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Our clean transport expertise



The advent of clean transport is one of the most revolutionary changes to take place in the history of transport. The take-up will transform not only driving habits and energy usage, but also supply chains, industries and physical infrastructure across the world.

With respect to cleaner engine technologies and sustainable transport, we have been at the forefront of new developments and regulatory implications. Linklaters is one of the few firms with a dedicated automotive sector team, and we are very familiar with the commercial and regulatory challenges and opportunities arising out of the wider electric vehicle (EV) market.

Linklaters' experience includes:

> Clean Buses Platform: advising European Investment Bank and the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations on the setting up of an investment platform to finance the energy transition of bus fleets across France. The "Clean Buses" Platform will offer innovative financing to local and urban mobility authorities looking to green their bus fleets and reduce their climate impact.

> Dijon Hydrogene: advising Storengy on its investment in Dijon Métropole Smart Energhy, a joint venture company set up to develop and operate hydrogen production plants in Dijon, France, dedicated to fuelling hydrogen-powered buses.

> EV joint venture: advising Groupe PSA, the French car manufacturer, on a joint venture with Punch Powertrain, a Belgian supplier of fuel-efficient powertrains and subsidiary of the Chinese Jinji group, for the development of future generation mild hybrid and plug-in hybrid EVs.

> Taobao China Holding Limited: advising Alibaba on the First-of-its-Kind Structure in Xpeng Inc.'s US$1.8bn dual-primary listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Xpeng Inc. is a leading Chinese electric vehicle maker.

> Alternative fuel regulatory advice: advising a UK infrastructure operator on the interplay between the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018 and developments in the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Regulations 2017.

> Alternative fuel regulation: advising a battery-swapping company on the regulation of alternative fuel infrastructure in the UK and Spain.

> Electric bus financing: advising Crédit Agricole CIB as lender on the financing of 25 electric buses and their chargers for NEoT Green Mobility.

> Arrival: advising the global company creating electric vehicles on its US$5.4bn business combination with CIIG Merger Corp. Arrival plans to use $660m in gross proceeds to ramp up delivery of its EVs and expand its global network of microfactories.

> Arrival S.A R.L.: advising this electric van maker on the issue of shares to Hyundai Motor Company, Kia Motors Corporation and UPS by way of private placement.

> New electrical rolling stock: advising QW Rail on the financing, acquisition and leasing for multiple electrical units of new rolling stock for Transport for London.

> Red Eléctrica de España: advising on the judicial proceedings for the closure of an electric transport facility in Spain.

> EV strategic alliances: advising a leading worldwide auto OEM on its proposal on ventures in a Chinese EV OEM for a strategic alliance.

> Hybrid vehicle joint venture: advising Peugeot Citroën SA in the setting up of a 50%/50% joint-venture with BMW active in the development, production, procurement and sale of electronification components for hybrid vehicles.

> EV Joint Venture: advising a leading US EV manufacturer on its selection of Chinese partners for the establishment of a joint venture for EV manufacturing in Shanghai.

> A Chinese OEM: advising on the acquisition of (i) a R&D technology company focusing on EV battery modules in the US and in Germany, (ii) an EV motor and battery management system (BMS) technology company in the US, (iii) an EV manufacturing in the US.

> EV investment: advising the investor on its US$10m subscription of certain class C preferred shares of an EV company.

> China battery investment: advising a Hong Kong private equity fund on its investment in a Chinese BMS and motor developers.

> Innogy's Innovation Hub: advising on a spin-off and the subsequent investment in a company in the sector of e-mobility.

> Electrification strategy: advising a major OEM on the legal protection of the electrification strategy.

> EV acquisition: advising MidAmerican Energy Holdings on its US$230m acquisition of a stake in China's BYD Co., a manufacturer of new energy vehicles.

> Tesla expansion: advising Tesla on its European wide set-up and expansion including the leasing of its stores and charger stations.

> EV expansion: advising Sokon Industrial Group, a Chinese automobile OEM on its domestic and international expansion in the EV industry, including (i) acquisitions of EV design and R&D capabilities, as well as BMS and Powertrain R&D and manufacturing entities, (ii) charging systems review in both China and U.S., and (iii) battery and autonomous driving related technologies in China and Asia.

> EV and battery joint venture: advising a major French energy company on its joint venture with a Shanghai-based EV charging and BMS R&D company.

> Heuliez acquisition: advising Mia Electric, the French electric car manufacturer, and its three shareholders in filing a purchase offer for the EV business of Heuliez, in the context of insolvency proceedings.

> New energy vehicles investment: advising the investor on the US$30m acquisition of a minority equity interest in a company whose business mainly includes the development, design, manufacturing and sales of new energy automobiles in China.

> US EV investment: advising an EV OEM and strategic PE investors to make Series C and Series D investments in a Silicon Valley EV company with the intention to expand in China.

> EV parts company acquisition: advising a state-owned car OEM on its proposed acquisition of a leading auto parts/ components company with a strong development in EV parts supplies, headquartered in Germany.

> China EV investment: advising a major internet technology company on its EV efforts and its US$9.5bn China investment project for manufacturing EV in Southern China.

> Autonomous driving company acquisition: advising a Chinese OEM's US subsidiary on an acquisition of a level 2 and 3 autonomous driving technology company in the US.

> Investment Company: advising on its minority investment in an electric car brand.

> EV manufacturing and microgrids: advising Chongqing Jinkang New Energy Co. Ltd on its proposed microgrid projects serving its EV manufacturing facilities in theSouth Western part of China.

> EV exports: advising a leading worldwide EV OEM on its China exports plan.



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