



Mining

Changing economic conditions are often felt at the mine mouth long before they appear on the balance sheet or the boardroom table. DLA Piper is responsive to our clients' needs as they adapt to the cyclical shifts in the global commodities markets. Our innovative solutions assist them to efficiently address these challenges and opportunities.

From startup to divestment or site closure, our mining legal team can provide a complete legal solution, covering everything from day-to-day operational issues to large scale international transactions and arbitrations.

Our commodities lawyers have detailed knowledge of local regulatory environments, key project drivers and the market. We understand how the many components of a project interact with one another. Our mining team takes a holistic approach to project development, which enables us to offer a balanced assessment in the best interests of the project as a whole. We can assist you to identify, analyze, negotiate and document project structures and to maintain efficiency when the project is operational.

DLA Piper is developing innovative solutions to some of the most complex and important issues facing the mining community today. These projects, while not only important in financial terms, are also breaking new legal ground in their treatment of difficult issues such as third party access to infrastructure and state agreements and concessions.

Mining is a truly global industry and we can provide the location-based assistance as well as the experience and skills that clients in this sector require.

We offer mining and minerals support in all of the major mining regions of the world, including emerging markets in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, as well as the more established markets in Australia, North America and Europe.

Our international reach means we have the local strength and knowledge to advise our clients on specific legal, cultural and political issues wherever they arise.

For those with projects across countries or continents, we can provide a single point of contact to help manage the delivery of legal services to all of your projects and your personnel.

Our multidisciplinary industry focus offers our clients responsive, cost-effective help. Whatever the nature of your legal requirement or business need, you can rely on our detailed

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knowledge, experience and understanding.

A selection of our clients:

Miners

- Anglo American
- BC Iron
- China Coal
- Coeur Mining
- Ferrous Resources
- Fortescue Metals Group
- Newmont Mining Corporation
- Norilsk Nickel
- Rio Tinto
- Xstrata

Financiers / Investors

- Credit Suisse
- Macquarie

Operators / Buyers

- Baosteel
- Sinosteel
- Lafarge
- Mitsubishi
- Sibelco/Unimin
- Arcelor Mittal
- Tata Steel
- POSCO
- Marabani
- Sinopec

Suppliers

- POSCO E&C
- STX
- Bristow Helicopters

Government

- Government of Guinea
- State of Western Australia
- Government of Uganda
- Government of Kazakhstan

Case studies

- When the Indian Government's Department of Disinvestment and Coal India Limited (the world's largest coal miner) planned an initial public offering of shares, we were chosen following a formal government counsel selection process involving more than six international law firms. The deal raised US\$3.43 billion, making it the largest IPO in the history of Indian capital markets and the third largest IPO in the world during 2010.
- We are assisting the Australian Premium Iron Joint Venture in all aspects of the development of the West Pilbara Iron Ore Project, which involves the development of three new iron ore mines, 350km of heavy-haul railway and a new deep water port at Anketell Point.
- Our broad experience in the financing of mining operations came into play when we represented a major bank in the financing of the development, construction and operation of an iron ore concentrator facility in the USA. It was structured as a fully secured project financing and commodity hedges were an important part of the deal structure, the borrower being required to

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- Energy and Natural Resources

hedge against iron ore concentrate price fluctuations over a multiyear period to ensure that offtake revenues would be sufficient to cover debt service.

- A cross-border team from Paris, Perth, New York and Brussels are assisting the Government of Guinea in the review of mining rights and conventions granted by the prior governments and on the renegotiation of concessions and conventions in accordance with the new Mining Code.
- We advised Lloyds Banking Group on the debt and equity restructuring of UK Coal plc (now renamed Coalfield Resources plc). An unsuccessful rescue bid would have resulted in company administration, closure of mines, the loss of 2,500 jobs and a tax payer bailout. Working closely with the Lloyds team, we helped achieve the desired outcome; the separation of the businesses of the Group into new divisions and the isolation of existing pension liabilities of £400 million.
- Following a mining failure in Indonesia, the reinsurers hired us to handle a US\$500 million claim. The case was eventually settled on very beneficial terms for the reinsurers.
- Representing the Republic of Guinea in consolidated, multi-billion dollar ICSID arbitrations brought by BSG Resources ("BSGR"), claiming expropriation of a mining concession and related rights in Guinea, in what is one of the most important and high-value mining disputes in the world.
- Acting for the Republic of Kenya in respect of an ICSID claim brought by the mining investor, Cortec. This claim is thought to be the highest value and most strategically important investment treaty claim Kenya has ever faced.

