



Specialist lawyers serving the construction, engineering and energy sectors

Welcome to Systech Solicitors E-newsletter. In this issue we provide updates on the key contracts, legislation, disputes and cases affecting the construction, engineering and energy sectors. The newsletter also includes a couple of topical articles and news about our practice.



Legal News

We focus on developments in the first quarter of 2011:

- Contracts Update.....we look at the recently announced new JCT 2011 forms [read more](#)
- Legislation Update.....we look at the recently published Guidance to the Bribery Act which is due to come into effect on the 1st July this year [read more](#)
- In Dispute... we have included a round-up of recent key decisions made in adjudication proceedings and the courts which you need to be aware of [read more](#)

Articles

- We look at how to prevent a wrongful bond call [read more](#)
- And review the options for partnering or alliancing [read more](#)

Team News

We are delighted to announce 2 new additions to the Systech Solicitors team.

- **Chris Deason** joins our team in Dubai. Chris brings with him significant arbitration experience and knowledge from his work on major construction projects around the world.
- **Jordan Edwards** has joined our London office having previously worked for Fenwick Elliott where his appointments included Multiplex on Wembley Stadium.

International News

Our international team continues to flourish with work ranging from up-front contract advice to handling major international arbitrations, for example:

- We are advising a large international contractor on an arbitration in Dubai in relation to a US \$200 million dispute against a developer; Systech Solicitors is preparing the pleadings and undertaking the advocacy and Systech International has prepared the supporting claims, programmes and documentation.
- We are advising one of the largest local contractors in the UAE in relation to a US \$70 million arbitration before the ICC in Dubai. The issues include wrongful termination, claims for extensions of time and additional cost, non-payment, wrongful realisation of performance bonds and allegations of defects.
- We are advising an international contractor employed in relation to a turnkey EPC power station project in the Middle East. We have provided a legal analysis of contractual issues relating to variations and loss and expense claims and we are advising on strategy for the resolution of the dispute.
- We are advising a petrochemical contractor on a project in the Middle East in relation to dispute resolution strategy and the drafting of claims with a value of circa US \$400 million.
- We are advising an international contractor on strategy in relation to claims on a US \$1 billion highways project in the Middle East.

Latest News

Telephone hotline

Our telephone helpline is available to clients and provides you with a direct link to our legal team for an immediate view on any contractual / legal issue. This service is free and will give you access to advice from our team of experienced solicitors.

Call **Kelly Hall** on +44 (0) 207 234 3520

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Legal Updates

We circulate regular Legal E-alerts which highlight topical issues, developments and cases. If you have any comments or ideas of topics you would like us to cover please email -

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Training

We hold regular training sessions on topical legal and commercial issues.

Our sessions in May will be the first in a series of four events we will be holding over the coming months that will cover typical problems and issues which arise during the life of a project.

For the first in the series we will be speaking about issues at the front end of a project - when it is essential that the correct decisions are made to ensure that the project gets off to a good start. During the seminar we will look at:-

- Letters of intent - what are the dangers?
- Do I have a contract? The "battle of the forms" and the impact of the new Construction Act
- How to engage subcontractors and mitigate your risk
- Programmes - Master Programmes, Accepted Programmes and Clause 14 Programmes explained

Dates:

- London - May 10th
- Liverpool - May 17th
- Manchester - May 18th
- Leeds - May 19th

For more details please email geoff.ansell@systech-int.com or visit the [events](#) page on our website.

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About Systech Solicitors

Systech Solicitors is a niche law firm specialising in the provision of legal services to its global clients across the construction, engineering and energy sectors. Our services include procurement techniques and strategies, the drafting of contracts, contract and legal advice during the life of a project and the management and resolution of disputes.

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