social responsibility has now become one of the most important considerations for companies across the globe. Companies are under increased pressure to develop sustainable and responsible business models in light of heightened sensitivity and awareness by both clients and consumers of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. The same also applies to project finance stakeholders.

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?](#)

The DLA Piper Project Simulator – one year on

2 July 2021

Over the past year, we have delivered The DLA Piper Project Simulator to many of our construction, engineering and infrastructure clients, over a virtual platform, and client feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

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.

The role of external construction counsel

14 May 2021

A common reaction to hearing that someone is a “construction lawyer” is the assumption that this must be a very narrow and focused role. In this article written for the *Construction Law Letter*, Howard Krupat shows that often the opposite is true, and that the responsibilities of a construction lawyer are as varied as the range of projects within the construction industry and even the lifecycle of a particular project.

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.

US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Extension of USD LIBOR – ICE Benchmark Administration Consultation

12 January 2021

On 30 November 2020, the ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) which compiles and oversees LIBOR, announced that it will hold a consultation on its intention to extend most US Dollar LIBOR (USD LIBOR) tenors until 30 June 2023.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for transport

31 December 2020

BOARDROOM BREXIT

There will be continued market access rights for UK and EU road haulage operators, while under the TCA, UK and EU air carriers will continue to enjoy flyover rights and operating rights on routes between the UK and EU. However, UK carriers will not be able to operate cabotage routes in the EU (and vice versa)

Oil and gas operations in Latin America

3 December 2020

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

5G Contracts: Features and challenges of the new Colombian infrastructure programs

30 November 2020

Historically, relied on as an anti-cyclic economic boost, infrastructure development has found a renewed role in reactivating the Colombian economy recently affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Colombian government's launch of the 5G concession program sets forth an opportunity to reactivate the Colombian economy.

Brazil's new basic sanitation legal framework

30 November 2020

In July 2020, Brazil's New Sanitation Legal Framework was approved. It aims at the universalization of sanitation and water supply in Brazil by 2033 by attracting investment of USD128 billion. The new regulatory framework is expected to transform the nation's water and sanitation sector, creating a business environment with more competition and legal certainty, and fostering domestic and foreign private investment in the sector.

Cost plus fee contracts in the era of COVID-19

30 November 2020

COVID-19 has changed the certainty of many areas in the economic spectrum. For construction contracts it has affected its most important variables: cost and time. In this context, cost plus fee contracts can be used as a way to prevent, mitigate and backstop distressed infrastructure projects, since they permit the parties to undertake projects that involve substantial uncertainties.

PFI and PPP in the UK – is it time to talk about handback?

30 November 2020

The most recent standard form contracts and guidance in the UK for PPPs and similar forms of contract recognize the importance of prescribing detailed handback requirements and making provision for lead-in processes to be followed when a project approaches the end of its term.

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.

Corporate PPAs in New Zealand

27 November 2020

PPAs have become very popular around the world and they are starting to fit in within the New Zealand market. Businesses from various sectors are entering into these agreements, which can be an essential component of their energy strategies. So, what are PPAs exactly, what is their relevance in New Zealand and what advantages do they present to electricity users?

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.

DLA Piper Collaborative Contracting and Procurement Paper 2020

22 October 2020

The construction industry has suffered for ages from contracts and procurement processes that crudely allocate various risks resulting in misaligned incentives and consequent disputation.

It was from a desire to overcome this misalignment of interests that 'collaborative contracting' was born.

Read more in our paper.

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.

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.

Claim against Commonwealth Government highlights climate-related corporate governance risks

18 August 2020

A class action has launched in the Australian Federal Court suing the Government for failing to disclose climate-related risks when issuing Treasury bonds. This will (and should) cause ripples in the wider business community. The claim is evidence of a growing movement where investors and consumers are demanding more accountability from companies on climate change. In the post-Hayne Royal Commission environment, directors and boards should seriously consider climate-related risks and whether disclosures need to be made, or if actions must be taken in accordance with applicable guidance and frameworks. This article also considers how companies can manage the variety of climate-related risks.

Rebalancing risk allocation on infrastructure activity

7 August 2020

Public Private Partnerships involving the use of private sector contractors and private finance have been a popular contract delivery model for major infrastructure projects in Australia for years, well before they were even called PPPs. The model is often preferred by government over publicly funded contract delivery models because of its additional risk transfer to the private sector.

However, calls for a risk allocation reset by contractors and engineering companies are becoming louder, and their reduced risk appetite is reflected in tendered prices for infrastructure works (or a refusal of contractors to bid on these works at all).

This paper considers how PPPs provide opportunities for equity investors and managing contractors to manage risks that construction contractors are no longer prepared to take, and at the same time reduce the overall risk-adjusted project cost for government and taxpayers.

Australian Government overhauls its procurement legislation to give better protection to suppliers, contractors and consultants

3 August 2020

Australia's federal, state and territory governments are variously in the process of adjusting their procurement frameworks to give effect to Australia's obligations under international free trade agreements (FTAs). Each government has its own procurement framework, and so the approach to implementing the international FTAs differs in each jurisdiction.

COVID-19 Construction Guide

16 June 2020

This guide looks at the impact of COVID-19 on the construction sector in over 30 countries, including the latest position as jurisdictions relax their lockdown measures.

Improving Public Private Partnerships - Lessons From Australia

29 May 2020

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) enjoy a good reputation in Australia for delivering projects on time and within budget. But there have been some high-profile failures, and they remain controversial. This report identifies many steps that governments and industry can take to improve the outcomes of PPP projects.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape

21 NOV 2013

US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

2 JUL 2013

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

New York Assembly passes two-year fracking moratorium, while Illinois moves forward

11 MAR 2013

Events

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Accessing global capital markets

31 March 2022
Webinar

Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021
Webinar

IPEM 2021

8-9 September 2021
IPEM 2022
Paris

Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

TechLaw

31 July 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper continues to enhance Asia banking & finance expertise with strategic partner hire in Hong Kong

3 May 2022
DLA Piper announces the appointment of Crystal Chen as a partner in its Finance, Projects and Restructuring (FP&R) practice, based in Hong Kong.

DLA Piper tops inspiratia 2021 renewable energy rankings

29 March 2022
DLA Piper has been ranked as the number one law firm for advising on completed renewable energy deals in 2021. The ranking is compiled by inspiratia, a provider of real-time energy industry analysis and news.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advises on Victoria's largest road project

28 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Webuild S.p.A, CPB Contractors Pty Ltd, GS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd and China Construction Oceania Pty Ltd, as the Design & Construction Contractor forming part of the Spark Consortium, on successfully reaching financial close on the AUD11.1 billion North East Link Primary Package PPP – the largest PPP in Australia.

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.

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.

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.

Gitanjali Bajaj and John Gallagher recognised as “Lawyers of the Year” by The Best Lawyers Australia 2022

23 April 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Australian Partners Gitanjali Bajaj (Litigation & Regulatory, Sydney) and John Gallagher (Finance, Projects & Restructuring, Melbourne) have separately been recognised as “*Lawyers of the Year*” in the 14th edition of *The Best Lawyers in Australia 2022 Awards*.

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.

DLA Piper appoints new International Head for Finance, Projects & Restructuring practice

25 February 2021

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of David Trott as a partner, and International Group Head of the firm's Finance, Projects and Restructuring group.

DLA Piper advises Mamba Exploration Limited on its IPO and ASX listing

8 February 2021

Advising Mamba Exploration Limited (ASX:M24) on its AUD7 million IPO and ASX listing.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advising Saracen Mineral Holdings on \$16 billion merger with Northern Star Resources

6 October 2020

DLA Piper is advising Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) on its AUD16 billion merger with Northern Star Resources Limited (ASX: NST).

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).

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.

DLA Piper advises Kalium Lakes on equity raise

25 June 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Kalium Lakes Limited (ASX: KLL) on its recapitalisation and AUD61 million placement and fully underwritten accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer.

DLA Piper advises Pricecheck Toiletries on Warehouse Expansion Deal

20 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised international wholesaler and distributor of fast-moving consumer goods, Pricecheck Toiletries Limited, on the expansion of their warehouse operation capacity.
