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Diamantis & Partners is
a law firm based in Kinshasa,
Paris and Nouakchott
providing expert advice
in energy , mining and
infrastructure sectors in Europe
and emerging markets



Nkonko Village, Haut-Katanga, DRC

ABOUT

| Depth of knowledge

Diamantis & Partners was established as a law firm dedicated to energy and infrastructure projects worldwide, with a particular focus on emerging markets, especially Africa.

The firm combines legal and strategic expertise to offer comprehensive project support.

| International Practice

Through offices in Paris, Kinshasa, and Nouakchott, the team operates extensively across jurisdictions, collaborating closely with local law firms and navigating diverse legal systems.

| Sectoral Experience

Over the years, team members have assisted States, lenders and energy companies in relation with the oil & gas

and power projects in Europe and Africa, dealing with mining concessions, land easements, construction contracts, project finance, joint-ventures, sale and purchase transactions, land and maritime delimitation, regulatory work and commercial, investment and State to State disputes.

| Plurality of expertise

Our team is composed of complementary profiles used to working together.

Litigation experience reinforces our transactional practice, while our deep understanding of complex project structures enhances our ability to manage disputes efficiently.

This synergy strengthens our capacity to anticipate risks and deliver practical, well-structured solutions.

Some recent illustrative references

We have recently assisted in the following sectors and matters :

- **Upstream (Oil & Gas)**: Advising SMH on the management of its equity participation in the Grand Tortue field; Advising Petronas on multiple deep offshore PSC negotiations in Gabon and setup activities in Congo; Advising Madagascar Oil on exploration permit renewal; Drafting unitization agreements for UK law firms acting for oil & gas companies; Assisting in the transfer and acquisition of petroleum interests across Africa (Algeria, Gabon, Guinea, Senegal, Cameroon, Chad).;
- **Midstream (Pipelines and Infrastructure)** : Advising SMH on the Nigeria-Morocco gas pipeline project; Assisting Petronas and Wingas with infrastructure transactions and regulatory matters; Advising TotalEnergies on LNG loading agreements and terminal usage; Advising governments and companies on major pipelines, including Chad-Cameroon and Algeria-Italy Galsi projects
- **Downstream (Energy Supply)** : Structuring LNG supply and bunkering agreements for TotalEnergies; Advising Glencore, Wintershall, Wingas, and others on gas supply contracts and licensing issues across Europe and Africa; Advising Air France on energy supply strategy.;
- **Power (Utility-Scale Projects & Electricity Transactions)** : Advising on development, negotiation, and financing of solar, wind, hydro projects across Africa and the Middle East; Working with clients such as Kamo a Copper, Powergen, MyJouleBox, Sinosure, Voltalia, TotalEnergies, and DEG PROPARGO;
- **Mini-Grid and C&I Projects** : Assisting Kamo a Copper SA (DRC) with the biggest captive power project (PV + BESS) in the Sub-Saharan Africa; Advising ENGIE on off-grid legal innovations and frameworks in Africa; Supporting solar mini-grid projects in Senegal, Benin, DRC, and Nigeria.
- **Transmission, Grid & Industrial Projects** : Legal structuring of several cross-border interconnection transmission lines projects in the DRC, Zambia, Tanzania for the mining industry; Supporting Kalpataru on transmission and power projects across Africa and Armenia;



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OUR SECTORS

We have been active in more than 50 African jurisdictions over the last 25 years, in some of the key infrastructure sectors such as energy, transport, telecom and natural resources.

OIL & GAS

Our firm supports clients across the entire oil and gas industry, helping them navigate a constantly evolving landscape. We advise on both strategic projects and day-to-day operations, offering comprehensive and practical guidance.

With deep expertise in oil and gas laws across both mature and emerging markets, and the flexibility to operate in multiple jurisdictions worldwide, our lawyers bring an innovative, solutions-driven approach tailored to each client's needs.

We regularly assist leading oil companies,

such as TotalEnergies, Petronas, and Addax, with their projects and transactions in Africa, including:

In the oil sector, advising on the negotiation of concessions and operating licenses, the sale and acquisition of assets (production fields, pipelines, refineries), and contracts with subcontractors.

In the gas and LNG sectors, assisting with the negotiation of offtake agreements, gas supply contracts, and related agreements such as cooling down and gassing up agreements, bunkering agreements, and others.

