

Bob Laslett

Highlights

- Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Energy Institute
- Honorary Fellow Association for Project Management
- Over 40 years of engineering and construction experience
- Specialist in delay, technical, and project management matters
- Cross examined including by specialist Queen's Counsel
- Extensive international arbitration and litigation experience

Summary:

Over 40 years' experience in project management, project engineering and project planning and scheduling. A project delay expert for renewable energy, offshore oil and gas, shipbuilding, marine, pipelines, petrochemicals, nuclear and infrastructure projects.

Bob has worked with many global enterprises such as BP, Shell, ExxonMobil, Total, ConocoPhillips, Marathon Oil, Agip and ADNOC in the oil/gas sector and EDF, EnBW, Nuclear Electric and EON in the energy sector as well as international contracting organisations such as Bechtel, Brown & Root, Amec, Fluor, Protech International, SBM Offshore and Wood Group.

Bob has been recognized as a major influencer and contributor to Project Management in the UK especially in the Offshore Oil and Gas Sector. He has experience across the entire engineering and construction process from conceptual design through FEED, EPC/EPCM, Commissioning and Handover to Operations.

His 'Renewable Energy' experience includes Hydrogen, Nuclear, Waste to Energy e.g. MSW, Solar (PV and CSP), Wave and Tidal, Hydroelectric, Biomass and Wind Turbines both On and Offshore.

Bob has been instructed to produce expert reports and has acted as a technical expert witness and delay expert on energy, offshore oil and gas, petrochemicals, engineering and construction, infrastructure, and renewables. He has given evidence and been cross examined in Arbitrations, Adjudications and Mediations.

Bob's expert knowledge of delay analysis involves project planning and resource scheduling, critical path analysis and other delay and disruption protocols such as: Impacted As-Planned; Time Impact; Time Slice Windows; As-Planned v As-Built Windows; Retrospective Longest Path and Collapsed As-Built Analysis. Also, familiar with project planning software tools such as Primavera P6, Agile, Planview, Microsoft Project, Smartsheet and in the use of techniques such as WBS, PERT, Baseline & Progress Measurement.

Bob has experience of using a wide range of planning and scheduling techniques as an expert to establish and demonstrate delay including the use of all forms of forensic analysis including histograms, S-curves, Gantt charts, graphical and tabular reports.

Bob has been instructed by:

- Stephenson Harwood
- Pinsent Masons
- Clyde & Co
- Kennedys Law
- Harrison Clark Rickerbys
- Nordisk Legal (Norway)
- Eversheds Sutherland
- Brandsmiths
- White & Case
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Fenwick Elliott
- Arntzen de Besche (Norway)

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Expert Profile



Delay & Technical Expert

Qualifications:

- CEng
- FEI
- FIET
- HonFAPM
- FACostE
- FICCPM
- FRSA

Contract Experience:

- ICC Model
- JCT
- NEC
- FIDIC
- LOGIC
- IChemE
- Bespoke

Sectors:

- Energy including Renewables
- Infrastructure & Pipelines
- Shipbuilding & Marine
- Engineering & Construction
- Petrochemicals
- Oil & Gas (On & Offshore)

Geographic Experience:

- Africa
- The Americas
- Asia-Pacific
- UK, Continental Europe & Scandinavia
- Middle East
- Russia

Selection of dispute cases for which Bob Laslett was appointed as an Expert:

Energy including Renewables

- Appointed by EDF and EnBW as the delay expert for a dispute concerning the engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning of a major Underground Salt Cavern Gas Storage facility in Germany.
- Dispute concerning the design & construction of a Waste Treatment Plant, appointed by EPC contractor.
- Offshore Wind Farm project dispute involving the project delays concerning the fabrication, offshore installation using a derrick barge and subsea cabling.
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) dispute involving design, engineering, construction and operations.
- Dispute concerned the construction of some onshore wind turbine base/support structures.

Shipbuilding & Marine

- Dispute concerning the modifications to nine river and sea-going vessels in China for a major German shipping client.
- Dispute concerning the fabrication, construction and fit-out of three offshore Survey Vessels being built in a Far East shipyard for a Dutch client. The case focused on the Critical Path Analysis of the sequencing of fabrication and erection works and specifically the progress measurement and management reporting.
- Dispute relating to the building of seven cargo vessels at a shipyard in China for a German shipping company. Dispute concerned both delay and technical aspects of this construction contract.
- Dispute concerning the fabrication, construction and fit-out of two offshore Diverless Sub-Sea Decommissioning Vessels (DSDV's) being built in Spain. The dispute focused on the Critical Path Analysis of the individual vessel's construction.

Oil and Gas (On & Offshore)

- Dispute relating to the completion of construction, fit-out and commissioning of two Bingo 9000 deep water drill rigs for exploration drilling offshore Brazil.
- Dispute concerning the completion of an FPSO new build and the delay in completion including lost time related to some fundamental elements of the vessel build plus late delivery of key pieces of equipment.
- Dispute concerning the dramatic cost increase and associated delays in the use of exotic metals for pipework fabrication for a major offshore North Sea production facility. The case involved the analysis of the global market for incoloy / exotic metals required due to the highly corrosive nature of this gas field.
- Appointed jointly by ExxonMobil, Shell, Total, ENI/Agip, ConocoPhillips and Inpex Corporation as the project management expert to produce a very comprehensive report (over 350 pages) for the purposes of expert determination related to the complex Kashagan North Caspian Sea oilfield development.
- Dispute concerning the re-build of a 3-legged jack-up cantilever drill rig in the Middle East. The case required a review of the project management, specifically the project planning and project engineering.
- Dispute involving the World Bank (IFC) funding of the engineering and construction of two complex and specialised water injection modules for an offshore oil production facility on the west coast of Africa.

Pipelines

- Delay and disruption caused by late 'approved for construction' drawings for the 1,768-kilometre Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan crude oil pipeline, pump, and pigging stations in the Turkish sector of this massive pipeline.
- Complex international dispute concerning pipeline pigs and pigging devices.

Infrastructure

- Major highway design and construction including bridges and tunnels in East Africa.
- Infrastructure development for international port facilities in Central America.
- Dispute concerning demolition, groundworks and piling for a major construction site in London.

Petrochemicals

- Review of claims in respect of an oil refinery extension for prolongation of costs and an extension of time by EPC contractor.
- Appointed to provide expertise concerning oil refinery operations for a case concerning a serious incident during oil refinery maintenance operations and involving the UK Health & Safety Executive.
- Dispute concerning the late completion of a major petrochemical process plant in the UK involving the EPC contractor and the Middle East plant owners. Dispute covered many aspects of the plant involving both engineering and construction as well as commissioning.

Bob is also a Member of the Society of Construction Law.

Bob is a Volunteer Chartered Engineer Assessor for the Energy Institute.