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Jonathan Behr is a Director in the Infrastructure, Energy and Projects Practice. His practice covers project development, construction and financing transactions in the energy and infrastructure sectors. Jonathan also advises clients in energy and infrastructure sectors on a range of transactional and general corporate matters, due diligence investigations and joint ventures.

Years of Experience: 12 years

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Construction & Engineering
- Infrastructure & Energy

EXPERTISE

Commercial

- Infrastructure, Energy & Projects
- Project Finance
- Construction

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Advised the **Anthem/Seller** on the first project financed wheeling solar PPA in the South African market using the traditional wheeling with Eskom whereby the offtaker was Harmony Gold.
- Advised the **Anthem/Seller** on the first project financed wheeling wind PPA in the South African market using the traditional wheeling with Eskom for the production of green hydrogen at Sasol's Sasolburg operations, through a wheeling arrangement under a 20 year power purchase agreement with Sasol South Africa Limited.
- Advised **Discovery Green** on their establishment as a licensed energy trader with NERSA.
- Advised a **bidder** in respect of Vodacom's procurement of renewable energy under a virtual wheeling arrangement.
- Advised the **lenders** in respect of the financing of a large scale solar PV facility in the Free State Province under a traditional wheeling arrangement with Eskom.
- Advised the **IPP/seller** in respect of the development of circa 420MW Wind Farm cluster in the Western Cape which included a traditional wheeling PPA with NOA a licensed energy trader.
- Advised the **lenders** in respect of the financing of the Bela Bela solar PV facility under a traditional wheeling arrangement with Eskom.
- The **offtakers** in relation to the various traditional wheeling PPAs in respect of major mining houses and trader based PPAs.
- The **contractor/turbine supplier** in respect of the construction of the Overberg Wind Farm developed by Red Rocket.

- The **sponsors/sellers** in relation to the development and construction of wind power generation facilities of 140MW each to supply energy on a traditional wheeled basis to various offtakes including Sibanye Stillwater Limited and Richards Bay Minerals, including the construction of these projects on a split contract basis.
- The **lenders/sponsors/IPPs** in respect of various wind and solar projects under the South African REIPPP Procurement Programme.

CAREER

- **Admitted as an Attorney**, 2009
- **LLM**, University of Johannesburg, 2008
- **LLB**, University of Johannesburg, 2006
- **BCom**, University of Johannesburg, 2004

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked as a highly regarded practitioner by *IFLR 1000* | Energy & Infrastructure | Project Finance | 2018 – 2022, 2024 – 2025
- Ranked as a rising star practitioner by *IFLR 1000* | 2017 | Project Finance
- Ranked as "up and coming" practitioner for Infrastructure, Energy & Projects by *Chambers Global* (2017 – 2020).
- Named as a recommended lawyer in Projects and Infrastructure by *The Legal 500* (2025)