Representative engagements

Upstream (Oil & Gas)

- Advising SMH on the management of its equity participation in the Grand Tortue field.
- Advising Petronas on the negotiation of several deep offshore PSCs in Gabon.
- Advising Petronas on the setup of its operations in the Republic of Congo.
- Advising Petronas on regulatory matters in Algeria, Gabon, Congo, and under OHADA and WAEMU law.
- Advising SMH on the structuring of joint ventures with other oil & gas companies.
- Advising Petronas on the transfer of petroleum interests in Chad.
- Advising Petronas on the acquisition and divestment of petroleum interests in Africa (including Algeria, Senegal, Gabon, Guinea, Cameroon, and Chad).

Midstream (Pipelines and Infrastructure)

- Advising SMH (Société Mauritanienne des Hydrocarbures) in relation to the Nigeria–Morocco gas pipeline project.
- Advising Petronas on the transfer of its interests in the Chad–Cameroon pipeline.
- Advising Petronas on the acquisition and/or sale of petroleum infrastructure in Africa.
- Advising the Government of Chad on the implementation and financing of the Chad–Cameroon pipeline.
- Advising TotalEnergies on the negotiation of a 15-year LNG loading agreement with the operator of an LNG terminal.
- Advising TotalEnergies on the negotiation of the Terminal Use Agreement with Gate Port LNG Terminal.

- Advising TotalEnergies on the negotiation of an agreement for the cooling down and gassing up of LNG tankers.
- Advising Oryx Energy on the construction of oil products storage facilities.

Downstream (Energy Supply)

Gas & LNG – Selected Engagements

- Advising TotalEnergies on the drafting and negotiation of LNG supply and bunkering agreements.
- Advising TotalEnergies on the structuring of LNG sales operations across Europe.

Petroleum Products – Selected Engagements

- Advising Addax Energy SA on oil supply agreements in Mauritania.
- Advising a Nigerian law firm on the drafting of a contract for the purchase and reprocessing of natural gas in Nigeria.

- Advising multiple trading companies on the supply of petroleum products in Mauritania.

- Advising Oryx Energy and Oryx Energies on fuel supply operations and the related regulatory frameworks in various African jurisdictions.

Regulatory & Commercial – Selected Engagements

- Advising Wingas on the enforceability of Master Netting Agreements used for gas sales.
- Advising Wingas on its commercial operations and regulatory compliance in France.
- Advising Glencore on its commercial activities in France, including regulatory matters.
- Advising Air France on its energy supply strategy.

POWER & ELECTRICITY

We have solid expertise in the electricity sector across both the upstream (generation, transmission, distribution) and downstream markets in Africa, with a particular focus on DRC and Mauritania.

Our team has extensive experience in project development and financing - covering utility-scale and C&I PV plants, hydropower, and biomass projects - including land acquisition, permitting, drafting of project agreements, and negotiation of concession and PPA contracts with States and private offtakers.

Notably, we recently advised Kamo Copper SA on the largest solar PV and BESS project in Sub-Saharan Africa, closed in the DRC.

We regularly support a wide range of energy stakeholders, from global players like Engie, TotalEnergies, and Kalpataru to major offtakers such as mining companies, in the development and operation of their infrastructure across the continent and in Mauritania in particular. We also advise on the structuring of corporate transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, and joint ventures in the electricity sector.

| Representative engagements

Mini-grid and C&I Projects & Transactions

- Advising Kamo Copper SA in the project development and negotiation of several PPAs for a C&I + BESS, Lualaba Province, DRC
- Advising ANSER in the implementation of the electricity sector fees to the mining sector in the DRC
- Advising PowerGen developing PV, hydropower and mini-grid projects in the DRC, including on corporate structuring and land-related aspects.
- Advising MyJouleBox in developing mini-grid power projects in the DRC, including on the structuring and implementation of local security arrangements in connection with its financing.
- Advising ENGIE in relation to the drafting of a landmark report of legal innovations aimed at accelerating deployment of off grid PV solutions in Africa
- Advising ENGIE in the review and analysis of several regional and national legal framework in the energy production and sale in Ghana, Kenya, Ivory Coast
- Advising TotalEnergies in relation with the development of two off grid solar projects in Nigeria and negotiation of corporate PPAs
- Advising UCM for the drafting/review of public concession agreements for 3 solar mini-grid projects in DRC to be tendered

Utility-scale Projects & Electricity Transactions

- Advising Nova Power for several solar power plants in Nigeria and negotiations of the two PPAs with NERC
- Advising Sinosure for the Algerian tender of 1GW PV power and negotiation of PPA with SHAEMS

- Advising an IPP for the development and negotiation of a PPA for wind farms in Lebanon
- Advising Prime Metro Power for a gas-to-power project in Papua New Guinea and negotiation of a gas supply agreement and PPA
- Advising DEG PROPARCO and FMO in the financing of a solar power project in Kenya and PPA negotiation
- Advising a French company for the selling of several PV power plants in Burkina Faso
- Advising a sponsor for the development of mini-hydro projects in the Lualaba province in DRC
- Advising CONCO in relation with hydro power construction projects in DRC
- Advising Voltalia on the development of PV projects in Burundi
- Advising Voltalia on the development of PV projects in Ivory Coast
- Advising a French developer in relation with a bid submission to a tender launched by the Electricity Regulator in Senegal of two solar PV projects (60 MW)

Transmission & Grid Projects

- Advising several mining companies as prospective acquirers on the legal due diligence of the KKIP cross-border interconnection project between the DRC and Zambia, supplying the Copperbelt region
- Advising Kalpataru in relation with a power transmission and power generation project in Mauritania
- Advising Kalpataru in relation with a power transmission and power generation project in Rwanda

PROJECT FINANCE

We have extensive international experience in energy and infrastructure project finance, advising a broad range of stakeholders—including project companies, lenders, developers, insurers, export credit and guarantee agencies, public authorities, and construction and equipment providers.

Many of the transactions we handle involve

complex financing structures, often combining multiple sources of funding (development finance institutions, export credit agencies, and capital markets), multi-tranche debt, and cross-border legal and regulatory issues.

Our track record spans a wide array of sectors, and we are recognized for our deep expertise in several of them.

| Representative engagements (energy)

African Energy Projects – Selected Financing Mandates

• Solar Power Projects

- DRC : Advising MyJouleBox in connection with the implementation and perfection of local security interests for multiple financings.
- Benin: Advising MIFA on the structuring and financing of a solar power project.
- Kenya: Advising DEG, PROPARCO, and FMO on the financing of a 40 MW solar power project in Kesses.

• Hybrid Mining & Industrial Projects

- DRC (Lualaba Province): Advising the China Development Bank on the USD 600 million financing of a copper and cobalt concentrate deep processing project.

European Renewable Energy Projects – Selected Financing Mandates

• France – Solar PV (Grid-Connected)

- EDF EN Projects:
- Bordeaux: EUR 41 million financing for a 12 MWp solar plant on public parking lots (FIT regime).
- Perpignan: EUR 26.5 million financing for a 7.8 MWp solar plant on a private parking lot (FIT regime).
- Gestamp: EUR 225 million financing for five rooftop solar plants with a total capacity of approx. 54.83 MWp (FIT regime).

- Neon: EUR 24.5 million financing for two ground-mounted solar plants totaling 19.2 MWp in Geloux and Fontenet (FIT regime).
- Solairedirect:
- EUR 27.5 million financing (2013) for two ground-mounted solar plants totaling approx. 11 MWp (FIT regime).
- EUR 10.9 million financing for a 6.3 MWp solar plant (FIT regime).
- EUR 11.55 million financing for a 1.1 MWp solar plant (FIT regime).
- GP Joule: EUR 49.1 million financing for six ground-mounted solar plants with a total capacity of 58.22 MWp (FIT regime).
- JUWI: EUR 41.6 million financing for three grid-connected ground-mounted solar projects totaling 24.91 MWp, developed under a national call for tenders launched by the French Electricity Regulator.

• France – Wind

- Boralex: Advising on the financing of two wind farms with a total installed capacity of 24 MW.

Rooftop Solar Portfolio (Small Scale)

- Advising a French bank on the financing of a portfolio of small-scale rooftop solar plants, each under 250 kWc, benefiting from the feed-in tariff (FIT) mechanism.



PORTS, AIRPORTS & TRANSPORT

We serve clients in all sectors of the transport industry: maritime and ports, rail, logistics, road, and aviation. Our firm brings together legal experts with extensive experience in transport-related transactions.

