Support at every step: the project lifecycle

Professional business services (PBS) underpin the development and operation of all major projects. From project conception to end-of-life decommission, teams of financiers, asset managers, economists, development advisors, planners, cost consultants, surveyors, architects, engineers, lawyers and accountants will all have been closely involved.

PBS firms in the UK are committed to supporting the net zero transition and lead the way in developing the tools and frameworks needed to embed resilience and sustainability thinking in project development.

UK PBS firms have a wealth of expertise in developing strategy, setting standards, supporting policy development, market design and capacity building. This expertise, developed both in the UK and internationally, can be deployed to create the conditions for successful net zero infrastructure project delivery.

Prepare for possible sale
WHO: LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS, M&A BOUTIQUES

Prepare for a scenario where others with different risk appetites take on the construction and operational risk.

Early concept developments are explored in detail to establish project feasibility and inform ‘go/no go’ decisions on the full scheme.

Develop pre-feasibility model into a robust full feasibility model detailing design, maximising value and resilience, while minimising life-cycle costs.

Detailed environmental strategy, modelling elements such as energy and water use, resilience, regenerative design, and circular economy principles.

Embed best practice strategies for buildings and systems, for example, minimising costs and operational carbon.

Obtaining planning consent, conducting environmental reviews, entering into landleases, exploring grid connection possibilities, and third party contracts.

Arrange finance
WHO: LAWYERS, CONSULTANTS, M&A BOUTIQUES, ACCOUNTANTS

Decisions on how the project is financed, how equipment and capital goods are acquired, tax structure and exit possibilities (selling).

Build financial model
WHO: ACCOUNTANTS

Creation of a financial model to help determine valuation.
Project lifecycle continued

Construction

Construction stage
WHO: DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND OTHER SITE SERVICES

The construction phase can begin with a procurement process and cost management. This enables site development and key enabling works such as grid connections.

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Operation stage
WHO: ACCOUNTANTS, ASSET MANAGERS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS, TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

Programme and project management setup for contractors, subcontractors and supply chain services as well as stakeholder management, risk, security and data management.

Pre-sale
WHO: ADVISORY SERVICES

Assess life of asset in order to establish remaining life and value for potential sale, including working with asset owner to work out how best to manage asset in the interim.

Deconstruction/decommission or repower

Pre-sale
WHO: LAWYERS, CONSULTANTS, ACCOUNTANTS

SPV engages new investor and prepares legal and financial requirements and documentation for potential sale.

Sale phase
WHO: LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS, ADVISORY SERVICES

SPV sold to private fund, private equity or via stock market listing.

Final stage
WHO: LAWYERS, CONSULTANTS, ACCOUNTANTS, ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL

Engage technical and legal support to renegotiate lease.

Pre-sale and sale phase
Manage day to day financial needs of the SPV or other project holding company including accounting, tax services and general company transactions.