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### **About Benjamin**

Ben advises lenders and sponsors on the development and financing of cross-border projects across a wide range of sectors. He has significant experience advising on multi-sourced project financings involving export credit agencies, multilaterals and development finance institutions. Ben has acted on numerous oil and gas, power and infrastructure projects in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas.

### **Recent Notable Matters**

**Riverstone Credit Management LLC** — \$35 million senior secured delayed-draw green loan facility with ESG-linked pricing to Harland & Wolff Group Holdings plc, a UK-based fabrication and maintenance company operating in the maritime, defence, oil & gas and renewable energy sectors, including in relation to UK offshore wind projects

**Savannah Energy Plc** — financing arrangements in respect of Savannah's acquisition of Exxon and Petronas' entire interests in the Doba oil field in Chad and their shareholding in the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline and Floating, Storage and Offloading vessel for a total consideration of up to \$676 million

**Eni S.p.A.** — £405 million acquisition of 20 percent interest in the Dogger Bank (A and B) 2.4 GW offshore wind farm project from Equinor and SSE

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank** — as agent to the lenders in the \$2.44 billion letter of credit facility and approximately \$544 million in funded debt for McDermott International in the successfully completed emergence from bankruptcy

**Crédit Agricole** — \$2.8 billion financing facility in prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, as agent to revolving debtor-in-possession (DIP) lenders

**Crédit Agricole** — \$1.7 billion new financing for McDermott International which includes immediate access to \$650 million of financing comprised of \$550 million under a term loan credit facility and \$100 million under a letter of credit facility, as lead arranger and revolving administrative agent

**REPDO Round 2 IPPs** — Marubeni Corporation and Al Jomaih Energy and Water Company consortium as the winning bidder for the Rabigh 300 MW solar PV IPP, tendered under the second round of the Saudi Arabian National Renewable Energy Program

**Masrik-1 solar project** — representing FRV on the project finance aspects of a 55 MW solar project in Armenia

**Facility E IWPP** — representing the Marubeni and Kyushu Electric consortium in connection with its bid for an integrated water & power plant in Qatar

**Benban Solar Park** — represented Alcazar Energy Partners on the project finance aspects of its four 50 MW solar projects (AEES1, Delta, Aten and Horus projects) in Round 2 of Egypt's renewable feed-in tariff programme

**Premier Oil Sea Lion Development** — representing Premier Oil and its joint venture partners in connection with the proposed project financing of the Sea Lion offshore oil field development in the North Falkland basin

**New Age Etinde Project** — representing New Age (as operator) in connection with the development and proposed project financing of the Etinde gas export project in Cameroon

**Impact Oil & Gas Ltd** — financing arrangements for the acquisition of an interest by Main Street 1549 Proprietary Limited (a Black Economic Empowerment company) in the Exploration Right for Block 11B/12B (offshore South Africa) and the first exploration well to be drilled on the block, and the associated \$35M equity placing, as lender

**Seabras 1** — representing the project company on its \$500 million BpiFrance supported financing of a subsea fibre optic cable system between the commercial and financial centers of Brazil (Sao Paolo) and the US (NY)

**Delek Energy L.P.** — \$1.75 billion financing for the development of the Leviathan Field, offshore Israel

**Amni International Petroleum Development Company Limited** — refinancing of the \$270 million facility which has been refinanced by Afrexim Bank and Shell Western to finance the development of OMLs 112 and 117 in Nigeria’s Delta region secured against its Nigerian oil assets

## **Education**

The College of Law, Chester, LPC, GDL  
2013

University of Edinburgh, MA (Hons) History  
2009

## **Noteworthy**

## **Bar Admissions**

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales