



## James Douglass

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## OVERVIEW

James Douglass is an energy lawyer delivering complex high value projects for clients in many different market and legal environments particularly in emerging markets. He has deep experience in Asia, Africa, Russia, Central Asia, Turkey, the Middle East, the CEE, and Latin America/Caribbean. Through his time living and working in Asia, he has developed an understanding of the requirements of Asian investors in their global energy projects.

James' practice primarily focuses on power (conventional and renewables), Oil & Gas (LNG, upstream, midstream, downstream), infrastructure, and resources. In addition, James has substantial experience advising on project finance and other structured lending and on project contracts/EPC, M&A, and shareholders joint venture arrangements.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- APLMA (Asia-Pacific Loan Market Association) Project Finance Committee
- AMPLA (Australian Mineral and Petroleum Lawyers Association)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Green Hydrogen US Production, Transport and Storage," virtual conference, 25-26 May 2021

## EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Queensland, 1990
- Bachelor of Laws and Commerce, University of Queensland, 1990

## ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Hong Kong High Court

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Financing LNG Projects, Author, AMPLA Yearbook, 2011 Financing LNG Projects, Chapter in “Liquefied Natural Gas”, Global Law and Business, 2nd and 3rd edition (2012 and 2017)
- The Year of the Special Situation, Energy Update, March 2019
- A Year of Change for Worldwide Energy, Energy Update, 2020
- Presentation on financing of LNG projects, AMPLA Conference Melbourne, Australia, 2011
- Floating LNG projects, Practical Law Company, 2020
- Practical Law publication on Floating LNG, 2020

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 29 July 2021, Negotiating and Documenting Corporate PPAs, hosted by Infocast Master Class (*Event*)
- 1 April 2021, K&L Gates Adds Second London Energy Partner Since Start of March (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Corporate Energy Sourcing and Sustainability
- Energy Finance
- Liquefied Natural Gas
- Mining and Metals
- Power
- Renewables

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Galp Energia SGPS on Corporate PPA with X-Elio for over 220MW of output from three solar PV projects in Extremadura, Spain

- Greenville Oil & Gas as sponsors on development and project financing of a 1m tpa LNG project for domestic sales in Nigeria involving IFC, EIB, ECA's and international and Nigerian banks (a landmark project in lowering Nigeria's carbon emissions and improving the balance of payments by reducing diesel imports)
- Reganosa Servicios S.L. as Operator on the small scale truck loading HiGas LNG project in Sardinia, Italy (a project to introduce gas to Sardinia's transport sector)
- Galp Energia SGPS on the US\$15 billion ECA backed multi-sourced project financing of the Rovuma LNG liquefaction project in Mozambique (the largest project financing in Africa)
- Reganosa Servicios S.L. as Operator of the Tema LNG import (LNG to gas) project in Ghana (the first LNG import project in Ghana) project financed by a consortium of DFI's (led by African Development Bank) and commercial banks
- Transocean on \$550 million vendor financing of semi-submersible rig
- Vendors and offtakers on vendor loan note financing of a major offshore oil interest in the South Atlantic involving support from UKEF and project bond issuances
- Reganosa as operator of the LNG re-gas terminal for the Electrogas Malta LNG to power project in Malta
- ONGC Videsh Ltd and consortium partners on its entry into the concession for the Lower Zakum oil fields, offshore Abu Dhabi, (the first new concession for that field granted since 1953 and the first investment by Indian parties in the UAE oil and gas sector)
- Galp Energia SGPS on farm out of interests in two licence areas in Namibia to Exxon Mobil
- Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi Corporation and Inpex on farm in to substantial oil and gas acreage in the Turkish sector of the Black Sea
- UNOC (Ugandan NOC) on the development and project financing of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline project involving a \$3.5 billion 1,400 KM heated crude oil pipeline from the Albertine Graben in Uganda to the port of Tanga in Tanzania
- China State Grid International Development on its acquisition by way of privatisation of a 25% stake in REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais, the Portuguese gas and electricity grid operator
- Saudi Electricity Company on 300MW Sakaka solar PV IPP in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other electricity related transactions in the Kingdom
- Sponsors on project financing of 900MW Baymina BOO CCGT power plant in Turkey
- Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd. and its sponsors (Gazprom, Shell, Mitsui, Mitsubishi) on the US\$6.7 billion project financing of the two train Sakhalin 2 LNG project, offshore Pacific Russia, on development, project financing from JBIC, Nexi and a syndicate of commercial banks, construction, sales (long term sales to Japanese utilities, Kogas, Shell Eastern Trading and Gazprom Global LNG and short term sales to Asian buyers), operational and governance issues