We understand the key legal, commercial, and regulatory considerations that may arise when acquiring, expanding, disposing, or investing in port, airports, or rail assets, and the alternative legal structures available to investors.

We handle all aspects of contracts and disputes that ports and terminals may encounter, including those relating

to shipping, construction, rail, labor, environmental, leasing, and regulatory matters. Our area of work includes port infrastructure projects, including PPP, concessions and leasing agreements, expansion projects, Port regulations and licensing, Long-term marine service supply agreements to terminals, ports and shipping vessels, customs, duties, and taxes.

We also utilize our multi-disciplinary approach to address specific challenges to aviation clients in areas such as contract law, tax, construction, public finance, labor and employment, and litigation.

| Representative engagements

Ports

- Advising the private concessionaire of the Port of Matadi (DRC) on the implementation of the concession agreement and related corporate matters.
- Advising TIL (Terminal Investment Limited) on the financing and construction of a new cargo terminal in Lomé and in relation with the sale of a 50% interest and in negotiating the JV agreements
- Advising various sub-contractors in the handling of ports services in the cargo terminal port in Lomé.
- Advising TIL (Terminal Investment Limited) in the financing and construction of a new cargo terminal at Fos sur Mer
- Advising TIL (Terminal Investment Limited) in the set-up of a JV to build, finance and operate the Fos XXL cargo terminal in France
- Advising Wison in relation with a port project in Libya

Airports

- Advising Afroport in relation with an airport management project in Mauritania
- Advising Egis in relation with an airport management project in Gabon
- Advising Jet Aviation in the relocation of its activities and employees in the Euro Airport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg

- Advising Jet Aviation in its litigation strategy in labour law in the frame of the international treaty governing the Euro Airport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg
- Advising Jet Aviation in its negotiation with the tax administration in France regarding the applicability of French taxes to the companies operating in the Euro Airport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg in the frame of the international treaty governing the airport.
- Advising Aegean Airlines in its litigation against the Nantes Atlantique Airport following damages suffered by a passenger aircraft

Transports/Rail / Roads

- Advising an Emirati operator on the establishment of a joint venture, in partnership with the SNCC, with a rail services provider to mining companies in the Copperbelt region, DRC
- Advising a major French concessionaire on a cross-border road project between Zambia and the DRC, including on project structuring in light of subcontracting regulations.
- Advising Bombardier Transport company in the renegotiation of several PPP agreements in France
- Advising Bombardier Transport company in connection with a tender for the supply of rolling stock in Morocco

MINING & NATURAL RESOURCES

We represent clients in all aspects of the mining, forest and water industries as well as agriculture and are completely familiar with its products, resources, legislation, and opportunities, in particular in the sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+) policies.

We advise our clients in the areas of

acquisitions and dispositions, joint venture projects, financing, taxation, land use, and forest practice litigation. Our range of services spans the buying, selling, financing and carriage of raw materials.

This includes obtaining necessary government approvals, performing due diligence reviews, considering sales and income tax issues, reviewing contractual relationships.

Representative engagements

• Mining – Selected Engagements

- Advising several mining company in the successful instruction and issuance of semi-industrial mining titles, their project development, and their mineral transactions in the DRC, in several provinces in the DRC.
- Advising a China Development Bank on the USD 600 million financing of a copper and cobalt concentrate deep processing project in Lualaba province, DRC.
- Advising Sinosure on the due diligence of the Simandou Mining Project, including mining, rail, port concessions, and regulatory aspects.
- Advising Kamoja Copper SA on the development and negotiation of a PPA for a captive solar PV and BESS power project on its mining perimeter in the DRC.
- Advising an industrial mining company on project development, enforcement of mining regulations, and mineral transactions in the DRC.
- Advising Kinross on the development of its mining activities in Mauritania.
- Advising Kinderbell on the financing of a mining company in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Advising Grupa Azoty on the negotiation of a phosphate sales contract and the acquisition of a mining company in Senegal.
- Advising Biopalm on the acquisition of a stake in a

company operating an oil palm plantation in Ivory Coast, including the JV agreement negotiation.

- Advising Sinosteel in connection with the supply of iron ore from Mauritania.
- Advising Forte Energy on the acquisition and financing of a Mauritanian mining company.
- Advising the advisor to the Government of Guinea on the reform of its mining code.

