



Renewables

We are at the forefront of the renewable energy market, advising sponsors, developers, financiers and regulatory bodies, among others, on transactions across the spectrum of renewable energy technologies, including hydro, solar, onshore and offshore wind, energy-from-waste, biomass and biofuels.

Our renewable energy lawyers have hands-on, practical experience of delivering each stage of a project, including planning, permitting, joint ventures and other corporate matters, structuring equity investment, developing project documents (such as PPAs, turbine supply agreements, EPC and O&M arrangements), project finance (including multi-source, ECA-backed financings) and M&A. We further advise our clients in relation to renewable energy support mechanisms, such as ROCs, LECs and CfDs in the UK, as well as statutory feed-in tariffs and other such mechanisms for both suppliers and end users.

EXPERIENCE

Solar power and solar technology projects

- John Laing Investments Ltd on their first acquisition and development in the solar sector in respect of two 5MW solar parks in England acquired from Wirsol. Following the acquisition, we advised John Laing Investments Ltd on the refinancing of this project by Nord LB.
- The sponsor, a subsidiary of Eaga plc, in connection with the £235 million project financing for the UK's first large-scale rooftop solar PV project to achieve financial close in the UK.
- Landesbank Baden-Württemberg in respect of a PV project financing in Cornwall.

Onshore and offshore wind projects

- The lenders in connection with the project financing of the Red Cap Kouga wind farm in South Africa.
- The sponsor in connection with the project financing, provided by lenders including the EIB and the EBRD, of the 120 MW Margonin wind farm in Poland, the largest renewable energy project financing in Poland to date.
- A successful bidder for a Zone in the Round 3 Offshore Wind Farm programme in the United Kingdom.
- Nord LB on 7 separate on-shore wind project financings which have successfully reached financial close and advising Nord LB on a further onshore wind project financing.
- O2 Vind in relation to a 10 year PPA with Google for the entire output of a 72MW wind farm project in Sweden.

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Other renewable power technologies

- £650 million development of a 240 MW tidal-powered electricity generating station in Swansea Bay, South Wales.
- The lenders in connection with the project financing of the Mtkvari hydro power project in Georgia.
- Stobart Group on portfolio of investments in new biomass generating capacity of up to £500million.
- Drax Power Ltd on long term wood pellet biomass supply contracts, typically with North American suppliers.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

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?

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEWS

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.

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.
