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OUR REGULATORY, PUBLIC LAW AND COMPETITION PRACTICES

Ensuring adherence to regulatory, public law and competition requirements, Watson Farley & Williams' expert lawyers deliver premium advice to participants in a range of industry sectors.



"...UNCOMMON LEVELS OF BUSINESS ACUMEN."

LEGAL 500 EMEA 2014

Along with the increasing importance of compliance for all industry and service sectors, it has become more critical that investments can unfold within a secured regulatory framework. Watson Farley & Williams' expert lawyers are dedicated to ensuring adherence to regulatory, public law and competition requirements.

Working to establish preventative strategies, ensuring continuous exchange with authorities and regulators and providing bespoke training, our trusted lawyers proactively advise clients on their regulatory responsibilities – including how to best minimise the potential for legal dispute.

We negotiate all types of public law contracts, in particular in all stages of Public Private Partnerships, compile extensive reports and legal opinions and advise on legal due diligence in any given type of transaction. We specialise on all aspects of project development including consenting and planning. Last but not least, we offer legal policy advice.

We advise on all aspects of competition law such as merger control, the structuring of joint ventures, co-operations and distribution schemes, investigations and compliance.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

ENHANCING GERMANY'S OFFSHORE GRID

Advising Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners on regulatory matters including energy and grid regulation, unbundling, and merger control in relation to a joint venture with TenneT regarding the €384m investment in the offshore grid connection DoIWin3.

DEVELOPING GREECE'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Advising the Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (HRADF) on EU and international regulatory and other issues relating to the sale by HRADF of its shares in Hellinikon SA. Hellinikon owns the rights to develop the former Athens airport site, a prime real estate asset with a total area of around 6,200,000m² by the seafront close to Athens city centre and the port of Piraeus.



UK OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT

Advising DONG Energy in relation to a Development Consent Order for a 750 MW extension to the Walney Offshore Wind Farm.



INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO REGULATION

Advising International Air Transport Association (IATA), Thai Customs, Thai airlines, cargo operators and freight forwarders on implementation of the Montreal Convention/Montreal Protocol IV for air cargo by the Thai Government.

THAI AIR TRAFFIC REGULATION

Advising an international airline on the current structure of their operations in Thailand and compliance with regulatory requirements. On-going advice on changes to Thai law and to their operations in Thailand.

FRENCH PPP: DIGITAL MULTI SITE CAMPUS

Advising the winning bidder, a consortium comprising Eiffage, Orange, Caisse des dépôts et consignations, FIDEPPP2, and the lenders (Crédit Foncier de France and Caisse d'Épargne Bretagne Pays-de-Loire), on a PPP call for tender procedure concerning the design, conception, building, operation and financing of the €40m UEB C@mpus, the first digital multi-site campus in Europe.

SOLARINVEST DEVELOPMENT

Advising Solarinvest Development GmbH, an Austrian operator active in the solar market in Italy with specific focus on the Region of Sicily (Southern Italy), in connection with all the regulatory aspects and issues linked to the grid parity.



ABERTIS INFRAESTRUCTURAS

Advising Abertis Infraestructuras on a potential merger with Autostrade per l'Italia and the acquisition of all Italian motorway concessions owned by Autostrade itself.



REGULATORY ADVICE FOR GLOBAL FIXED SATELLITE OPERATOR

Advising a non-EU, global fixed satellite operator that delivers a wide range of communications and broadcasting services to Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, China and Russia in relation to regulatory matters, boosting further the firm's market-leading reputation in satellite regulation.

COMPETITION COMMISSION HEALTHCARE INVESTIGATION

Advising FIPO (Federation of Independent Practitioner Organisations) on the Competition Commission investigation into the private healthcare market. The investigation ended mid-2014.

COMPETITION AND COMPLIANCE TRAINING

Advising Hochland, one of the largest cheese manufacturers and refiners in Europe, in relation to competition law compliance. This included delivering compliance training to the sales and purchasing departments, advising on various purchasing and distribution agreements and consulting on matters arising in the day-to-day course of their business.

REPUTATION

"...ROBUST REGULATORY EXPERTISE ... PROVIDES 'A RELIABLE AND GOOD LEVEL OF SERVICE'..."

LEGAL 500 EMEA 2014

"... 'BUSINESS-ORIENTED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE' ... RECOMMENDED FOR PUBLIC LAW MATTERS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTHCARE, PUBLIC PROCUREMENT, AND DATA PROTECTION ISSUES."

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"...DELIVERS SOUND ADVICE AND AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING..."

CHAMBERS UK 2014

"... 'UNPARALLELED INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE AND SOUND JUDGEMENT ON TELECOMS' ... IS SOUGHT BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CLIENTS AROUND THE WORLD FOR EU AND REGULATORY EXPERTISE."

CHAMBERS UK 2014

"ADEPT TEAM SKILLED ACROSS A RANGE OF PUBLIC LAW ISSUES INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND REGULATORY ISSUES."

CHAMBERS EUROPE 2014

SOURCES SAY: "WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS HAS A VERY IMPORTANT TEAM IN PUBLIC LAW."

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"...A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN THE ENERGY, REAL ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS AND COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY CLIENTS."

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'EFFECTIVE AND A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS'."

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"...IN TUNE WITH OUR COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVES ...GREAT EXPERTISE."

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"...BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO THE CONSENTING PROCESS FOR OFFSHORE WIND THAT OTHER LAWYERS DON'T HAVE."

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"...VERY GOOD TO WORK WITH, VERY ENERGETIC AND PRAGMATIC...."

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