

HD DLA Group: Eten project bond named "Project Finance Deal of the Year" by International Financial Law Review

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Planta de Reserva Fria de Generacion de Eten S.A., a Peru-based power generation **company**, received the "Deal of the Year" award in the Project Finance category from International Financial Law Review. DLA Piper advised BTG Pactual as arranger and placement agent of the US\$132.8 **million** project bond offering by Eten to finance a 20-year concession to build, develop, operate and maintain a new thermal cold reserve power plant, transmission line and related infrastructure in the Reque district in the province of Chiclayo, Peru.

Last month, the Eten transaction was also recognized as "Latin American Project Bond Deal of the Year" and "Overall Latin American Deal of the Year" by Project Finance Magazine. It is the first international greenfield project bond in Latin America, the first power plant project bond in Latin America and the first international project bond in Latin America with a partial credit guarantee, making it a landmark transaction in the project finance field.

The DLA Piper team that represented BTG Pactual was led by Gianluca Bacchiocchi, a partner in the Corporate and Finance practice in Chicago, and included Fernando Rodriguez-Marin, Jeffrey Susskind and Diego Harman in New York.

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COMPANY BACKGROUND

ACTIVITIES

DLA provides legal advisory services. The **firm**'s areas of practice include corporate, banking, litigation, property and construction, human resources, insurance, shipping, intellectual property, and transport. The **firm** is headquartered in London, United Kingdom with additional offices in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, **Hong Kong**, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Russia.

BUSINESS NEWS ROUND UP

02 April 2014: DLA Piper launches leadership alliance for women in Australia

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper launches its global Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW) program in Australia this month, with inaugural events being held in Sydney and Perth as part of a global initiative to provide current and future leaders with opportunities to build valuable business connections, develop client relationships and strengthen leadership skills for future success. DLA Piper launches its global Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW) program in Australia this month, with inaugural events being held in Sydney and Perth as part of a global initiative to provide current and future leaders with opportunities to build valuable business connections, develop client relationships and strengthen leadership skills for future success. "Meet the leaders: Inspiring women in business" marks the official LAW launch in Sydney on Wednesday 9 April.

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01 April 2014: DLA Piper recognized as a technology "Powerhouse" by BTI Consulting Group

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the **firm** has been recognized as a technology "Powerhouse" by the BTI Consulting Group in its newly published 2014 BTI Client Relationship Scorecard. DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the **firm** has been recognized as a technology "Powerhouse" by the BTI Consulting Group in its newly published 2014 BTI Client Relationship Scorecard. BTI also ranked DLA Piper number 20 out of 650 law firms serving large clients for having the best client relationships, placing the **firm** on the "Power Elite" list. Between March and July 2013, BTI conducted interviews with 300 corporate counsel at large and Fortune 1000 companies about what law **firm** activities drive superior client relationships.

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01 April 2014: DLA Piper plays **lead** role advising on the Mersey Gateway project

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper has advised Halton Borough Council on the Pound600 **million** Mersey Gateway Project, a major scheme to build a new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey between Runcorn and Widnes. DLA Piper has advised Halton Borough Council on the Pound600 **million** Mersey Gateway Project, a major scheme to build a new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey between Runcorn and Widnes. One of the leading project finance mandates in the UK at present, the DLA Piper team advised on the procurement of a private sector partner for the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance of the new 1 km long cable-stayed bridge over the River Mersey and tolling of the crossings. This major project saw the team provide advice on planning, land **acquisition**, compulsory **purchase** orders, tolling, legislative frameworks and the implementation of new legislation, as well as providing strategic advice on the procurement process, structural approaches and bespoke documentation for the bridge. The multi-disciplinary DLA Piper team comprised lawyers from the **firm's** Finance & Projects, IPT, Real Estate and Employment groups across its Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and London offices.

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01 April 2014: DLA Piper successfully defends St. Jude Medical in guidewire patent infringement case

[**Company** Release] DLA Piper has secured the dismissal of patent infringement claims against subsidiaries of St. Jude Medical Inc., a global medical device manufacturer, by device maker Volcano Corp. DLA Piper has secured the dismissal of patent infringement claims against subsidiaries of St.

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31 March 2014: Israeli Investors And Industry Leaders Gather At DLA Piper's 2nd Annual Global Real Estate Conference In Tel Aviv

[**Company** Release] On Monday, March 24, DLA Piper hosted its 2nd Israeli Global Real Estate Conference in Tel Aviv. The event provided perspectives on current trends and the future outlook of the real estate markets in Europe, Asia and the United States for Israeli-based companies seeking to diversify their real estate capital investments.

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