- Sellers and off-takers on LNG SPAs from Oman LNG, NLNG, OK LNG and Brass LNG projects in Nigeria, Yemen LNG project, Malaysia TIGA LNG and Sabine Pass II LNG liquefaction terminal, Louisiana, USA\*
- Chinese banks on a US\$300 million financing in respect of the Atlantic LNG Train 1 project in Trinidad and Tobago
- Sponsor on the multi-ECA backed \$4.6bn project financing of the Coral South FLNG and condensate project in Mozambique
- Members of the Macquarie led consortia on their bids for the National Grid gas distribution assets in the UK and the UK Green Investment Bank
- Investor (through Mezzanine loans) in Train 3 of the Freeport LNG project, Texas, USA
- Advised on upstream documentation and petroleum industry legislation in respect of Nigeria, South Africa, Angola, DRC, Ghana, Mauritania, Tunisia, Chad, Egypt, Tanzania, Uganda, UK, Denmark, Norway, Canada, USA, Brazil, Australia, PNG, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, Oman, Russia, Kazakhstan
- Operator of the LNG re-gas terminal for the Enamalta LNG to power project
- Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI) on the US\$400 million recourse loan to Pemex and its operating subsidiaries through the Pemex Master Project Funding Trust for development of the Cantarell oil and gas field, Mexico
- Advising lenders on US\$230 million borrowing base financing for Afren Okoro Limited in respect of the development of the Setu and Okoro oil fields, offshore Nigeria
- Lenders on the US\$250 million borrowing base project financing of British Borneo's interest in the Elgin-Franklin gas and condensate field in the UKCS (the North Sea)
- Lenders on the borrowing base financing of Star Energy Plc. - Onshore producing fields and gas storage facilities and on two re-financings and acquisition finance facilities for the acquisition of Pentex Limited by Star Energy Plc
- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China on a US\$1.5 billion oil backed Sinosure covered financing to PDVSA, the national oil company of Venezuela (the first financing arranged by a Chinese bank involving an orphan SPV and the first time PDVSA entered into an international financing using an orphan SPV structure)
- PetroChina on the development of the entire value chain for the US\$22 billion 4,200km West-East Natural Gas Pipeline from Xinjiang Autonomous Region to Shanghai, including overall joint venture framework agreement with IOC partners, upstream participation, the pipeline itself and the downstream off-take
- Total Raffinage Chemie on its US\$9 billion world scale refinery and petrochemicals project in Zhanjiang, Guangdong province, PRC in joint venture with Kuwait Petroleum and Sinopec
- China Development Bank on the project financing of the US\$3.9 billion Surgil gas to petrochemicals project in Uzbekistan

- Tupras as borrower and Koc Group as sponsor on the US\$2.2 billion SACE/CESCE backed financing for the Izmit Refinery upgrade project, Turkey
- China State Grid International Development Limited on its US\$3.5 billion acquisitions from Singapore Power Limited of power and gas transmission and distribution assets on the east coast of Australia
- Lenders (IFC, AFDB, EIB, KfW, FMO, AFD/Proparco, DEG and commercial banks backed by PRG from MICA) on the US\$700 million project financing of the Bujagali 2 hydro project in Uganda
- China Development Bank on the project financing of a 300 MW mine mouth coal fired power plant in Bosnia - Herzegovina (the first major power plant constructed by a Chinese company in Europe)
- Lenders on the 990MW gas-fired IPP at Tapada do Outeiro, Portugal (the first gas-fired IPP in continental Europe) involving EIB, EIF, KfW and commercial banks
- Sponsors (International Power Plc., Marubeni and Unit International) and borrower on the US\$580 million project financing of the 480MW gas-fired IPP at Marmara Ereglisi, Turkey involving JBIC, NEXI, Hermes, OND, OeKB and commercial banks
- Arrangers of the project financing of the Basasse/coal-fired CTBV power plant in Mauritius, involving EIB and commercial banks
- African Development Bank and PTA Bank (the development bank for southern and eastern Africa) on the project financing of the Hydromax hydro-electric power plant in Uganda
- China Development Bank on its €800 million facility to REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais to finance power grid a natural gas pipeline infrastructure projects in Portugal
- Asia Container Terminals on the development of the CT9/CT8W container terminals in Hong Kong
- Offshore and onshore lead arrangers on the US\$2 billion limited recourse project financing of Phases 1.1 and 1.2 of the Pusan New Port project
- Offshore lenders on the first foreign-financed project in the Republic of Korea under the PPI Act, the limited recourse project financing of the US\$2 billion Daegu Busan Expressway
- Lead arrangers in the €800 million project financing of the Rion-Antirion bridge project in Greece, involving EIB and commercial banks
- Lead arrangers on the €800 million project financing of the Interior Norte shadow toll road project in Portugal, involving EIB and commercial banks
- Lead arrangers of the €600 million re-financing of the project financing of the two Tagus diver crossings, Ponte 25 Abril and Ponte Vasco de Gama in Portugal, involving EIB and commercial banks
- Lenders on the US\$170 million KSure backed facility to the Tema Oil Refinery project in Ghana
- Wuhan Iron and Steel Corp on an iron ore/steel/port investment in Brazil. Advising the arrangers of a US\$300 million project finance facility for the development and operation of a gold mining complex in Greece

- Lenders on the US\$600 million and US\$1.7 billion RCFs for Glencore International AG with security over oil receivables on inventory in LME approved warehouses
- Chinese consortium in developing the Simandou iron ore deposit and related infrastructure project in Guinea