

# BOOK REVIEW



## The Application of Contracts in Developing Offshore Oil and Gas Projects by Philip Loots and Donald Charrett

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Philip Loots and Dr Donald Charrett are recognised as experts in the area of construction law, and their 2009 book *A Practical Guide to Engineering and Construction Contracts* is used by specialists in this area of the law as well as by firms specialising in construction disputes.

Their 2019 book *The Application of Contracts in Developing Offshore Oil and Gas Projects* is a valuable resource for anyone seeking information on how to contract for offshore oil and gas projects. It provides useful case studies from past and present projects to assist in planning for future projects as well as dealing with current projects. This book provides a comprehensive overview on project identification and the risk mitigation and optimisation phase of the project, and includes detailed material on offshore construction contracts as well as oil and gas contracts. It also introduces the reader to design concepts and good procurement strategies, and goes through the planning stages of the fabrication and construction

phase of offshore facilities through to the decommissioning programme of such facilities. It provides a good understanding of the importance of insurance in oil and gas contracts and covers necessary issues to consider before contracting with parties from different jurisdictions. The chapter on challenges in achieving successful megaprojects is particularly interesting as it sets out international research on key mistakes that companies make in developing and executing large scale projects such as an oil and gas project. *The Application of Contracts in Developing Offshore Oil and Gas Projects* is intended for project managers, legal advisors, commercial and procurement managers who wish to understand project development in oil and gas.