The Nuclear Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the few firms in the UK with genuine experience and in-depth understanding of the EU and UK nuclear liability regime and surrounding practical issues. Our focus on the Nuclear sector coupled with our experience advising in relation to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's (NDA) competitions places us at the forefront in this area. In addition to our in-depth knowledge of the legal, regulatory and commercial issues, we understand the inter-relationship of key Government departments on nuclear issues.

ESTABLISHED NUCLEAR SECTOR EXPERIENCE

We have advised on a substantial number of major projects in the Nuclear sector, as well as providing operational advice in relation to the nuclear sites. Our recent experience includes representing bidding consortia in NDA competitions, providing advice on regulatory, licensing, health and safety, insurance, planning, public procurement and EU public law issues and negotiating operational and maintenance agreements. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR

We have experience acting for a range of clients in the Nuclear sector including bidding consortiums, Tier 2 Contractors, parent body organisations, operational companies, licensed nuclear installations, new build sponsors, professionals, subcontractors, specialist contractors and suppliers. Our experience places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the Nuclear sector. Our clients include the 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 International Nuclear Solutions plc amongst others.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We are active participants in the Nuclear Industry Association Working Groups on Decommissioning, Energy Policy, Industrial Affairs and New Build. Some of our Nuclear team are members of the relevant boards.

TRAINING

We can undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Nuclear sector. The training we provide focuses on regulatory, health and safety, planning and public procurement issues as well as dispute avoidance and resolution.

"Equally well regarded for its strengths in both contentious and non-contentious work, this balanced team is able to provide clients with a complete service on construction concerns"
Chambers and Partners, 2009

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg	
Bidding Consortia	Advising on a successful bid for appointment as parent body organization in the first of the NDA competitions. Advice included the establishment and structuring of the consortium company.
A Parent body organisation and Site Licensing Company	Advising on operational matters including waste strategy, supply chain management, and waste consignor contracts. This work involves us in regular dialogue with the NDA, HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) and the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).
Sellafield	
Bidding Consortia	Advising on a successful bid for appointment as parent body organization on the largest and most complex NDA site and in 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.
Regulatory Advice	
Licensed Nuclear Institutions	Advising on regulatory issues including nuclear site licence provisions (and related discussions with NII), UK road and rail nuclear transport permitting and international regulatory compliance.
Insurance	
Licensed Nuclear Institutions	Advising on nuclear insurance regimes, including representation and negotiation in connection with international conventions.
Dispute Avoidance and Resolution	
Various	A number of substantial contractual disputes in connection with nuclear decommissioning work at Berkeley Power Station, Trawsfynydd Power Station, Hunterston A Power Station, Springfields, Preston.
Various	Disputes in connection with the design, construction and refurbishment of various nuclear plants throughout the UK.

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