

Overview

Participants in construction projects require timely advice from their legal counsel. You require a partner with a strong understanding of this dynamic industry. From high-rise office buildings to mass transit systems to energy facilities and major infrastructure projects, the lawyers at Dentons have the knowledge and experience to assist you.

In advising on construction documentation, our construction team is constantly drawn into design, engineering and construction program issues. Our team has a good understanding of project administration, risk management and the financing of construction projects. We also regularly act on operational and facilities management contracts.

Our construction team acts for a vast array of construction industry participants, including owners, developers, lenders, contractors and equipment suppliers. Whether you seek advice on the most advantageous procurement method, or in drafting and negotiating the construction documentation, we stand ready to listen to your needs and respond accordingly. Our experience covers a broad range of transactional and litigation matters relating to projects involving educational institutions, manufacturers, health care facilities, energy facilities, restaurants, retail, housing, and others.

We act as general counsel to companies throughout their projects and advise on all aspects of their business management.

We also litigate and resolve all types of construction disputes around the world. Together, we protect your interests in connection with a full range of construction issues in all forums, including courts of competent jurisdiction, arbitration, adjudication, mediation and other dispute resolution proceedings. We achieve success for our clients by implementing strategies that achieve their goals in the fastest, most effective and most cost-efficient manner possible.

At Dentons, building a legal framework that supports your project's success is our passion.

Areas of focus include:

- Contractors and Suppliers
- Design Professionals
- Developers and Owners
- Insurers and Sureties
- Project Operators

Representative Experience

- **BC Hydro Site C Clean Energy Project:** Advising with respect to finance, construction, procurement and commercial matters on the Site C Clean Energy Project, an 1100MW hydroelectric project near Fort St. John, British Columbia, with capital cost estimate of CA\$8.335 billion.
- **Birmingham City Council:** Advising the mandated lead arrangers (MLA) of the Birmingham Highways Maintenance Private Finance Initiative Project. Birmingham City Council wanted to transfer the risk of upgrading,

operating and maintaining its highway network. Amey Ventures Ltd. was appointed by the council to deliver this £2.8 billion project. Having previously advised the UK Highways Agency on 12 privately financed design/build/finance/operate road projects, including the M25 London orbital motorway, as well as private sector consortia and lenders on roads projects around the world, we were appointed to advise the MLAs on the project. We successfully advised them on a range of complex commercial, legal and financial structuring issues. The project was given the European PPP Deal of the Year 2010 award by Project Finance International, with our team being nominated for Infrastructure Journal's Transport category award. The project is now delivering an improved highway network in Birmingham and the certainty of a long-term maintenance program.

- **Eko Rail Company Limited:** Supporting its successful bid to operate the new rail system. This project involves substantial track and station fit-out works, operation and maintenance, rolling stock supply and project financing sourced from a range of international banks, equity investors, local banks, development finance institutions and export credit agencies (ECAs). This project shows the strength of the firm's rail practice in Africa and other emerging markets, and synergies with its well-respected Project Finance practice.
- **Emirates Steel Industries (ESI), PJSC and General Holding Corporation:** Advising a subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi government's General Holding Corporation (GHC), on project financing in relation to the \$1 billion expansion of a steel plant in Abu Dhabi. The expansion will be financed from a mixture of export credit agencies, Islamic and conventional sources. Dentons is advising ESI and GHC on the project contracts and all aspects of the financing. Our Firm previously advised ESI and GHC on the financing of a \$2 billion expansion undertaken in 2010.
- **James Hardie Building Products:** Assisting a construction materials manufacturer with various clean air environmental regulatory, enforcement and compliance issues in several US jurisdictions.
- **Japanese metal supplier:** Advising in structuring a China joint venture and in the subsequent withdrawal by one of its China subsidiaries from the joint venture. This deal allowed our client an efficient business structure in the region.
- **Panattoni Germany Management GmbH:** Advising on the development and lease of a 16,000 square meter logistics center located in Southern Germany. The development of the logistics property in the southern German city of Schwaebisch Gmuend has given Panattoni a successful entry into the German market. Our team regularly advises logistics real estate developer Panattoni on all aspects of real estate acquisitions and project development.
- **Schaumann-Group:** Advising on a joint venture with the Dutch project developer Kondor Wessels for the development of an exclusive construction project on Potsdamer Platz in Berlin. The development includes more than 80 luxury apartments and an approximately 3,500 m² fitness and health area. The project is financed by the Dutch SNS Bank.
- **Global manufacturer of gypsum:** Assisting in a \$60 million investment in a Middle East mineral company over the next two years to develop a gypsum quarry and to build and operate a new low cost wallboard/plasterboard plant in the Middle East region.
- **Multinational aluminum producer:** Structuring an equity joint venture with respect to the establishment of a \$300 million Greenfield manufacturing facility in China, including drafting and negotiating the joint venture contract with Chinese partners, key supply contracts, an investment incentives agreement with the local government and a multi-currency term and revolving \$235 million syndicated facility with major Chinese financial institutions.