• Hydrogen & Carbon Capture – Selected Engagements

- Advising the Government of Mauritania on its green hydrogen strategy.
- Advising a Swiss company in charge of reforestation projects in the DRC on the validation of land acquisition processes under local law, including the legal assessment and review of emphyteutic leases to confirm the security and validity of land use rights
- Advising a Kenyan firm on the successful negotiation of a forest conservation concession and legal due diligence for the generation of REDD+ carbon credits in the DRC.
- Advising TotalEnergies on the formation of a consortium for the management of an EU grant for green hydrogen studies.
- Advising Ardian on a carbon capture project in Ghana.
- Advising the Government of the Republic of Congo on the implementation of REDD+ policies.



IT/TELECOMS, BANKING & INSURANCE

We assist infrastructure operators and service providers with their market entry and licensing in the electronic communications sector, including the preparation and submission of license applications, negotiations with regulators and local authorities, and disputes related to license extensions, withdrawals, fees, or sanctions. Our team has deep knowledge of both domestic and regional regulatory frameworks across Africa.

We also support clients in the negotiation and execution of concession and public contracts (national and local) for the deployment of wireline (fiber) or wireless (spectrum)

infrastructure, the introduction of new services, or the upgrade of existing equipment. This includes commercial contracts with partner operators (inter-operator partnerships, outsourcing), subcontractors (equipment supply), and end customers (terms and conditions, credit agreements).

In the banking and insurance sectors, we assist clients in their market entry, acquisitions, restructurings, equity investments, and litigation related to securities or bank credit. We have strong expertise in the regulatory and contractual frameworks applicable to financial services across African jurisdictions.

| Representative engagements

Banking & Insurance

- Advising BADEA on the acquisition of an interest in a private bank.
- Advising BNM on the acquisition of a bank in Mauritania.
- Advising Société Générale on the acquisition of banks in Western Africa and Eastern Europe.
- Advising the Crédit Agricole group on the management of a bank in Greece.
- Advising Natixis on the set-up of an USD 80 million facility for a Saudi investor.
- Advising Lafarge on trade guarantees and currency transfer issues in Mauritania.
- Advising an international bank on Iran sanctions compliance.
- Advising an oil trading company in a banking fraud dispute in Sierra Leone.
- Advising Alpe Adria Bank on a real estate financing matter in Paris.
- Advising Macif on the financing of an insurance company in Ivory Coast.
- Advising Bluenext on the set-up of a new entity with Powernext to operate a carbon market trading platform (cash and derivatives).

Telecoms/IT

- Advising Amazon Web Services in the review of the digital

legal framework in the DRC in relation to the provision of cloud services

- Advising a South African company in the negotiation and execution of several public-private partnership for the digitalization in the DRC of the e-government and e-administration of several provinces and the Central State in the DRC
- Advising Mind Development on the sale of a majority stake in Mind Technologies, a cybersecurity company, to Groupe ADITAdvising Mind Technologies
- Advising a French company in its incorporation and operation of IT services in the DRC, and in obtaining the IT licences from the ARPTIC
- Advising a satellite operator on all regulatory and corporate aspects in relation to the operation, as a satellite operator, of its electronic communication service license
- Advising a satellite operator on the negotiation and drafting of a contract concerning its satellite launches
- Advising Orange France in relation with the drafting of various laws and EU regulation
- Advising Orange France in relation with several contentious matters before the French courts
- Advising Orange France in relation with a State aid claim
- Advising SFR against the decree issued by the French government for the use of the 4th mobile phone license granted to Free Mobile.

ARBITRATION & DISPUTES RESOLUTION

We assist clients at every stage of the dispute resolution process, particularly in complex, high-stakes, and multi-jurisdictional cases. Our team is experienced across the full range of dispute resolution methods—including negotiation, mediation, expert determination, and adjudication—with a strong focus on the oil & gas, energy, mining, and natural resources sectors.

Our reputation is built on our dual expertise as both counsel and litigation strategists, giving us a distinct advantage in understanding how arbitral tribunals assess cases in an international context. We regularly represent clients before domestic courts and international arbitral tribunals, including those under ICSID, ICC, LCIA, and ad hoc UNCITRAL rules.

