



RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEANTECH FACT SHEET



Renewable energy and cleantech cover a diverse set of technologies which are surrounded by a variety of legal and regulatory frameworks. We are able to draw upon an array of specialist expertise to support clients of all sizes in these fast-changing areas.

Depending upon the precise nature of the scheme, the Penningtons Manches renewable energy and cleantech group configures teams to provide advice on competition, corporate and joint venture structures, tax, project finance, venture capital, securities, M&A, real estate, planning, procurement, licensing and intellectual property, construction and engineering, environmental, facilities management, outsourcing, employment, trading and dispute resolution.

We have a substantial depth of experience in these fields, with recent work ranging from recycling, waste treatment and EFW plants and anaerobic digestors, to wind, solar and marine energy projects, smart meters and advice on feed-in tariffs. Our portfolio extends to some of the largest new technology projects in the UK.

We are typically involved at the outset, helping clients avoid traps and understand the potential risks. We also help structure projects and develop tailored procurement strategies to meet client and project needs.

Members of our renewable energy and cleantech group offer a pragmatic approach combined with their detailed understanding of the sector. We also have a strong international capability, with considerable experience of overseas and cross border projects.



Bags of initiative and the ability to convey complicated issues in comprehensible terms.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEANTECH EXPERTISE AT A GLANCE

- financing, funding and investments
- spin-out projects and technology transfer
- commercial agreements, including R&D, collaborations and joint ventures, supply, manufacturing and licensing
- competition and regulatory issues
- corporate tax
- protection and enforcement of intellectual property
- land development agreements and leases
- infrastructure projects
- planning issues and environmental law
- risk management



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RECENT WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- advising Voltea, a Unilever spin out company, on its patent portfolio in relation to water purification systems, including negotiating complex letters of intent with suppliers, joint venture agreements with partners and contracts with potential customers
- acting as the lead adviser to BRITA GmbH, one of the world's leading companies in the drinking water optimisation sector, on its international partnership with Vivreau Limited. Following the successful conclusion of BRITA's acquisition of an equal stake in Vivreau Limited in the UK, we were then instructed to co-ordinate the acquisition of further stakes in Vivreau's sister companies in the US and Canada
- advising Greensphere Capital, a specialist green investment fund, on the establishment of a joint venture to develop several anaerobic digestion plants. This deal secured the first investment from the recently established Green Investment Bank
- representing a framework provider to DECC in relation to numerous Energy Entrepreneurs Fund grants, as well as to a significant number of cleantech businesses receiving EEF grants
- acting for a lead AD energy business on the establishment of three 2500 MW anaerobic digestors. The work included development agreements, planning and property matters, finance, construction contracts and royalty arrangements on feed-in tariffs and offtake
- advising the founders of an owner-managed company in the recycling sector on the sale of their shares to a VC-backed buyer
- advising a cleantech company on the adoption of new articles of association and a shareholders' agreement
- providing specialist guidance to a bio-energy company on its contracts for the development of an anaerobic digester on leased agricultural land across a number of sites

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

■ ■ We've been impressed not only by their expertise on intellectual property and contractual matters, but also their commercial awareness and practical, hands-on approach.

Partner, Carbon Limiting Technologies

■ ■ Throughout the formation of the alliance, we have appreciated their commitment to providing swift, commercial solutions and their comprehensive grasp of our requirements.

CEO, BRITA Group

■ ■ They've been excellent – they're extremely knowledgeable, reassuring and calm, and explain processes very well. They're very thorough and detailed, know their information and apply the law.

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FIND OUT MORE

For further information on our renewable energy and cleantech team, visit us at www.penningtons.co.uk where you will find comprehensive contact details for all our lawyers as well as our latest news and publications. Alternatively, e-mail us at info@penningtons.co.uk