

POWER | PROJECTS

Gide's Projects (Finance & Infrastructure) practice group regularly advises clients on energy and power projects. Our lawyers have extensive experience relating to thermal, hydroelectric and nuclear energy as well as future and renewable energies. 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.

Gide's long-standing experience in international power projects encompasses (i) representing large power projects developers, (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 a number of pioneering projects to successful financial closing.

Our broad 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).

In addition, Gide 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

Thermal Power Projects

- **Kayes Thermal Power Plant, Mali (2012 - ongoing):** advising lenders on the 61 MW Kayes thermal power plant concession.
- **Gas Fired Power Plants, Mauritania (2011 - suspended):** advising the project company on the legal structuring and development of natural gas power plant projects with an installed capacity of 350 MW.
- **Vridi Power Plant, Côte d'Ivoire (2010 - 2011):** advising developers on a combined cycle power plant.
- **Gas-to-Electricity Project, Tanzania (2010 - 2011):** advising the national power company Tanesco on a feasibility study for the development of a 240 MW gas-to-electricity project.
- **Thermal Power Plants, Caribbean Region (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.
- **Combined Cycle Power Plant, France (2010 - 2011):** advising the developers on a combined cycle power plant with an installed capacity of 400 MW.
- **Marafiq Jubail IWPP, Saudi Arabia (2010-2011):** advising a company on the supply of equipment and the conclusion of an EPC contract on various warranty issues relating to the Marafiq IWPP Project (Jubail).
- **Triple-Fuel 100 MW Lomé Power Plant, Togo (2009):** advising the sponsors on Togo's first IPP and first project financing. *Project Finance Magazine* named the transaction "African Power Deal of the Year 2009".

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- **Azito Power Plant, Côte d'Ivoire (Completion of financing, 1998) (1998-2007):** advising the sponsors on the largest natural gas-fired power plant in Sub-Saharan West Africa (3 x 150 MW combined cycle) financed on the basis of a BOT concession contract.
- **Power Plant Fos-sur-Mer, France (2004):** advising the sponsors of a 500 MW combined cycle power plant.
- **BOT Power Project, Algeria (2002-2004):** advising the Algerian government on a 2,000 MW BOT project (800 MW for local consumption and 1,200 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.
- **Laibin B Power Plant, China (1997):** advising China's State Development Planning Commission and the representatives of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government on the Laibin B Power Plant BOT project. This was the first independent wholly foreign-owned investment power project (2x 350 MW coal-fired) on a BOT basis. The transaction was awarded "Best Project of 1997" by *Asia Law* and *Project Finance International* magazines.

Nuclear Power Projects

- **Nuclear Power Plant, UK (2011):** advising a leading international nuclear company on its preparation to supply EPR plants in the UK.
- **Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant, India (2010-2012):** advising the leading international nuclear company on its bid for the construction, operation and maintenance of two nuclear power plants.
- **Fuel Cycle Back-End Project, China (2010):** advising a leading international nuclear company on legal and tax aspects in relation to the design, procurement and construction of a nuclear reprocessing and recycling plant with a capacity of 800t of used fuel per year.
- **Novarka, Ukraine (2010):** advising Novarka, a JV between Vinci and Bouygues Construction, on the construction of the Chernobyl nuclear power station containment structure.
- **Hong Yan He Nuclear Power Plant, China (2009-2010):** advising a leading international nuclear company on the successful bidding for the supply of an In-Core Instrumentation System to CNPEC for the Hong Yan He nuclear power plant.
- **Taishan Nuclear Power Plant, China (2007-2009):** advising the leading international nuclear company on the design, procurement and construction of two 1,600 MW nuclear power plants in Taishan, Guangdong province.
- **Nuclear Power Plant, South Africa (2008):** advising a leading international nuclear company as consortium leader on its bid to supply to ESKOM two 1,600 MW EPR power plants on the basis of a turnkey EPC contract.
- **Exeltium Project, France (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, UAE (2008-2009):** advising a leading international nuclear company on a bid for the procurement, construction and operation of a fleet of nuclear power plants in Abu Dhabi.
- **Cernavoda Nuclear IPP Project, Romania (2008-2009):** advising a leading international nuclear company on one of the first nuclear IPPs in Europe.

Renewable and Hydroelectric Energy Projects

See our specific "Renewable Energy" brochure.

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