I Representative engagements

• ICSID Arbitration

- Advising Petronas in relation to ICSID proceedings against Cameroon.
- Advising the Government of Mauritania in ICSID proceedings in the mining sector.
- Advising an oil & gas operator in an expropriation dispute under ICSID jurisdiction.
- Advising the shareholder of a Hong Kong company in a claim subject to ICSID jurisdiction.
- Advising a port operator in an ICSID arbitration against Togo.

• ICC Arbitration

- Advising a UAE company in ICC arbitration against the Central Bank of Guinea.
- Advising a UK company in an expropriation dispute with the Government of Cameroon.
- Advising an EPC company in a claim against a Rwandan State-owned company.
- Advising an oil & gas company in a farm-out dispute under ICC jurisdiction.
- Advising the shareholders of a Gabonese company in two ICC arbitrations against the Government of Gabon.
- Advising a Mauritanian mining company in ICC arbitration proceedings.
- Advising the Government of Togo in an ICC arbitration in the telecom sector.
- Advising a construction company in an ICC arbitration against the Government of Equatorial Guinea.
- Advising several Mauritanian entities in an ICC arbitration

related to oil trading.

- Advising an oil trading company in an ICC dispute in Mauritania.

• UNCITRAL Arbitration

- Advising an EPC company in a claim against an Armenian State-owned company (multiple proceedings).
- Advising a Congolese company in jurisdictional proceedings before the CCJA (OHADA).

• Commercial and Construction Disputes

- Advising a US company in arbitration and court proceedings in Cameroon regarding cash calls under a JOA.
 - Advising a national oil company (NOC) in a JOA cash call dispute.
 - Advising a German company in pre-arbitration proceedings against a West African State company.
 - Advising a Swiss company in arbitration proceedings against the Central Bank of Sierra Leone.
 - Advising a renewable energy company in Mauritania on tax matters and foreign exchange compliance.
 - Advising an oil & gas contractor in relation to the explosion of a refinery in Italy.
 - Advising a construction company in disputes with Arcelor Mittal (Liberia), Inabensa, and Halliburton (Iraq).
- ### • Public International Law / Diplomatic Disputes
- Advising the Government of Guinea in a diplomatic protection matter involving the Democratic Republic of Congo.



PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Our practice covers the full range of public international law, including the law of treaties, international responsibility, State and diplomatic immunities, the law of international organizations, investment law, human rights law, the law of the sea, and international trade law.

We benefit from the support of our Senior Legal Advisor, Professor Pierre Bodeau Livinec (University Paris Nanterre, International Law

Association), whose experience includes acting as counsel in State-to-State disputes before the ICJ, PCA, and ICC.

We have a strong investor-State arbitration practice, regularly representing both investors and sovereign States in cases under ICSID and PCA rules. We are also among the few private firms with recognized expertise in advising Governments on the drafting of investment treaties and legislation.

I Representative engagements

• **International Court of Justice and State-to-State Disputes**

- Advising the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Congo v. Uganda) case – Reparations Phase before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).
- Advising the Republic of Korea in an island and maritime frontier dispute.
- Advising the Government of Cameroon in its land and maritime boundary dispute with Nigeria before the International Court of Justice.
- Advising the Government of Guinea in a diplomatic protection matter involving the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Advising the French Government in the Immunities and Criminal Proceedings (Equatorial Guinea v. France) case before the International Court of Justice.

• **Treaty Drafting and Intergovernmental Agreements**

- Advising a group of African governments (the «Lomé Initiative») on the drafting of an international treaty to foster investments in renewable energy access.
- Advising an African international organization on the interconnection of railway networks between Benin, Togo, Niger, and Burkina Faso.
- Advising SMH (Société Mauritanienne des Hydrocarbures) on the international law status of pipelines.
- Advising Jet Aviation, CGS, and Swissport on the interpretation of the EuroAirport international treaty.

• **Constitutional and Legislative Advisory**

- Advising on constitutional law issues in Gabon, Togo, and Mauritania.
- Advising the Government of Macedonia on the amendment of its constitution.
- Advising the Government of Cameroon on the allocation of powers between ministers under its constitution.
- Advising the Government of Chad on the interpretation of a bilateral agreement between two African countries.
- Advising on the drafting of laws and constitutional court decisions in various jurisdictions.

