

# eDiscovery Expertise for Energy Sector Disputes and Investigations

fact sheet

- Specialist Document Reviewer lawyers, recruited for their Energy sector expertise covering market pricing, contracts, privilege, royalty litigation and intellectual property.
- Global data infrastructure and review environments can be custom-configured to match your cross-border needs, with teams located across time zones to provide critical coverage around the clock
- Technological infrastructure and specialist security expertise meeting most rigorous data security standards
- Highly sophisticated technologies and industry-leading experts trusted as the global leader for investigations, eDiscovery, document review solutions

## By the Numbers

700+

Energy and Natural Resources  
matters completed

70+

Energy and Natural  
Resources companies  
supported

8

of the Top 10 largest global  
energy companies as clients

5,400+

Team Members, including  
eDiscovery, Cybersecurity,  
Data Forensics & Compliance  
Risk Assessments Experts

10,000+

Pre-Screened Reviewers  
Available Globally

1.5B+

Pages Reviewed  
in the last 2 years

17+

Years of Review  
Management  
Experience

Energy & natural resources firms globally are responding to an increasing number of legal challenges, and therefore legal cost. International and domestic regulators, competitors, stakeholders and environmental groups are increasingly challenging claims and licenses to energy production across land, sea, and air. As energy production technologies and practices become more sophisticated, intellectual property claims and defences grow with them. Highly competitive and volatile trading prices add to the risk and cost to firms of all sizes on an ongoing basis.

In the UK in recent years, OFGEM has become increasingly more stringent insofar as fines levied and investigations launched against energy companies. Having worked both on behalf of OFGEM and on behalf of energy companies subject to investigation, we have seen an increase not only in regulatory activity but also in the value of fines. Companies now stand to lose millions, if not tens of millions of pounds for regulatory impropriety and these risks need to be carefully monitored and mitigated to avoid significant financial and reputational damage. Moreover, international regulatory bodies which are members of CEER and ICER provide a top-down hierarchy to national regulators further necessitates an international dimension to energy sector legal matters.

Effectively addressing legal challenges requires a partner with more than just eDiscovery capabilities. It requires a deep industry understanding of matters specific to energy & natural resources companies and a consistent track record of success. Consilio has worked with the largest energy & natural resources companies worldwide on some of their most challenging legal issues. Through our consultative-led approach we have demonstrated deep expertise, refined technologies, and proven processes to reduce risks and costs throughout the eDiscovery workflow.

### Approaches Uniquely Evolved to Legal Challenges of Energy & Natural Resources Companies

- Global secure data centres are ISO-certified and regularly pass audits conducted by our clients.
- Top-of-industry energy industry expertise handling sensitive and time-critical matters including market pricing, contracts, privilege, royalty litigation, and intellectual property.
- Our global data infrastructure and review environments can be custom-configured to match your cross-border data needs.
- Project management teams are strategically-located across time zones provide critical coverage when timelines are tight.
- Flexible support solutions can be specifically designed to meet full- or partial-support of your entire eDiscovery and Document Review workflows.
- Heavily enhanced technology platforms offer capabilities for investigations, legal hold, eDiscovery, document review, spend management, and more.



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## Case Study: Large Multilingual Review for Major Oil & Gas Company Arbitration

### The Issue

A major arbitration against an oil & gas company consisted of a pool of 1.6 million multilingual documents centering upon a Norwegian dispute. A significant amount of irrelevant documents in this pool needed to be culled before review to avoid the spiraling cost of reviewing non-responsive material. Due to Covid related restrictions, the document review element had to be undertaken both remotely and in a completely secure environment.

### Our Approach

In combination with key word searches, Consilio was able to use sophisticated data analytics tools, including search terms, date range filters and data analytics functionality including communication analysis, email extraction analysis, language ID. Consilio provided English and Norwegian document review lawyers to review documents using our Secure Virtual Review (SVR) environment. We provided a review briefing document, shared by OSC to manage the 17 categories identified by client as being material to the dispute.

### The Result

- Consilio's analytics and project management specialists were able to reduce the total document pool from 1.63 million to 11,847 documents for review. This significantly reduced the time and cost associated with review.
- Using language identification we able to identify and assign documents in specific languages to the correct review resources.
- Our review team completed the first level review and categorisation into the 17 categories in 507.5 hours of review time, with an additional 58 hours of review management.
- By avoiding outside counsel running the first level review, we reduced the up front and overall cost for our client.

## Global Reach, Local Expertise



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