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What we can do for you

If you are involved in energy projects either as a buyer or supplier of construction or engineering works or services, funder or investor, we can guide you through every stage of the project from consenting to decommissioning.

We have experience of all types of energy projects but have particular expertise in wind (onshore and offshore), nuclear, biomass, waste to energy and tidal. We can help you with risk management throughout the project and advise on the procurement and delivery phase. If you get into a dispute we can help you resolve it.

Risk Management

We can help you identify the risks relevant to your business and advise you on how best to avoid or reduce those risks through appropriate contractual arrangements and other commercial solutions. As the project progresses and the risk landscape develops we can advise you on the best way to respond to those developments to optimise your commercial position. At the end of the project we will help you identify the lessons to be learned for future projects.

Procurement

We can advise you on the most appropriate procurement strategy to deliver your project by explaining the options available (multi-contracting, turnkey etc.) and how they impact on the key project drivers such as time, cost, quality and funding. Once the procurement strategy has been agreed we will develop with you an appropriate contract package to implement the strategy including selection of the most appropriate form(s) of contract (e.g. FIDIC, NEC, IChemE) and how they should be adapted to meet your specific needs.

Health and Safety

Our health and safety team can advise you on policy, strategic operational issues and on incident and emergency response, as well as transactions. We will keep you up to date on UK policy reviews and draft legislation (e.g. on corporate manslaughter) so that you have the opportunity to comment on proposed changes and ensure that your business complies with them once they become law. If you do become involved in an investigation or prosecution we can guide you through every stage of the process to make sure you make informed decisions at the right time.

Dispute Resolution

If you do find yourself in dispute we can advise you on how best to resolve it including, where appropriate, the avoidance of formal proceedings. We will work with you to identify your commercial objectives (as well as those of your opponent) and the key legal and factual issues to develop a robust negotiation strategy. This may be deployed in either a consensual procedure, such as mediation, or a more informal negotiation.

If formal proceedings become necessary, we will guide you through the process, be it adjudication, arbitration or litigation. Our team includes qualified arbitrators and adjudicators whose experience as decision-makers allows us to use the various processes to best protect your interests.

Who we are

We are a leading UK law firm with a reputation for providing the highest levels of advice and insight on a wide variety of energy projects. We won the Energy and Infrastructure Team of the Year at the Lawyer Awards in 2009. Our success is founded upon our detailed knowledge of the energy market, its regulatory framework and our team of specialist lawyers (experts in renewables, nuclear, environmental, banking and real estate law for example) to provide a one stop shop for all our energy clients' needs.

Partners Marcus Harling, Will Gard and Steven James, with over 60 years of construction experience between them, lead the construction and engineering team



“Very practical and always trying to find solutions rather than score points.”

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“Pragmatic, proactive and commercially aware.”

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of specialist construction lawyers. A number of us have worked as civil engineers and quantity surveyors and so have significant experience of the practical issues affecting your business. The team's experience of advising not only clients in the energy sector but other regulated sectors such as aerospace and rail enables us to provide you with innovative, workable solutions to meet your commercial objectives.

What we do

We advise all those involved in the development, operation and decommissioning of energy projects including:

- Developers and operators
- Funders and equity investors
- Technology providers
- Contractors and sub-contractors
- The professional team

We advise on all types of energy projects but have particular expertise in:

- Wind (both onshore and offshore)
- Biomass
- Nuclear
- Waste to energy

Recent examples of our work

This is a small selection of our energy projects work. More detailed information is available on request:

- **Offshore Wind** - advised a major European contractor on its participation in two of the world's largest offshore wind farm projects.
- **Onshore Wind** - advising a developer on the procurement and construction of a 299MW wind farm, the largest in England and Wales.
- **Tidal** - advising a developer on the procurement and construction of a 400MW tidal energy scheme in Scotland.
- **Biomass** - advising a private developer on all aspects of the turnkey design, procurement, operation and funding of a number of 100MW biomass power stations in the UK.
- **Nuclear** - advising on the procurement of a new facility for the treatment of high level legacy waste.
- **Waste to Energy** - advised a major UK contractor on its role as main contractor on Europe's largest waste management project, which included a major waste to energy element.
- **Health and Safety** - advising a renewable energy company on the regulatory framework for safety for onshore and offshore projects, including the application of the CDM Regulations 2007 to offshore work.

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