

# Energy in Africa



African Wind Deal of the Year for our involvement in Mainstream Northern Cape

PFI Awards 2015

"It is a very fine team - they have a good business approach, they don't get bogged down and they manage the details and help guide us through problems that we really need to solve."

Projects & Energy, Africa-wide, Chambers Global 2016

Simmons & Simmons has a leading Africa practice, advising on electricity, mining, oil and gas, and other energy and infrastructure projects out of both its Paris and London offices.

## Expertise in practice

### Our specialist lawyers have advised:

- as co-transaction counsel to a syndicate, arranged by Absa Bank Limited, financing two wind farms under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme in South Africa
- Mainstream Renewable Power ('Mainstream') on its \$1.9 billion US dollar joint venture in Africa with pan-emerging markets investor Actis
- Fugro on the acquisition of the Geofor group of companies based in Mauritius, Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) and São Tomé e Príncipe
- an international developer on Dibamba and Kribi; two greenfield IPPs in Cameroon with a combined output of approx. 500MW
- International Power on the US\$5.2bn Mmamabula power and mining project in Botswana
- a sponsor on the US\$4bn Ambatovy mining project restructuring in Madagascar
- the South African Government on two oil-fired OCGT peaking power plants with a combined output of approximately 1,000MW
- the developer on a greenfield power project in the Ivory Coast
- as project counsel to Egyptian LNG in relation to all aspects of the project's development and financing
- various market participants on oil and gas field borrowing-base financings in Egypt and Nigeria
- on mining projects in numerous African countries including Cameroon, Chad, the Ivory Coast, the DRC, Guinea, Niger, and Tanzania
- on oil and gas, including LNG, projects in Algeria, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Mozambique, Nigeria, the Sudan, Swaziland and Uganda
- the sponsors on the first IWPP in Algeria and subsequently on six other Algerian power projects
- on the 200MW Tangier and Tarfaya wind farms in Morocco as well as on the Tahaddart and Jorf-Lassfar power projects
- ESKOM on electricity restructuring issues relating to distribution and the creation of an internal market
- the Mozambique Government in relation to a new Electricity Law and new electricity regulations and model concession contracts

## Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is a world class international law firm with over 1,500 legal staff throughout our network of offices in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.. Our current clients comprise 40% of the Fortune Global 500 and more than 50 of the current FTSE 100 companies. We focus on the E&I market, through our international projects and construction teams including in the field of African projects, and we are acknowledged and recommended in the legal directories. Acting out of both Paris and London, our team of lawyers has been advising on projects under both common and civil law in both North and Sub-Saharan Africa for the past 20 years and has developed extensive connections in the legal and industry markets during that period.

## Awards and accolades

“A group that really knows Africa and the practical aspects of working in these countries.” Chambers Global 2014

“Vast on-the-ground experience - very much appreciated when dealing with African countries.” Chambers Global 2014

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