

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS | AFRICA

Gide has put in place a highly regarded team and developed significant expertise in the field of international transport and infrastructure projects. Our lawyers have extensive experience relating to project development documentation (e.g. concessions/BTO, BOT/BOOT agreements, EPC, O&M, management and lease projects), and project financing documentation (e.g. facilities agreements, syndication, intercreditor and sub-participation, A/B loans, direct agreements, etc.).

Gide provides tailored assistance throughout all stages of transport and infrastructure projects all over the world. It advises public and private clients on structuring, securing, financing and implementing international projects in accordance with international "best practice" and "bankability" requirements.

Selected Recent Transactions

Motorways

- **Dakar-Diamniado Motorway, Senegal (2007-2009)**: advising the African Development Bank on validating the structuring of the Dakar - Diamniado motorway project on the lenders' behalf.
- **Cairo-Alexandria Motorway Project, Egypt (2007-2009)**: advising the International Finance Corporation on the award of a concession for the rehabilitation, extension, operation and maintenance of a motorway between Cairo and Alexandria.
- **Motorway, Algeria (2006-2007)**: advising the operator on the multi-phase construction and operation of the east-west section of a motorway in Algeria.
- **Motorway Project, Morocco (2003)**: advising Autoroutes du Maroc on setting up the financing structure of motorways.

Airports

- **Diass Airport, Republic of Senegal (2012)**: advising BNP Paribas and BMCE Capital as Mandated Lead Arrangers on financing the design, construction and maintenance of the Diass international airport, located in Senegal.
- **Brazzaville Airport Village, Republic of Congo (2011-2012)**: advising Lufthansa Consulting as lead advisor to the Government of the Republic of Congo on the development of an airport village for Brazzaville Airport.
- **Airport Concession, Mali (2009-2012)**: advising the Government of Mali on the rehabilitation, expansion, operation, maintenance and transfer of nine airports in Mali.
- **Abidjan International Airport Concession, Côte d'Ivoire (2009)**: advising the current concessionaire on the renewal of the concession of the Abidjan International Airport.
- **Airports Concession, Congo (2008-2009)**: advising the bidder on the operation, maintenance and modernisation of the airports of Brazzaville, Pointe-Noire and Ollombo in Congo.
- **Mauritius International Airport BOT Project (2008-2009)**: advising the concessionaire on the design, financing, construction, ownership, operation, maintenance and transfer of Mauritius International Airport.
- **Camair, Cameroon (2006)**: advising the Government of Cameroon and an IFI on the privatisation of the national airline company, Camair.
- **The Enfidha-Hammamet International/ Airport, Tunisia (2002-2005)**: advising the Government of Tunisia on the first BOT airport project in the country.

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Ports

- **Port infrastructures for an Iron Ore Project, Republic of the Congo (2012-ongoing):** advising a South-African mining company as regards the framework of an iron ore project on agreements relating to the use and extension of port infrastructures.
- **Port of Tangier City (2012-ongoing):** advising SAPT, in charge of the port's operation, on financing the port's overhaul.
- **Port of Nouakchott Concession Project, Mauritania (2011-2012):** advising the IFC and the Government of Mauritania on setting up a PPP for the financing, construction and operation of a new container terminal in the Autonomous Port of Nouakchott.
- **Dosso Dry Port, Niger (2010-ongoing):** advising the IFC and the Government of Niger on setting up a PPP for the financing, construction and operation of a dry port in Dosso and its branch in Niamey, and the creation of an independent dry port authority in Niger.
- **Cotonou Container Terminal PPP, Benin (2009):** advising the IFC and the Government of Benin on the concession of a new container facility in the Autonomous Port of Cotonou.
- **Mayumba Deep-Sea Port, Gabon (2009):** advising the Government of Gabon on the award of a concession for the construction and operation of a deep-sea port.
- **Lomé Port Concession, Togo (2008-2009):** advising a major Danish group on the drafting, negotiation and award of a concession agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Lomé port container terminal, including a 400m-long new wharf and 15 acres of parkland.
- **Industrial Operation of Deep-sea Waters, Mauritius (2007):** advising the Government of Mauritius on the design, financing, construction, operation, maintenance, and transfer of property of the commercial and industrial park operating the deep-sea waters of Mauritius.
- **Autonomous Port of Abidjan Concession, Côte d'Ivoire (2004-2006):** advising the concession consortium on the concession project to modernise and operate a new Ro-Ro terminal in the Autonomous Port of Abidjan.
- **Douala Port, Cameroon (2004):** advising one of the members of the winning consortium of a container terminal concession in Douala Port during the pre-litigation phase related to the incorporation of the project company and the negotiation of the shareholders' agreement (in particular on the commercial conditions of operation by the consortium members).
- **Tangiers Mediterranean Port, Morocco (2004):** advising Maersk Akwa on the concession for the construction and operation of the Tangiers Med Port's first container terminal.
- **Seaport Law Review, Algeria (2004):** advising the Algerian Government on a review and analysis of port laws and preparing draft laws for the implementation of the 1998 reform.
- **Autonomous Port of Abidjan Extension Project, Côte d'Ivoire (2000-2001):** advising the Ministry of Economic Infrastructures on the review of the concession documents prior to entry into effect of a concession agreement for the design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of port infrastructures in Abidjan.

Rail

- **Railway and Port Infrastructures for an Iron Ore Project, Republic of the Congo (2012-ongoing):** advising a South-African mining company in the context of an iron ore project on agreements relating to the use and rehabilitation of the railway line and agreements relating to the use and extension of port infrastructure.
- **Belinga Permits, Gabon (2008):** advising a major Chinese company on a USD 6-billion investment for the development of an iron ore mine in Gabon and construction of related railroad, deep-sea harbour and hydroelectric power plant, including negotiating the mining convention, the shareholders' agreement and the EPC contracts.
- **Rabat - Salé Tramway, Morocco (2007):** advising the Bouregreg Valley Development Agency on the negotiation of a rolling stock supply agreement to be used on the Rabat - Salé Tramway network.
- **Maputo Port and Railway Project (1997-2002):** advising the Government of Mozambique on implementing the legislative framework, preparing tender offer documents and concession contract for the port of Maputo and its connecting railway.

“Strong French firm with an enviable presence in francophone Africa. Established name in the representation of state-owned companies, as well as advising IFIs and private sponsors and developers on renewable energy projects and infrastructure developments concerning ports and municipal services. The Paris-based team is equally highly adept in oil and gas projects and transactions.”

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“Gide Loyrette Nouel LLP has ‘a good reputation for Francophone Africa’, is ‘value for money’ and ‘offers international standards in West Africa’. The firm is noted for projects, finance, M&A and arbitration, with its team principally located in Paris, London and Casablanca. Much of the practice is connected to infrastructure projects.”

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