

RENEWABLE ENERGY



Squire Sanders has extensive capability and experience in the renewable energy sector. We have an outstanding track record of advising on all aspects of onshore and offshore wind farm projects in Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific.

We also have expertise in developing solar power plants and facilities fueled by biomass and other renewable resources such as waste. Our experience with power plant construction includes cogeneration, geothermal, wood-waste, agricultural waste, waste oil and peat-fueled facilities. Our renewable energy clients include developers, banks, private equity investors, contractors and utilities. We have in-depth expertise across legal disciplines, from corporate finance and M&A to project planning, consent and construction.

We advise clients on:

- Renewable energy project development and project finance
- Financial incentives for renewable energy generation projects
- Sale and acquisition of renewable energy assets
- Environmental issues affecting the renewable energy industry
- Regulation of the renewable energy industry
- Litigation and arbitration relating to renewable energy projects
- Health and safety issues surrounding renewable energy projects
- Antitrust and competition issues
- Tax structuring and incentives

SECTOR SPECIALISTS, GLOBAL COVERAGE

Squire Sanders has offices throughout the world, allowing us to serve clients throughout the global renewable energy sector. The assignments highlighted below give an indication of the breadth and depth of our experience in this sector.

Americas

- Representing a major solar PV manufacturer and contractor in its negotiation of an EPC contract of a 20 MW PV power plant in New Mexico.
- Representing a sponsor in connection with the sale by a project company of membership interests pursuant to a US\$190 million tax equity financing of two wind farms in North Dakota with a generating capacity of 170 MW.
- Representing a lender and equipment supplier in a 200 MW wind power project in San Bernardino County, California.
- Representing a US-based biofuels developer in the development of multiple projects in the midwestern and southern United States.
- Advising on the construction of two US\$40 million waste wood-fueled power plants in Alberta and Nova Scotia, Canada.
- Representing an international consortium in connection with negotiating a concession agreement, power purchase agreement and shareholders' agreement for a proposed 200 MW greenfield hydroelectric facility in Ecuador.

Europe

- Advising E.ON UK Renewables, Nuon UK Renewables, REG Windpower Ltd, Falck Renewables plc, Peel Energy Limited and other companies on the development of UK onshore wind farms.
- Advising the Swedish state utility company, Vattenfall AB, in relation to its joint venture arrangements with Scottish Power/Iberdrola in connection with the UK Crown Estate's Round 3 program of offshore wind development.
- Advising Englefield Capital and international investment bank Arcapita on the £400 million portfolio financing of Zephyr Investments, the UK's first portfolio financing of wind farms under the Renewable Obligation Certificate market-led mechanism and the first involvement of private equity at this level in the sector.
- Advising on several acquisition projects in the wind energy sector for Enerco, one of the largest Polish wind farm operators.
- Advising Express Energy on the development of a portfolio of biomass energy plants in the UK.

Asia Pacific

- Advising a Scandinavia-based company on a build-operate-transfer transaction for a wind farm project in Shantou, Guangdong, China including operation and maintenance agreements.
- Representing an entrepreneur setting up various solar energy-related companies with operations in China regarding commercialization of revolutionary solar energy technology.
- Representing a client in the cross-border formation of a joint venture in Taiwan for the establishment of a solar energy product manufacturing plant.
- Representing the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand in the Nam Gnum 2&3 hydroelectric projects.
- Assisting a Hong Kong-based client establishing two offshore companies for a project involving a US\$30 million investment in a solar energy field.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE



Project Development

Representing a solar power developer in negotiating a PPA with Southern California Edison supporting the development of one of the world's largest solar power generation facilities (500 to 850 MW), which will be located in Southern California's Mojave Desert.

Advising Trianel Windkraftwerk Borkum GmbH & Co Kg in relation to a multimillion Euro contract for the installation of 40 tripods, the jacket and topsides for a 200 MW wind farm off the coast of Germany.

Advising Abengoa on the EUR100 million construction of a greenfield bioethanol plant in Lacs, in the French Pyrenees, capable of producing approximately 180,000 tons of ethanol a year from 500,000 tons of corn.

M&A and Corporate

Representing a multinational energy company regarding the divestiture of more than seven utility scale wind power projects including projects throughout California, Ireland and Greece.

Representing a potential purchaser in connection with the due diligence of a US\$2 billion portfolio of wind energy generating assets for possible acquisition.

Acting for Renewable Energy Generation Limited in relation to the £68 million disposal of its Canadian wind farm business, Aim PowerGen Corporation, to International Power.

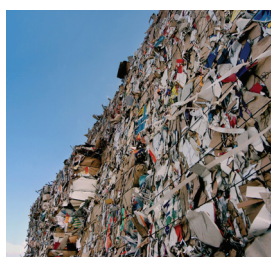


Commercial Contracts

Advising infrastructure project developers on turbine supply agreements and O&M agreements with Vestas, Acciona and Nordex.

Representing a major solar PV manufacturer and contractor in its negotiation of an EPC contract for a 48 MW expansion of an existing PV power plant in Nevada.

Negotiating turn-key contracts for a leading solar developer with US and German suppliers.



Regulatory

Advising renewable energy project developers on the UK's Feed-in Tariff scheme.

Advising a Spanish investor operating in the wind energy sector on corporate and regulatory matters including regulatory obligations, negotiating with the Enea Operator on interconnection agreement and negotiating lease agreements with land owners.

Advising a Denmark-based wind systems company regarding wind energy projects in Northwest Poland including investment financing and agreements with local energy distributors and regulatory advisory services.

Environmental

Advising Severn Trent on environmental permitting issues relating to a UK waste-to-energy projects.

Representing a Spain-based power company in its regulatory, environmental and corporate due diligence of an Arizona-based solar energy company.

Advising on all environmental aspects of the disposal of one of the largest landfill gas-to-energy portfolios in the UK.



Finance

Acting as borrower's and guarantor's counsel in connection with a US\$400 million senior secured credit facility portfolio financing of 309 MW wind energy facilities.

Representing the sponsor and borrower in a US\$700 million term loan and letter of credit project financing deal for two US wind facilities aggregating 606.5 MW of capacity.

Representing a sponsor in connection with the sale by a project company of membership interests pursuant to a US\$190 million tax equity financing of two wind farms in North Dakota with a generating capacity of 170 MW.

Representing a Canadian project company and sponsor in connection with a CDN\$165 million term loan.

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