• **Sector-Specific International Compliance**

- Advising Eutelsat on the review and drafting of amendments to the French space law.
- Advising an energy company on State aid and WTO compliance for subsidy mechanisms.
- Advising an energy company on feed-in tariff compliance with EU regulations.
- Advising ATR on the application of the Cape Town Convention and aircraft equipment protocol.
- Advising the Government of Luxembourg on the ratification of the Cape Town Convention.

• **Private Sector International Regulatory Matters**

- Advising several international companies on the interpretation of regional African regulations.
- Advising a UK law firm (on behalf of a US oil company) on straddling resources and joint development zones.



OUR PRACTICES

We bring together complementary expertises, legal but also strategic. Law is technical knowledge but it also reflect of thought, culture, of power dynamics, deeply rooted in local politics and local history.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Here are the main practices in which we specialise and for which we have an impressive track record:

- ④ **Project, Infrastructure and Concessions**
- ④ **M&A, Corporate law and Private Equity**
- ④ **Public International law**
- ④ **Constitutional and Administrative law**
- ④ **Commercial contracts**
- ④ **Training Programs**

Project, Infrastructure and Concessions

We have an extensive track record of concessions/BOT and PPP in the energy and infrastructure sectors in Africa. Having acted for parties on all sides of projects and transactions in Africa (sponsors, lenders, financial insurers and governmental entities), we can provide you with a unique, creative and broad perspective on deals and a strong understanding of the market overall.

This is based in particular on our interdisciplinary approach for our work, using our accumulated wealth of knowledge and experience to offer full-service counsel on construction, project M&A, concessions and other administrative contracts, O&M contracts, project development agreements.

We handle every stage of an infrastructure project, from bidding and development to achieving financial close, including development, financing, securing land rights, construction, investment in and operation of infrastructure projects and the acquisition and financing of infrastructure assets.

Our expertise covers risk diligence, permitting, land rights securization, regulatory, procurement, debt and capital markets, corporate tax and tax-exempt analysis.

M&A, Corporate law and Private Equity

Our firm focuses on understanding business goals as well as the varied transactional, business and market risks unique to a client's situation. This approach drives us to facilitate the completion of the transaction expeditiously and creatively, while striving to protect the deal value expected by the client. We have experience across a range of sectors in Europe as in Africa, including in oil & gas, electricity, telecommunications, business services, manufacturing, restaurants, retail, sports and leisure, transportation and waste management.

Public International law

Our practice covers the full spectrum of public international law issues, including the law of treaties, international responsibility, State and diplomatic immunities, the law of international organizations, international investment law, international human rights law, the law of the sea and international trade law.

Our firm benefits from the support of our Senior Legal Advisor, **M. Pierre Bodeau Livinec**, who is a Professor of Law at the University Paris Nanterre, and the Director of Studies of the International Law Association. His experience includes acting as counsel on state-state disputes such as before the ICJ, the PCA, and the ICC.

| Legislative and Administrative law

With our extensive experience in public and administrative law in France and in Africa, our firm is able to assist you in all matters relating to the legal design, construction and implementation of legislations, regulations and policies, particularly in the energy, electronic communications, audiovisual and transport sectors.

In particular, we assist African governments, parastatal clients and private clients in preparing and implementing policy change, drafting legislation and managing regulatory and litigation risk. We are able to work with clients throughout the legislative process, from the identification of initial objectives, through the drafting of new legislation, to implementation and enforcement.

We also assist companies - both incumbents and new entrants - in their development projects, their relations with regulatory authorities and public authorities, among others, in case of reforms affecting their sector. More generally, the team advises private companies and public entities on all matters of general public law, and in particular on general administrative law, administrative property law and public accounting law.

| Commercial contracts

Our team has a deep experience working with all kinds of contracts, with strengths in the marketing and services in the energy, transport, oil &

gas sectors in particular, but also in technology, sourcing, supply chain, and licensing agreements.

