

## Conference Abstracts & Biographies

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### 4A – Investinblue – Investing in the UK Maritime Sector (Part One)

#### Ashfords LLP & Mazars TBC – Investing in UK Marine and Coastal Development Projects – The Risks and Rewards

Lara Moore, Senior Associate, Ashford's LLP

Rachel Lawton, Director/London Audit and Assurance, Mazars



#### **Lara Moore**

Senior Associate, Ashford's LLP

*Lara Moore is a specialist in ports, harbours and coastal development at leading national law firm Ashfords LLP.*

Lara advises port authorities on marine regulatory matters and port authorities, developers, local authorities and large corporates on all aspects of obtaining coastal development consents, including; terrestrial planning permission; marine licensing and planning; harbour orders and interpretation of statutory harbour powers.

Lara has advised on a number of high profile multi-million pound coastal developments including the proposed £650 million Hastings Harbour Regeneration Scheme. She is well known in the industry as a pre-eminent marine licensing and marine regulatory lawyer.

Lara is a member of a number of Port Groups and last year she was elected by industry on to the UK Harbour Masters' Association's National Council. In addition she presents seminars for leading industry organisations including; the British Ports Association, UK Harbour Masters Association and Port Skills and Safety. Lara has won numerous academic awards and also writes regularly for prominent publications.



#### **Rachel Lawton**

Director – London Audit and Assurance, Mazars

Rachel has more than 14 years of experience working in the Russian and CIS market and is a Russian speaker. Rachel has worked on a wide variety of clients in Russia including State owned entities, SEC registrants and privately owned businesses, the marine, natural resources and FMCG areas.

Rachel has worked with numerous international transport companies and has significant experience in the marine sector with a client base which has included one of the world's leading energy transporters. Previous clients included Sovcomflot, FESCO and Northern Shipping Company. Current clients included Petredec, SK Shipping and BRS.

Rachel is also treasurer of WISTA (Women's International Shipping & Trading Association) which has over 3,000 members in 40+ countries.

## Marine Energy Wales – Investing in Wales: The low carbon maritime export market

David Jones, Project Director/Cyfarwyddwr Prosiect, Marine Energy Wales



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Project Director, Cyfarwyddwr Prosiect, Marine Energy Wales

David has worked in marine specific project management for over 15 years, specialising in coastal and marine cross sector partnership working. His expertise lies in mediating between a wide range of potentially conflicting interests, identifying innovative management solutions and providing bespoke business support.

David Jones is also CEO of Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) an award winning Community Interest Company that works to protect the coast and marine environments for current and future generations to enjoy. Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum is the company behind projects such as Marine Energy Pembrokeshire and Marine Energy Wales, and David in his role as project director has been instrumental in the development of the marine renewable energy industry in Wales.

David has worked specifically on marine energy in Wales for 10 years helping to develop Marine Energy Wales from inception to a working group containing over 25 technology developers and all relevant UK stakeholders.

He has extensive marine renewables networks within the UK and beyond and represents the interests of the industry through panel debates, ministerial meetings, working groups, policy conferences and events.