



Construction & Engineering

International - Oil and Gas, Power and Process Engineering

Nabarro's Construction and Engineering Group has one of the industry's largest and most respected specialist teams.

OUR TEAM AND RESOURCES

Members of our team have worked in many different countries; the map in our main brochure shows you where.

We are able to mobilise resources quickly into all the overseas jurisdictions that we work in. Our clients, and our own experience, tell us that this is efficient and effective. We also have a formal alliance with law firms in major European countries and a structured network of relationships with like-minded and experienced firms elsewhere around the globe.

When our clients and contacts need advice on a project in an overseas jurisdiction, we work closely with our local allies to provide cost-effective solutions. Typically they will provide the location-specific regulatory know-how and we will provide the contractual and specialist engineering law advice. We can deploy teams to work on-site anywhere in the world.

THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE AT YOUR DISPOSAL

A number of firms offer a so-called 'cradle to grave' service. Nabarro, in contrast, aims to keep its clients' projects well away from the graveyard. But we can supply all the skills required to support major engineering projects – strategic procurement advice, contract drafting, ongoing project support and risk management, and dispute resolution.

We have a detailed understanding of the forms of contract commonly used on international projects, including I.Mech.E/ IET, I.Chem.E, NEC3, Orgalime, and the FIDIC suite of contracts – some of which we helped to draft and review. So you don't have to pay for us to familiarise ourselves with standard industry documentation.

Invariably some projects will go wrong. We can help resolve problems cost-effectively, and have extensive experience of Dispute Boards, Mediations, the increasingly common international adjudications, and arbitrations conducted through the leading arbitral bodies such as the ICC and the LCIA.

Here is a selection of the major oil and gas, power, and process engineering projects we have worked on:

Oil and Gas

Saudi Arabia: concluded contracts for designing, making, supplying and installing pyrolysis furnaces, which included establishing a split onshore/offshore contract structure.

Malaysia: represented a large French/Italian process engineering company in a contractual dispute concerning a deep-water production facility in the South China Sea. The dispute centred around unforeseen ground conditions involving complex geotechnical and geophysical issues. The amount at stake exceeded US\$30m and the matter was concluded with 100% success for the client.

Abu Dhabi: represented an offshore fabrication company in LCIA Arbitration proceedings against an American company arising out of the conversion of a redundant tanker into a permanent production facility moored off Abu Dhabi. The disputes concerned the impact and management of change, inadequacies in surveying work and the correction of structural defects.

UAE: advising and representing an Emirates-based oil company in an international arbitration relating to the construction of an offshore oil and gas-processing platform in the Arabian Gulf.



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Bangladesh: advised an international contractor/ facilities manager on disputes relating to a natural gas processing plant. The plant was procured under an amended version of the FIDIC 'Yellow Book' and was partly financed through state aid. Dispute resolution procedures included English High Court litigation, mediation, adjudication, and ultimately the initiation of ICC arbitration proceedings.

Power

Philippines: drafted the EPC contract and associated documentation (based on heavily-amended FIDIC terms) to refurbish a hydro-electric plant.

Italy: acted for a contractor in the negotiation of a FIDIC-based contract to develop two biomass-fuelled power stations.

Far East: advised the project company in ICC arbitration proceedings against a German company concerning the development of a project-financed 1000MW CCGT power station. Issues included the wording of performance guarantees and associated liquidated damages regimes, defect correction procedures, performance incentives, and the interface between the EPC contractor and the O&M service provider.

Spain: advising a Swiss utility company on all procurement aspects of its investment in a major solar power station in Murcia.

India: acting for an Indian company on its development of a 3000 MW solar power station in India.

Process Engineering

Portugal: advised a high-profile English process engineering company on a FIDIC Yellow Book-based contract for major fabrications to be incorporated into a large new plastics manufacturing facility.

Taiwan: acting for the Japanese supplier in relation to disputes arising out of the performance of equipment for the manufacture and handling of polyester yarns.

Sweden: advised a leading English mechanical engineering and fabrication contractor on placing a large equipment supply and installation contract based on the standard Orgalime Conditions.

Russia: acted for a funder/developer in the project-financed development of a large iron smelting process plant.

China: advised and represented the European supplier on disputes arising out of the performance of equipment at an aluminium smelter plant.

Saudi Arabia: advising a Saudi client concerning claims against the contractor relating to building, operating and maintaining a water plant.

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