We service the entire lifecycle of a contract, including:

- ⊗ pre-contractual advice and consultancy
- ⊗ assistance with drafting, reviewing and revising terms and conditions,
- ⊗ contract negotiation (offer, counter offer and acceptance)
- ⊗ breach of contract and remedies, such as compensatory, liquidated, and nominal damages,
- ⊗ implied contracts,
- ⊗ contract interpretation by courts including outside statements and the behavior of the parties,
- ⊗ choice of law and jurisdiction,
- ⊗ validity of electronic signatures,

Ours is a holistic approach to contractual matters and we strive to help our clients achieve their business goals and develop, protect, and monetize their key commercial assets.

| Training Programs

On request, we offer training courses given by our lawyers to our clients and their teams in order to share our experiences, reflexes and good practices in the sectors in which we specialise. For example:

- ⊗ Local Content in Africa
- ⊗ Best Practices in Drafting LNG Supply Agreements

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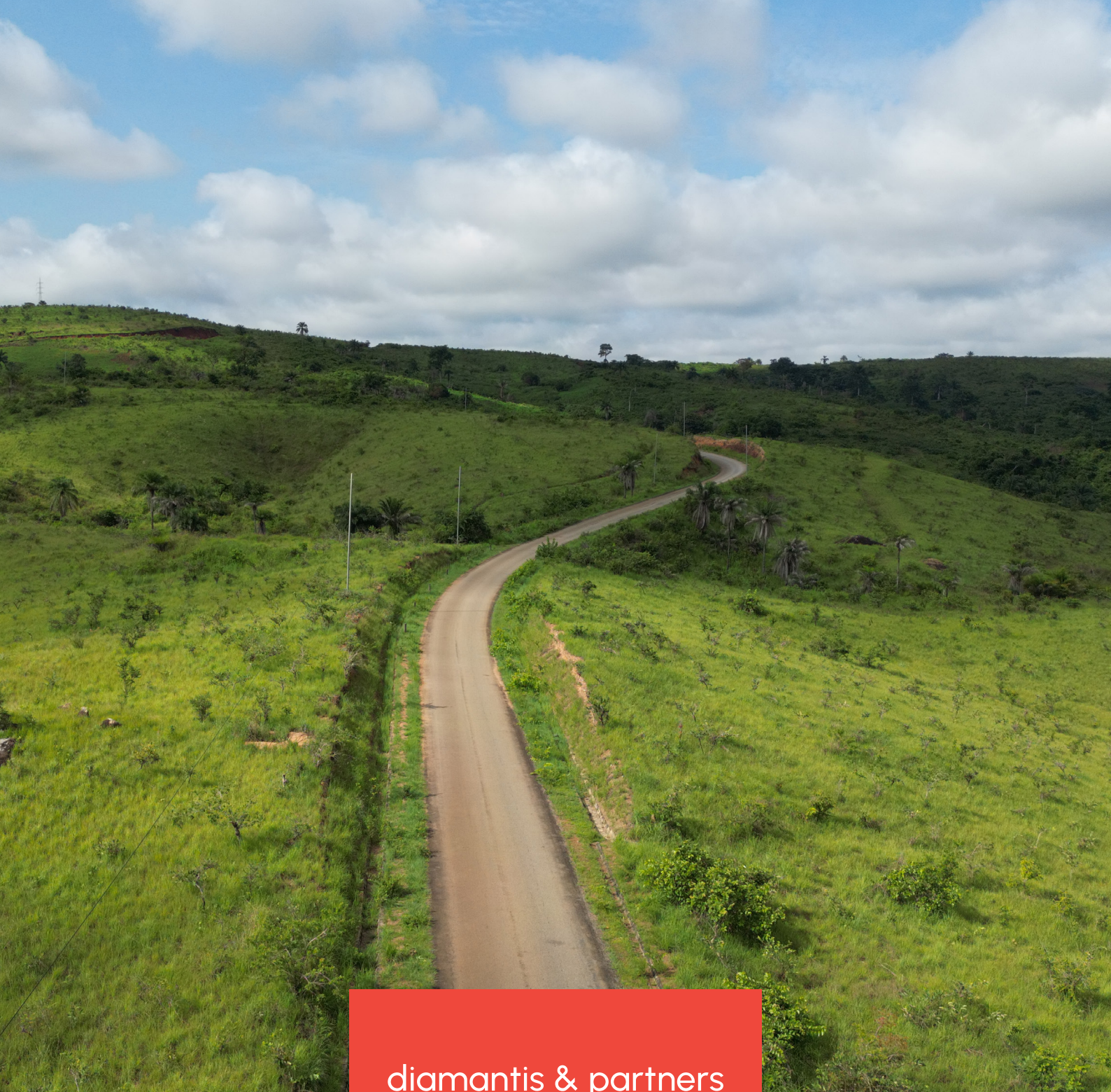
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