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Gide Loyrette Nouel's Projects (Finance & Infrastructure) practice group regularly advises clients on energy and power projects. Our lawyers have a wide range of experience relating to electric, gas and nuclear power as well as future and renewable energies. With its skilled team of specialist practitioners, the Firm has been able to develop significant expertise in key areas of the power projects sector including transaction structuring and closing, financing, regulatory, and dispute resolution.

GLN's long-standing experience in international power projects encompasses (i) representing large developers of power projects, (ii) structuring highly visible pilot projects when assisting governments, and (iii) representing IFIs and commercial lenders. Working closely with financial and technical advisers, our lawyers have brought numerous pioneering projects to successful financial closing.

Our wide-ranging expertise also covers both **project development documentation** (e.g. IPPs, Concessions/BTO, PPA, EPC, O&M agreements), and **project financing documentation** (e.g. facilities agreements, syndication, A/B loans, intercreditor, direct agreements, security package).

GLN boasts a **dedicated renewable energy team** with significant regulatory experience and a very active practice in drafting and successfully negotiating contracts for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of renewable energy projects and for their related financing. The breadth of our lawyers' practice experience includes unique expertise representing large developers and contractors in **power-related arbitration proceedings**.

Selected Recent Transactions

Renewable Energy Projects

- **Solar Power Project, Morocco (2010-ongoing)**: advising the Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN) on the implementation of the proposed development of a 500 MW solar power complex.
- **Hydropower PPP, Solomon Islands (2010-ongoing)**: advising an IFI and the Government of the Solomon Islands on the structuring and implementation of a 20 MW run-of-the-river hydropower project.
- **Cebren and Galiste Hydropower Plants Project, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2010-ongoing)**: advising an IFI and the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in connection with two hydropower plants on a BOT basis (873 MW).
- **Waste-to-Energy PPPs, Brazil (2010-ongoing)**: advising a leading French energy operator on the structuring and implementation of 12 landfill gas-to-energy projects in various Brazilian municipalities.
- **Waste-to-Energy PPPs, United Kingdom (2010-ongoing)**: advising a leading energy operator on the structuring of a waste-to-energy project in the municipality of Peterborough in relation to a thermal treatment process (an EfW plant) for 65,000 tonnes per year of residual household waste.
- **Wind Energy, France (2006-2008)**: regularly advising an international investment fund on its investments in French wind farm projects (acquisition of a portfolio of 7 project companies, the EUR 160-million financing of assets and the re-sale of its wind farm portfolio).



- **Ashta Hydro Power, Albania (2008):** advising an IFI and the Government of Albania on a PPP for the design, financing, construction, operation and management of a 48 MW run-of-the-river power project.
- **Solar Power, France (2007):** advising the developers on project financing for a solar energy development with an installed capacity of 12 MW.

Thermal Power Projects

- **Gas-to-Electricity Project, Tanzania (2010-ongoing):** advising the national electricity company on the development of a 240 MW gas-to-electricity project.
- **Thermal Power Plants, Caribbean Region (closed 2010):** advising the buyer on the acquisition of two thermal power plants with a combined capacity of 29.1 MW in Guadeloupe and Saint Martin.
- **400 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, France (2010-ongoing):** advising the developers on a combined cycle power plant with an installed capacity of 400 MW.
- **Marafiq Jubail IWPP, Saudi Arabia (2010-ongoing):** advising a leading equipment supplier and party to the EPC contract on various warranty issues relating to the Marafiq IWPP Project (Jubail).
- **Triple-Fuel 100 MW Lome Power Plant, Togo (closed 2009):** advising the sponsors on the first IPP and first project financing in the country. *Project Finance Magazine* named the transaction "African Power Deal of the Year 2009".
- **Power Plant Fos-sur-Mer, France (2004-ongoing):** advising the sponsors of a 500 MW combined cycle power plant.
- **BOT Power Project, Algeria (2002-2004):** advising the Algerian Government on a 2000 MW BOT project (800 MW for local consumption and 1200 MW for export).
- **Phu My II Power Plant, Vietnam (2003):** advising the sponsor of a 700 MW gas-fired power plant on a BOT basis.
- **Azito Power Plant (3 x 150 MW combined cycle) (1998):** advising the sponsors for the largest natural gas-fired power plant in sub-Saharan West Africa financed on a BOT basis in connection with the implementation of the concession and the negotiation of its extension.

Nuclear Power Projects

- **Nuclear Power Plant, India (2010-ongoing):** advising the leading international nuclear company on its bid for the construction, operation and maintenance of two nuclear power plants.
- **Exeltium Project (2007-2010):** advising the SPV, set up by a consortium of industrial off-takers, on one of the first nuclear IPPs in Europe, with an estimated project value of EUR 15 billion.
- **Abu Dhabi Nuclear Fleet, Abu Dhabi (2008-2009):** advising the leading international nuclear company on its bid to supply, construct and operate a fleet of civil nuclear power plants in Abu Dhabi.
- **Cernavoda Nuclear IPP Project, Romania (2008-2009):** advising a leading international utility on one of the first nuclear IPPs in Europe with an estimated project value of over EUR 2.5 billion.
- **Nuclear Power Plant, South Africa (2008):** advising the contractor consortium on the bid for the construction of a 3000 MW nuclear power plant on an EPC basis.
- **Nuclear Power Plant, Taishan, China (2007-2009):** advising the leading international nuclear company on the design, procurement and construction of two 1600-MW nuclear power plants in Taishan, Guangdong province.

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