

Power in Africa



Simmons & Simmons has been operating in Africa for over 20 years and has acted on matters in all of the 54 African nations.

We have advised on numerous domestic and cross-border projects and transactions in the power sector. We have a vast amount of experience of working on major power projects throughout Africa including on project development/construction, project financings, acquisitions and disposals, government owned contractor arrangements and outsourcing contracts.

Expertise in practice

Our specialist lawyers have advised:

- Mainstream Renewable Power on its \$1.9 billion joint venture in Africa with Actis which is intended to develop up to 900MW of wind and solar projects in **Africa**
- ETA Star (Dubai) on various aspects of its EPC contracting arrangements in relation to the development of a greenfield cement and 50MW power plant in **Angola**
- a potential purchaser of an interest in a power project in **Botswana**
- The AES Corporation as developer on **Dibamba** and **Kribi**; two greenfield IPPs in **Cameroon** with a combined output of approx. 500MW
- Fomentinvest on the potential acquisition of wind farms in **Cape Verde**
- a developer on a proposed new coal-fired IPP in **Djibouti**
- an international developer with respect to the development of a 150MW windfarm in **Ghana**
- the developer on a greenfield power project in the **Ivory Coast**
- the project sponsor in the development and project financing of a US\$1.5 billion, 1,200MW power facility in **Madagascar**
- Areva on its partnership with KEPCO (Korea Electric Power Corporation) by which KEPCO took a 10% indirect stake in the Imouraren uranium mine in **Niger** (the largest such mine in Africa and second largest in the world)
- Dubai Group on its acquisition of 40% stake in Chiranjjevi Wind Energy Limited, a leading wind turbine manufacturing company in **Nigeria**
- A major international oil & gas company on the rehabilitation of a 280 MW gas-fired power station and the development of a new 650MW CCGT greenfield IPP project in **Nigeria**
- an international developer with respect to the development of potential PV and wind projects in **Senegal**
- on a project finance transaction related to the construction of a hydroelectric power plant in **Sierra Leone** for the approximate value of US\$250,000,000
- the **Swaziland** Electricity Company on all stages of the procurement through financial close of the Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Project
- the Government of **Swaziland** on the Lower Maguduza Hydro power project
- Intra Energy Corporation on its development of coal-fired power plants in each of **Tanzania** and **Malawi** intended to generate (initially) up to 400MW, involving advice in relation to draft power purchase agreements
- on an EPC contract and all project documents, as part of a project to construct a hydroelectric power plant in **Uganda**
- IPS Ltd on the West Nile rural electrification project in **Uganda**

South Africa experience

- the arrangers of three limited recourse project financings of onshore wind farms (in aggregate 360MW) in round 3 of **South Africa's** renewable energy IPP programme
- the lenders in relation to the procurement and construction contracts for the development by Mainstream Renewable Power and Globeleq of two wind power and three photovoltaic solar power projects in **South Africa** as part of the South African Renewable IPP programme
- the South African Government on two oil-fired OCGT peaking power plants with a combined output of approximately 1,000MW

- Absa Capital and Barclays Capital and the commercial lenders on 3 onshore wind projects developed as part of Round 3 of **South Africa's** renewable energy IPP procurement (REIPPP) process
 - Absa Capital and Barclays Capital and the commercial lenders on the 138MW **Jeffrey's Bay** wind project, the 20MW De Aar solar pv farm and the 20MW Droogfontein solar pv farm
 - the Government of **Uganda** on provisions of the draft PPA for the Bujagali Hydro-electric project
- North Africa experience**
- the sponsors on the first IWPP in **Algeria** and subsequently on six other Algerian power projects
 - on a concentrated solar project in **Morocco** as well as a number of other thermal and renewable power projects in **Morocco** and **Algeria**
 - on the 200MW **Tangier** and **Tarfaya** wind farms in Morocco as well as on the Tahaddart and Jorf-Lassfar power projects
 - Renewable Energy Systems on the development of two wind farm projects in **Morocco** (160MW and 40MW)
 - a major European utility as proposed sponsor to a 500MW solar energy IPP project in **Morocco**
 - a Chinese state-owned power company on the construction of a coal-fired power plant in **Morocco**
 - the lenders (including JBIC/NEXI and K-EXIM) on the expansion of a major coal fired IPP in **Morocco**
 - the arranger in respect of a multi-sourced, Hermes covered limited recourse financing of a 384MW combined cycle gas-fired power station to be located in Tahaddart, **Morocco**
 - TAQA on its first acquisition of international power generation assets. The acquisition involved TAQA purchasing CMS Generation, as well as acquiring the interests of CMS Generation's JV partner ABB in **Morocco** and **India**
 - on a consortium bidding for the 350-500MW combined cycle IPP in **Tunisia**

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