

## Renewable Energy/ Wind Sector Overview

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- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”** – *Euromoney* 2005-11
  - **“Legal Adviser of the Year – Renewables”**  
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2008
  - **“The world’s premier energy law firm”**  
– *Chambers UK* 2010
  - **“The firm’s position is at the forefront of innovative renewables financing”**  
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2008
  - **V&E is “highly regarded for its renewable energy work”** –  
*Chambers UK* 2011
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With roots in energy extending nearly a century, Vinson & Elkins continues to be recognised as the “World’s Leading Energy Law Firm.” In 2010, 400-plus V&E lawyers advised clients on more than 1,600 energy and infrastructure matters—collectively valued at over US\$167 billion.

By combining energy and technology backgrounds with joint venture, project finance, private equity and venture capital expertise, V&E has emerged as a leading law firm for renewable energy with a particular expertise in wind-related transactions. We have advised on the development, financing and acquisition or disposal of over 10 GW of wind energy projects worldwide.

Our extensive experience of advising on wind energy projects has involved development, finance, and acquisitions of onshore and offshore projects both in the UK and abroad.

Our wind energy lawyers assist clients with:

- Environmental issues
- EPC and BOP contracts
- Interconnection agreements
- Land use issues
- Leases
- O&M and warranty agreements
- Power purchase agreements
- Regulatory issues
- Tax issues
- Tower supply agreements
- Turbine supply agreements
- Wildlife impact issues

Vinson & Elkins has worked with many of the most innovative wind energy developers and investors on some of the largest projects in the world ►

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## Representative Experience:

**HgCapital** – Acquisition of a majority interest in the €175 million Havsån wind project, Sweden's largest onshore wind project and the first project financing in the Nordic power market; named *Infrastructure Journal's* 2008 "Renewables Deal of the Year"

**DONG and Centrica** – Acquisition and development of the Barrow offshore wind farm; the wind farm comprises around 30 three-to-four MW wind turbines, for a total of 90-180 MW, making the project one of the UK's largest operational offshore wind power projects to date

**Mesa Power** – US\$11 billion development of a 4,000 MW wind farm in Texas, and related project financing

**BP Alternative Energy** – Agreement with Clipper Windpower Plc to jointly develop multiple wind projects in the U.S., a long-term wind turbine supply agreement, and an option to purchase an interest in the company

**HgCapital** – €31 million acquisition of the Tir Mostyn wind power project in Wales and subsequent project financing

**D. E. Shaw group** – US\$400 million equity line capital investment in a wind power/project development company

**BP Alternative Energy** – Joint venture development of the approximately 5,050 MW Titan wind project in South Dakota

**AES** – Acquisition of an interest in Guohua Hulunbeier Wind Power Co., Ltd. in Inner Mongolia

**HgCapital** – Joint venture with Wind Direct for the provision of wind energy projects at industrial host sites in the UK

**The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc** – Acquisition of a 50 percent interest in three wind power generation facilities in California and Wyoming; named Project Finance Magazine's 2005 "North America Renewables Deal of the Year"

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.*

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