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SECTORS: Energy, Digital and E-Infrastructure, Infrastructure, Road, Bridges and Tunnels, Power, Social Infrastructure

SERVICES: ECA Finance, Corporate and Acquisition Finance, Derivatives, Project Finance, Structured Finance, Finance

BIO

KATHERINE IS A PARTNER IN THE LONDON PROJECTS GROUP BASED ACROSS LONDON AND MADRID.

She is a finance specialist who advises sponsors and lenders on energy and infrastructure financing transactions internationally, particularly in the UK, Spain and wider Europe.

Katherine's experience with energy assets includes conventional power projects and a broad range of renewables transactions, including solar, onshore and offshore wind and biomass. She also has a broad range of infrastructure experience, including the funding of hospitals, toll roads, prisons, transmission assets and water treatment and desalination plants (including the financing of public private partnerships and privatisations).

She has a wealth of experience in private sector project finance and corporate and acquisition finance. In addition, Katherine regularly advises on hedging and derivative transactions (including financial power purchase agreements). She also has expertise in ECA-covered project financing and export finance.

Katherine is dual qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales and Australia (New South Wales). She has also completed secondments at an international investment bank and with a global solar developer, owner and operator.

EXPERIENCE

Advised Sonnedix on the signing of an innovative €500m loan facility to finance the construction of its renewable development pipeline in Europe and the UK, particularly in Spain, Italy and England.

WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

BBVA, Banco Santander, CaixaBank, CIBC, ING, Intesa Sanpaolo, National Australia Bank and Siemens Bank, as lenders, on the refinancing of a portfolio of seven onshore wind parks owned by Finerge with a total installed capacity of 242 MW in the Spanish provinces of Ávila and Tarragona.

Advising Banco Santander on a €1bn green loan with a European Export Credit Agency guarantee granted to Iberdrola.

Advising Lightsource bp in relation to a US\$1.8bn revolving credit facility to be used for its global growth strategy of developing 25 GW of solar energy by 2025.

The hedge counterparties in respect of a £1.3bn investment-grade bond for the acquisition by leading Danish pension funds PKA and PFA of a 50% stake in 659 MW Walney Extension offshore wind farm from Ørsted.

EDUCATION

2000-2003 Bachelor of Science (Hons)

2000-2005 Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Law Society of New South Wales

Admitted with the Solicitors Regulation Authority

INSIGHTS

AWARD

TWO WFW DEALS WIN AT PROXIMO DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS

www.wfw.com/awards/two-wfw-deals-win-at-proximo-deal-of-the-year-awards/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES SONNEDIX ON INNOVATIVE €500M LOAN FACILITY

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-sonnedix-on-innovative-e500m-loan-facility/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES CITI ON €500M ECA-BACKED GREEN LOAN FOR IBERDROLA

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-citi-on-e500m-eca-backed-green-loan-for-iberdrola/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES BBVA ON €38M GREEN LOAN FOR SOLARPACK SPANISH PV PLANT

www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bbva-on-e38m-green-loan-for-solarpack-spanish-pv-plant/

PRESS

WFW ADVISES BBVA ON €42M GREEN FINANCING FOR MATRIX RENEWABLES
www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-bbva-on-e42m-green-financing-for-matrix-renewables/
