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Renewable Energy & Alternative Dispute Resolution

**Speakers: Andy Harmer, Edward Butler, John Redmond, Grant Jones,
Gordon Nardell QC**

Chair: Margaret Bickford-Smith QC

Monday 4th March 2014 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Venue: Osborne Clarke, One London Wall, London EC2Y 5EB

As renewable energy projects continue to increase in size, number and complexity, the need to resolve disputes effectively has never been greater. For this seminar we have assembled a panel of expert speakers who will share their experiences and useful lessons learned.

- **Andy Harmer, Head of Environmental Infrastructure at John Laing investments Ltd** is a chartered civil engineer and Member of The Institution of Civil Engineers. His experience includes the design management and construction of major infrastructure projects encompassing roads, tunnels, tramways, rail engineering and bridge projects in the UK, many of them PPP or PFI projects. He will give an overview of the renewables sector, including UK & EU policy, technologies, projects and players.
- **Edward Butler and John Redmond of Osborne Clarke** will comment on international renewables projects, recurring themes and flashpoints hampering successful completion, different forms of dispute resolution and themes for ADR in the UK renewables sector. **Edward**, a Solicitor Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience, works as counsel on projects and in high value litigation and arbitration (ad hoc and institutional). **John**, a chartered arbitrator, is now a specialist consultant with Osborne Clarke's construction team, which previously he led. He now works primarily as an arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator.
- **Grant Jones**, Chartered Accountant, Solicitor, New York Attorney, Visiting Professor of Law and ADR practitioner, formerly director of two wind companies, will speak on the recent British Photovoltaic Society's ADR scheme.
- **Gordon Nardell QC of Thirty Nine Essex Street Chambers** is a former litigation commercial solicitor who moved from the UK Parliamentary Counsel Office to the Bar. His practice focuses on European and worldwide commercial disputes in the energy and related sectors. Much of his work involves renewable and conventional energy projects in Europe and Asia. He will discuss resolving disputes where funding and consenting risk contribute to project failure; how to encourage ADR while avoiding pathological arbitration clauses; and how market regulation and subsidies affect resolution of renewables disputes.
- **Chair: Margaret Bickford-Smith QC**, Chair of CI Arb London Branch, and member of the CI Arb Mediation Panel.

Following the Seminar, which will conclude around 8pm, Osborne Clarke will generously host a reception for the speakers and all attendees.

There will be no charge to attend this meeting but attendees MUST register in advance with Osborne Clarke by e-mailing events.calendar@osborneclarke.com.

The event will carry 1.5 CPD points.