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JERA and TEPCO Power invest in UK battery storage developer

Our Tokyo and London offices advised JERA Storage Investment BV, JERA Co Inc and TEPCO Power Grid Inc on their investment in, and further financing by M&G of, UK battery storage developer and operator Zenobe Energy Ltd. M&G has agreed to invest £150m to help Zenobe accelerate supply for electric buses and energy storage. This is the largest investment in the UK battery storage sector, to date, and follows the Tokyo and London offices advising JERA and TEPCO PG on their initial capital investment in Zenobe in 2019.

BNP Paribas in first Japanese Operating Leases with Call Option container financing

Our Tokyo and Hong Kong offices advised BNP Paribas on the first Japanese Operating Leases with Call Option (JOLCO) financing of container boxes for a Chinese financial leasing house. The transaction was technically challenging, involving China-specific security arrangements and the need to structure the financing to accommodate pre-agreed leasing arrangements between Minsheng and Ocean Network Express.

FPSO project financing in Brazil

Our Tokyo, London and Amsterdam offices advised the lenders on the project financing of FPSO Almirante Barroso MV32 for MODEC, to be deployed at the Buzios field in the Santos Basin, Brazil. Since we opened our Tokyo office in 2008, our lawyers have assisted with closing more than 13 FPSO project finance transactions.

JBIC in Fujairah F3 IPP project financing

Our Tokyo, London, Dubai and Singapore teams advised the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Mizuho Bank Ltd, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Sumitomo Trust Bank Ltd, BNP Paribas Fortis SA/NV and Standard Chartered Bank on the US\$941m financing of the Fujairah F3 independent power producer project in the United Arab Emirates.

JBIC's first loan in Sharjah enables expansion of gas fired power plant

Our Tokyo and Dubai teams advised the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) on a loan to finance the purchase of power generation equipment, including a gas turbine that will be used to expand the Al Layyah gas-fired power plant in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. Our lawyers represented JBIC on its provision of a NEXI-covered buyer's credit loan facility of US\$482m to Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority. This is JBIC's first loan to a Sharjah-based entity.

Bond financing for LNG vessels uses 'flip note' structure

Our Tokyo, Calgary, Washington, DC, New York, Singapore, and London offices advised Marubeni Corporation and SK Shipping on the US\$375m refinancing of two LNG vessels (m.v.s. SK Resolute and SK Audace) by way of a private placement of senior secured notes. This was the first bond financing of LNG carriers led by Marubeni and the debut Section 4(a) (2) private placement to employ the highly-tailored 'flip note' structure. The transaction received an award as 'Oil and gas deal of the year (North Asia)' at The Asset Triple A Infrastructure Awards 2020.

CDPQ's investment into Shizen Energy

Advising Shizen Energy, a renewable energy leader in Japan, on the JPY 70-billion investment by CDPQ in connection with accelerating the energy transition in Japan and key international markets, including development of solar power, wind power, hydroelectric power, and biomass power.

Japan | Tokyo

We opened our office in Tokyo in 2008 and have a broad client base, including prominent Japanese banks, government agencies, shipyards, trading houses, insurers and other major corporates. We advise on a range of legal issues, particularly in the banking, energy, infrastructure and transport sectors.

Also, Lawyers in our Tokyo office are qualified in Japan, the UK, US and Australia. We practice Japanese, English and US law, and regularly work with clients expanding into global markets including the Americas, Europe, Australia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Recognition

Paul Coggins

Band 1, Banking & Finance:
International Asset Finance (Japan)

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2023

Next Generation Partners:

Gaiben – Japan, Banking and finance: International firms and joint ventures

Legal 500, 2023

Sam Inohara

Next Generation Partners:

Gaiben- Japan, Corporate and M&A: International firms and joint ventures

Legal 500, 2023

Awards

Shipping Law Firm of the Year

Asia Legal Business Awards, 2019

George Gibson

Band 3, Projects & Energy:
International

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2023

Leading individuals:

Gaiben – Japan, Projects and energy: International firms and joint ventures

Legal 500, 2023

Akihiko Takamatsu

Band 2, Banking & Finance:

Domestic Asset Finance

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2023

Rising Stars:

Bengoshi – Japan, Banking and Finance,

Projects and Energy: International Firms and Joint Ventures

Legal 500, 2023

Tier 1 – Renewables

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