



Representative Legal Matters

Bithika Basu

Natural Resources

- Acting for Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Ma'aden) in relation to Alcoa's disposition of its interest in the rolling business of the joint venture between Ma'aden and Alcoa for a fully integrated aluminium complex in Saudi Arabia, including the renegotiation of the shareholder and project agreements.
- Acting for the seller in respect of put and call option arrangements in respect of a mineral processing complex in Saudi Arabia.
- Acting for the contractor on a civils construction contract for a mining and metallurgical plant in Russia.
- Acting for the contractor on an engineering, procurement and construction contract for a metallurgical plant in a CIS country.
- Working on a wide range of in-house matters during a client secondment to Rio Tinto, a leading international mining group, in relation to procurement matters, project development, joint ventures, treasury support, corporate financing and general corporate matters.

Oil and Gas

- Advising Sound Energy Plc on various aspects of the acquisition and development of its gas assets in Morocco including (1) its farm-in relating to the Oil & Gas Investment Fund's assets; and (2) its synthetic farm-out with Schlumberger.
- Advising Tailwind Energy in relation to its acquisition of EOG Resources' UKCS upstream oil and gas portfolio.
- Advising a client in respect of two bids for the acquisition of UKCS upstream oil and gas assets, including the review of licensing, security and decommissioning related agreements.
- Advising the sub-contractor on its contractual arrangements in respect of the construction of a gas processing facility in the CIS region.
- Advising a client in respect of its negotiations on a LNG M(SPA) with an Asian counterparty.
- Acting for the buyer in its negotiations on a long-term LNG SPA with an African NOC.
- Advising the service provider on a services agreement for unloading, storage and reloading of LNG at an LNG terminal in Asia.

Power / Infrastructure

- Acting for a client in respect of its proposed role as sponsor on a carbon capture and storage project in the Middle East.
- Advising Marubeni Corporation and POSCO Energy in connection with their successful bid for the design, financing, construction, ownership, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the 300MW Morupule B Phase II Units 5 & 6 coal-fired power generation plant situated in the Palapye Botswana, on an IPP basis.
- Acting for a consortium of institutional investors in relation to their proposed investment in a portfolio of development-stage infrastructure and power assets in the U.S. and Latin America.

- Carried out a review and bankability analysis of renewable energy PPAs and implementation agreements across eight jurisdictions across sub-Saharan Africa as part of a feasibility study for supporting renewable energy projects organised by a European development bank.
- Preparing a detailed report for a potential investor on the key legal considerations relevant to offshore wind projects in the UK, including the UK electricity market, government support schemes, permitting and project documentation.
- Preparing a report for a power company on the investment opportunities in renewable electricity (including hydrogen) in certain European countries taking into account the European Recovery Plan, including an analysis of the regulatory framework, government support schemes and current market dynamics.
- Working on a wide range of in-house matters during a six month client secondment to EDF Energy, one of the UK's largest energy companies, including procurement of plant, equipment, bulk gases and services for the nuclear power stations.
- Advising a client on the nuclear liability related aspects of its contract negotiations for sale of equipment to a nuclear licensed site in the UK.
- Advising an automotive client on the regulatory regime in the UK applicable to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Construction

- Acting for CIMB Bank on the provision of financing for the development of phases 1 and 2 of the Battersea Power Station and three other London-based commercial and residential developments, involving due diligence on, among other things, a range of construction contracts and consultancy appointments.
- Acting for Maybank and a consortium of lenders on the provision of financing of the Royal Wharf development in the Docklands, London, involving due diligence on, among other things, a range of construction contracts and consultancy appointments for the development of residential and commercial units.

- Acting for an interior designer in respect of its appointment for a hotel development in the UK.
- Advising a range of clients on redevelopments, refurbishments and fit-outs in the UK, based on the JCT form of construction contracts.
- Advising employer and contractor parties in respect of construction contracts (including FIDIC based) for facilities including steel, LNG and defence.

M&A/Joint Ventures/Corporate

- Acting for Sime Darby Plantation on the sale of its subsidiary with a palm oil concession in Liberia to a Liberian manufacturer of household health and cleaning products.
- Acting for Inter Pipeline Ltd. and its European storage subsidiary, Inter Terminals Ltd., on the acquisition of NuStar Energy, L.P.'s European bulk liquid storage business.
- Acting for a client on the acquisition of companies with mining interests in Latin America and Asia.
- Acting for a client on the proposed disposal of a partial interest in and related shareholder agreement in respect of a mining venture in the CIS region.
- Advising a client in Saudi Arabia on the settlement of a long-standing dispute with certain shareholders.
- Advising a major pharmaceutical and healthcare company on the restructuring of its subsidiaries to implement a joint venture structure and drop in of assets.