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## Nuclear Energy

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Hammonds LLP has outstanding experience in the UK and EU nuclear energy sector. We are trusted legal advisors to major clients across the nuclear sector, including bidding consortia, Tier 2 Contractors, parent body organisations, operational companies, licensed nuclear installations, new build sponsors, local authorities, and specialist nuclear contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.

Our clients include the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), British Nuclear Fuels, British Energy Group, Nuclear Management Partners Ltd (consortium comprising Areva NC, Amec and URS Washington Division), Sellafield Ltd, UK Nuclear Waste Management Ltd (consortium comprising URS Washington Division, Studsvik UK, and Serco Assurance), LLW Repository Ltd, Areva SA, Springfields Fuels Limited, Babcock International and James Fisher plc.

We provide expert legal advice on issues including decommissioning and waste management, nuclear new build and planning issues, regulation of the nuclear sector, the nuclear liability regime, insurance, licensing, health and safety at nuclear sites, public procurement and EU public law issues, operational and maintenance agreements and dispute resolution. In addition to our deep knowledge of the legal and commercial issues surrounding the sector, we have an excellent understanding of the inter-relationship of key Government departments on nuclear issues. We also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the nuclear sector, focusing on regulatory issues, health and safety, planning, public procurement, and dispute avoidance and resolution.

### EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

- Advising UK Nuclear Waste Management Ltd on its successful bid for appointment as the parent body organisation for the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg, in the first of the competitions run by the NDA). We advised on a range of issues, including the establishment and structuring of the consortium company.
- Advising UK Nuclear Waste Management Ltd and LLW Repository Ltd on operational matters including waste strategy, supply chain management and waste consignor contracts. This work has involved regular dialogue with the NDA, HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) and the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).
- Advising Nuclear Management Partners Ltd on its successful bid for appointment as the parent body of Sellafield, the largest and most complex NDA site, and during the first NDA competition to adopt the competitive dialogue process. Our involvement included advice on nuclear and other liability risks, development of contractual terms for inclusion in the bid, representation in competitive dialogue and clarification sessions with the NDA, finalisation of the contractual documentation and structuring issues to manage transition and completion of share transfer.

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- Advising licensed nuclear institutions on regulatory issues including nuclear site licence provisions (and related discussions with NII), UK road and rail nuclear transport permitting and international regulatory compliance.
- Advising UK local authorities on environmental regulation, planning and new build. This has included acting on behalf of a local authority to challenge the findings of the National Policy Statement, which excluded the area in question from the site selection process for potential new build.
- Advising licensed nuclear institutions on nuclear insurance regimes, including representation and negotiation in connection with international conventions.
- Advising on substantial contractual disputes in connection with nuclear decommissioning work at Berkeley Power Station, Trawsfynydd Power Station, Hunterston A Power Station and Springfields (Preston).
- Advising on regulatory and commercial issues around licensing, justification and the new RSA 93 permitting scheme, planning, security and environmental issues involved in new build developments, and new build alongside decommissioning.
- Advising various clients on disputes in connection with the design, construction and refurbishment of nuclear plants throughout the UK.
- Advising on nuclear liabilities in the transport of radioactive waste.
- Advising the Transport Container Standardisation Committee and producing a full annual report of relevant law and regulation, speaking at the RAMTUC annual seminar event, and advising on membership of RADSAFE.

## OUR TEAM

Hammonds' nuclear team brings together experts in nuclear planning and construction, commercial and regulatory issues, liability, health and safety, procurement, corporate finance and dispute resolution. We are fully engaged with the leading UK and international professional bodies, including the International Nuclear Law Association, the Nuclear Institute of the United Kingdom and the Nuclear Industry Association (NIA) of the United Kingdom. We are active participants in the NIA's working groups on Decommissioning, Energy Policy, Industrial Affairs and Nuclear New Build.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

"The group has become increasingly active in commercial radioactive waste management matters" (Chambers & Partners, 2010). "Hammonds seems to have discovered the holy grail of top quality advice at a reasonable cost" (Legal Week, Client Satisfaction Report, 2009).

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