



# ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



*“A hell of a lot  
of expertise  
in Energy.”*

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Keating Chambers has specialist advocates with a genuine understanding of the demanding technical and commercial issues that arise in disputes within the energy sector. Our *“virtually unrivalled strength in depth”* is built upon many years of experience with onshore, offshore and marine projects, and our *“top drawer”* barristers are praised for their *“practical, hands-on approach”*. With a number of our barristers having a dual qualification in engineering, we are well-equipped to handle disputes involving complex technical issues.

## Oil & Gas

In the oil and gas industry, members of Keating Chambers have wide-ranging experience throughout the world, from the construction of artificial islands for oil extraction operations to the design and fabrication of topside units in the Middle East. This experience extends from well share agreements and oilfield exploitation disputes on the upstream side to plant performance and equipment defects on the downstream processing side.

## Power Plants & Nuclear

Members have considerable litigation and arbitration experience in power generation, including coal and oil fired power stations, combined cycle power stations and hydro-electric.

In the nuclear sector, our members have acted in disputes including new build, spent fuel, reprocessing of fuel, disposal of fuel, the design of nuclear waste storage and decommissioning.

## Renewables

The sustainable energy market has seen a large increase in the number of disputes concerning onshore and offshore windfarms, and members of Keating Chambers have acted in all the high profile disputes, both as advocates and arbitral tribunal members. They also have experience in solar, hydro and bio energy disputes.

## Marine & Offshore

We have considerable expertise in marine engineering matters, and have advised on and acted in numerous international shipbuilding and offshore construction disputes. Our experience extends to vessels destined for the oil and gas industry such as topside processing plants, accommodation modules, FPSOs, jack-ups, ferries, dredgers, cable laying, naval and general cargo vessels.

Members of Keating Chambers are committed to providing training and development to clients and can offer complimentary in-house training seminars on a broad range of energy topics.

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## ABOUT KEATING CHAMBERS

Keating Chambers is a leading set of commercial barristers' chambers, with a thriving domestic and international practice. Members specialise in providing their services across the areas of construction (onshore and offshore), energy, engineering, infrastructure, procurement, property, professional negligence, shipbuilding and marine engineering, and technology (including IT and Telecoms).

Members have a genuine breadth of advocacy and advisory experience. They provide advisory services on all the internationally recognised forms of contract including FIDIC, NEC, IChemE,

LOGIC, SAJ and AWES, and regularly act in disputes concerning bespoke contracts, often amended to some degree from these standard forms. They also have extensive experience with PPP, PFI, and partnering and alliancing contracts. Members regularly appear in the various divisions of the High Court – but especially in the Technology & Construction Court and the Commercial Court – and also the Court of Appeal, the Privy Council and Supreme Court. Their expertise in alternative dispute resolution covers domestic and international arbitration, adjudication (statutory and contractual), mediation, dispute review boards and expert determination.

Senior members are frequently appointed as arbitrators by many of the world's leading appointing bodies, such as the ICC, LCIA, DIAC, HKIAC, KLRAC and SIAC. They are also appointed directly by parties to arbitrations under ICSID and UNCITRAL rules. Members act as experts on English law in overseas jurisdictions, and some members have rights of audience in other jurisdictions (such as Australia, Dubai (DIFC), Hong Kong SAR, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and South Africa).



- ***MW High Tech Projects UK Ltd v Haase Environmental Consulting GmbH*** Dispute over inadequate design of a waste to energy plant.
- ***MT Højgaard v E.ON Climate & Renewables*** Supreme Court dispute arising out of variations to a contract to install the foundations for wind turbine generators following replacement of the original jack-up supply vessel.
- ***Bluewater Energy Services BV v Mercon Steel Structures BV and others*** Multi-million high court litigation regarding the construction of a soft yoke mooring system in the Caspian Sea.
- Multi-million US\$ arbitration regarding claims for extensions of time and loss and expense in respect of an EPC contract for a gas power plant in the Middle East.
- Acting for one of Europe's largest energy companies in a multi-million pound adjudication concerning a project to convert salt mines into gas storage facilities.
- Acting for the defendant contractor in a \$150m termination dispute arising out of the construction of a large petroleum research facility in the Middle East.
- Co-counsel for a mining company in a dispute in the High Court of the Kingdom of Lesotho relating to its rights arising from a joint venture agreement involving diamond exploitation rights.
- ***Transocean Drilling UK Ltd v Providence Resources plc*** Commercial Court claim and counterclaim arising out of alleged defects of a semi-submersible drilling rig.
- ***U&M Mining Zambia Ltd v Konkola Copper Mines Plc*** Anti-suit injunction concerning termination of various agreements for the mining of copper and disposal of waste from one of the world's largest copper mines.
- \$230m ICC arbitration concerning the construction of a polysilicon plant in the Middle East.
- Acting in a €100m+ international arbitration concerning damages arising out of the design and construction of a large off-shore windfarm.
- €750m ICC arbitration claim (and counterclaims) arising out of termination of contracts for subsea pipeline installation.
- Acting for construction joint venture in relation to one of the world's largest LNG developments in Australia.
- \$150m VIAC arbitration concerning the construction of a hydro-electric power station.
- Acting for a major international rig contractor on dispute arising out of the operation of an onshore oil rig in Kazakhstan.
- Advising in relation to a substantial LCIA arbitration in respect of the construction of a significant FPSO.



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