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*Aina Blankson has grown to become a leading global law firm renowned for professionalism and excellence in service delivery. We are consistently regarded as one of the foremost Nigerian law firms in the areas of arbitration, dispute resolution, litigation, corporate commercial law, oil & gas, transaction advisory amongst others.*

The development and financing of complex energy projects demand a forward thinking and multidisciplinary approach. Aina Blankson Energy & Natural Resources team builds on the Firm's strengths to fashion creative solutions that meet the clients' objectives. Our legal teams are built with a multidisciplinary skill set covering all the areas required to provide comprehensive and in-depth professional services for power and natural resource projects.

With clients in power and renewable energy, mining, petroleum and gas industries providing the Firm's energy practice with international recognition, we advise on project sponsors, institutional investors, developers, commercial financial institutions, governments and regulatory bodies towards optimizing their vested interests.

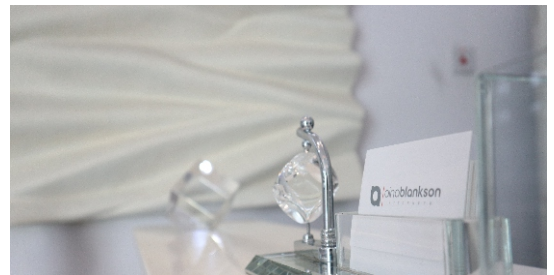
We are known for our ability to provide support from project initiation to execution and throughout the lifespan of a project, anticipating pitfalls and regional nuances to ensure a project's success. Our clients receive coordinated, across-the-board coverage for all their professional needs, including advice on corporate, regulatory, contractual, litigation and alternative dispute resolution and tax issues.

## OIL & GAS

Our dedicated team of oil & gas lawyers have considerable experience advising clients on complex legal, financial and commercial issues across all areas of the oil and gas industry; from major international oil companies and burgeoning independents engaged in exploration and production to clients engaged in oilfield servicing, refining, trading, storage and distribution, we offer a depth of resource, local expertise and commitment to key oil and gas players.

We provide guidance on the contractual and fiscal aspects of the oil & gas industry including production sharing contracts (PSCs), joint venture agreements (JVAs), joint operating agreements (JOAs), asset sale and purchase, financings, farm-ins and farm-outs. We also have market leading project finance experience of the full range of oil and gas transactions.

Our team works on award-winning transactions, providing legal support to the largest and most cutting-edge and complex oil, gas, liquid natural gas (LNG) and petrochemical transactions around the globe. Our sustained commitment to client service is reflected in our long-standing relationships as advisors to many of the world's leading oil and gas companies.



*'We are constantly in search of creative solutions for our diverse range of clients thus positioning us as the law firm of note in Africa. '*

## POWER



Aina Blankson works closely with clients to navigate through legal and regulatory challenges in the complex and evolving power market whilst also offering legal advisory support in all aspects of the financing of power projects, engineering, procurement and construction and operation and maintenance.

Our detailed understanding of the different segments of the electricity industry allows us to provide comprehensive advice and identify risks pertinent to developers, off-takers and lenders and proven mitigating solutions. Thinking laterally and with rich industry knowledge, we address the myriad of complex issues facing any power project from conception to execution.

We provide a full spectrum of legal services to key power sector participants

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Our energy team has the depth of resource and quality of experience in providing legal support for renewable energy projects including financing of renewable energy assets, regulatory advice and providing assistance in the drafting and negotiation of a broad range of commercial agreements such as Engineering Procurement and Construction Contracts, Operation & Maintenance Agreements, Power Purchase Agreements and other Off-take Agreements.



## ENERGY DISPUTE



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Increased globalization of the energy sector has made dispute avoidance and resolution strategies increasingly important for mitigating risk. Our energy disputes Attorneys have acute insight into the energy sector's dynamics, challenges and risks and an unrivalled understanding of the commercial context in which energy disputes arise.

We have an outstanding record assisting our clients in primarily avoiding or resolving disputes and regulatory issues through negotiation, mediation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. We frequently advise clients on preemptive strategies to minimize risk and avoid expensive litigation.

## MINING

Aina Blankson's attorneys can boast of vast experience within this nascent sector advising pioneer enterprises and financial investors on a range of complex transactions in Nigeria's mining sector. Our clients benefit from our comprehensive mining sector expertise particularly in the fields of tax and environmental law, project development and finance, policy, trade and dispute resolution. The combination of our experience cuts across the full life cycle of a mining project – from acquisition and financing to expansion and disposal. We provide comprehensive understanding of the mining sector; remain at the forefront of policy reform and the likely issues and solutions that arise in a wide variety of mining transactions.



*“With decades of experience and expansive global network, Aina Blankson is predominantly focused on providing top notch legal and business services to our multinational and international clients*

## ENVIRONMENT

Aina Blankson's team of environment solicitors provide specialist legal advice on a wide range of transactional work where environmental issues are dominant. Our clients include land developers, academic and health care institutions, heavy manufacturers, energy companies, banks, and other financial institutions. We are in-tune with changing public sector pressures and increasing emphasis on becoming better environmental citizens whilst balancing commercial interests and demands. We have demonstrated an affinity for managing compliance issues and keeping abreast of regulatory changes without compromising business goals. Our ground-breaking work in environmental management systems has changed the way people think about infrastructure project management and strategic management of environmental health and safety systems, including ISO 14001, the international standard. We are also industry leaders in brownfields redevelopment, reclaiming land once thought to be too toxic to use profitably. We are also known for the successful completion of corporate transactions, despite complex environmental concerns.

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