INSIGHTS

Publications

A more flexible approach to practical completion?

15 APR 2019

A recent decision in the Court of Appeal has highlighted the importance of defining the requirements for practical completion.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines

12 APR 2019

On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology

8 NOV 2018

Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

OECD releases new guidance on the application of the transactional profit split method under BEPS Actions 10

3 JUL 2018

The Guidance will likely continue the uncertainty for taxpayers as they develop and maintain their transfer pricing policies.

Endeavours and expectations in the energy sector

6 JUN 2018

So called "endeavours clauses" often arise in energy and natural resources contracts during the negotiation phase where it would be uncommercial for a party to commit absolutely to achieving a particular objective.

Minerals Matters

20 NOV 2017

Welcome to the Autumn 2017 edition of Minerals Matters, DLA Piper's bi-annual publication which showcases the breadth and depth of our experience in the mining and minerals sector.

How viable is hybrid energy in remote mining locations?

14 NOV 2017

Providing remote mining locations with a reliable and cost-effective energy source is an ongoing challenge, but technology may be on hand to provide an alternative solution.

Conflict mineral reporting rules impact many public companies: *new supply chain requirements and new Form SD*

19 Sep 2012

Understanding the new reporting requirements.

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DLA Piper advises Phatisa on Meridian exit

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Phatisa, a leading African development and private equity fund manager, and other minority

shareholders, on the sale of a controlling shareholding in Meridian Group (Meridian) to Ma'aden, the Saudi Arabian based mining and metals company.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Royal Reesink Smith Mining Acquisition

18 FEB 2019

DLA Piper in South Africa has advised Royal Reesink, one of the world's largest distributors of high-quality machinery, on the acquisition of all the issued shares of South African-based import and distribution company, Smith Mining Equipment Proprietary Limited.

DLA Piper releases Mining in Africa Guide

28 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has today released its comprehensive guide to the mining sector in Africa. The guide provides a high-level snapshot of the mining industry and regulatory framework across 32 African jurisdictions.

DLA Piper Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Casablanca has assisted Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) in its reverse takeover acquisition by Emerson Plc, paving the way to its listing in the London Stock Exchange.

UK Mining

From start-up, day to day operations to divestment or mine closure, DLA Piper's mining team in the UK provides a complete legal service and is a leader in the delivery of astute, industry focused advice to this specialist sector. Our team offers a cross-discipline service to clients, advising on all corporate real estate, construction, litigation, environmental, commercial, health and safety, regulatory and planning issues operators may face.

With an in-depth commercial and practical understanding of the industry, our technical excellence allows us to provide a truly unrivalled service to all of our clients. Strategically located across both traditional and emerging mining centres working closely in conjunction with our international colleagues, we provide minerals operators, banks, institutional investors, product manufacturers and investment funds with leading edge expertise, grounded in a thorough knowledge of local and international market conditions and regulations.

We understand that the economic environment, together with an ever-changing legislative framework, presents real challenges for organisations operating in what is already a heavily regulated industry. With one of the most highly regarded mining and

minerals teams in the country, we are able to offer practical and relevant advice to meet both legal and commercial requirements.

We also understand that mining is a global business and transactions and disputes increasingly have an international dimension. As well as providing local and national support, the breadth of our global practice and contact base means that we can support your business needs, wherever in the world you do business.

We continue to provide support to trade bodies in the UK and elsewhere and are associate members of the Mineral Products Association. We also produce Minerals Matters, a bi-annual publication for our client and contacts. Please contact our EMEA sector lead, Petra Billing, if you would like to receive this publication in the future.