

Security

Security

• Purpose?

- Give the lenders proprietary interest
- Priority over other creditors
- Control if things go wrong
- Defensive nature

What security do we give?

- Nature of the Project
- Available?
- Practical?
- Most useful?
- Cost?

Who "holds" security?

- Multiple lenders
- Appoint entity to "hold" security
- Onshore & offshore

Possible security over:

- Cash
- Concession
- Physical assets
- Project company
- Contract rights
- Shareholders rights
- Onshore vs offshore
- Onshore
 - Project company
 - Asset security
 - Contract rights incl. insurance
 - Permits?

Offshore

- Accounts
- Contract rights including insurance

Issues with taking security

- Possible to take security
- Local law
- Restrictions?
 - Political reasons
 - National security?
- Practical considerations
- Cost
- Time
- Effectiveness?

Creating security - shares

- Control of business
- Remove the need to enforce asset security
- De facto "security" over concessions and licences of the Project Company
- Problems
 - Shareholder agreement
 - Change of control provisions
 - Restrictions on the Shareholders
 - Negative pledge

Creating security – Concession and Physical Assets

Concession

- Project has little value without it
- May not be possible under local law
- Government consent required
- Better to have share security?

Physical assets

- Immoveable property
- Moveable property
- Form of security varies with jurisdiction
- Formalities to "perfect" security
 - Registration
 - Notarisation
 - Fees
 - Updates

Creating security – Project Contracts

- Do the contracts allow for security?
 - Right to create security needs to be negotiated
- Governing law of the underlying contract
- Insurance contracts
- Comprehensive insurance cover with creditworthy international insurers
- Reinsurance contracts
- Perfection

Creating Security - Accounts

- Location of the Accounts
- Accounts hold cash
- Onshore operating amounts
- Offshore larger deposits
- Where to take security?
- Maintain sufficient control over the accounts
- Ability to block accounts on defaults
 - Potential events of default?
- Bank holding accounts right of set off

Quasi Security

- Direct Agreements
- Lenders having direct contractual arrangements with major counterparties
 - EPC Contractor
 - Fuel Supplier
 - Offtaker
 - O&M Contractor
- Why?
 - Maintain key contracts even if Borrower defaults

Round up

- Sponsor support
 - How much is needed?
 - How much are the sponsors willing to give?
- Security
 - Getting the balance right
 - How much security do you need?
 - Making life simple
- Recognising Lender concerns
- Making the deal function

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