Africa
Africa Team

Lawyers in Mayer Brown’s dedicated Africa practice group (including lawyers at Tauil & Chequer Advogados) have worked on deals in more than 30 countries throughout the continent. We offer practical experience, technical skills and commercial knowledge of the various African markets, culture and languages to our clients and understand the challenges and rewards that exist when doing business in Africa. These services are provided by lawyers who are qualified in a broad cross-section of jurisdictions and who, in many cases, have the ability to work in several languages including English, French and Portuguese.

WHAT WE OFFER

The African continent provides a wealth of opportunities both to clients seeking to expand their operations and to new entrants to these countries. Our Africa specialists support clients with an interest in African jurisdictions and have proven experience in addressing and resolving issues as they arise. We have a comprehensive track record in both common and civil law jurisdictions throughout Africa, working on transactions across a wide range of industries in addition to advising on disputes which may occur.

HOW WE CAN HELP

We are able to support clients in all aspects of their projects and operations in Africa, offering:

- A dedicated, internationally qualified team with experience of working on a range of matters in Francophone, Anglophone, Lusophone and other jurisdictions;
- The firm’s fully integrated skills in key areas such as project finance, international arbitration, M&A, joint ventures, capital markets, international banking, tax, mining, electricity, oil and gas, telecoms and infrastructure;
- Global coordination throughout our Mayer Brown offices across the Americas, Asia and Europe to provide seamless communication and prompt action regardless of where parties are located;
- Tried and tested project management skills to ensure that both on-site and remote support on African projects is delivered effectively; and
- Close relations with local counsel throughout the continent.
OUR APPROACH

We provide a partner-led service, assigning a lead partner to direct and manage each assignment from inception to completion, giving our clients the comfort and security of knowing that this individual will keep them informed and be able to answer any of their questions about a transaction at every stage. To facilitate work that often takes place under tight deadlines, our lawyers ensure that there is proper analysis of the transaction at its outset; early identification of potential problems; and rigorous project planning and timelines. We ensure our approach is flexible enough to allow for and to deal with last-minute issues, and we have a proven ability to field additional lawyers and resources from our worldwide offices at short notice to meet our clients’ needs.

OUR ALLIANCE IN MOROCCO

Through our alliance with Afrique Advisors, Mayer Brown is able to serve our clients should they require legal advice in the Kingdom of Morocco. Morocco represents a major economic region within the African continent, with the creation of Casablanca Finance City establishing an important financial hub in Morocco’s commercial capital. Its development caters for companies looking for international and regional headquarters and also provides a financial gateway for investors looking to access the fast-growing markets of Africa; playing a vital role in the country’s social and economic development. Our alliance with Afrique Advisors means that we are able to assist clients who have aspirations to explore such opportunities and require lawyers with strong local knowledge as well as feet-on-the-ground presence to deliver the advice and services they need. To learn more about Afrique Advisors, please contact Talal Belrhiti on tbelrhiti@afriqueadvisors.com or Laila Slassi on lsslasi@afriqueadvisors.com.

Celebrated mining practice with a growing presence in oil and gas, power and energy. Recognised for its prowess in mining project finance, in addition to its expertise in energy-related disputes and novel IPP mandates. Adept at handling corporate matters for petrochemical companies, as well as advising a long list of sponsors and governments on project development.

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Law 360, 2018
“Law Firm of the Year”
3rd consecutive year
Banking Practice Firm of the Year
2nd consecutive year
Project Finance Practice Group of the Year
2nd consecutive year
Global “20” firm
8th consecutive year
Africa - our highlights

The following map shows the range of countries in Africa in which we have representative experience.

Represented several companies in relation to joint ventures in multiple iron ore projects. Represented Xstrata on its takeover of Sphere Minerals.

Represented Endeavour Mining on the construction and ongoing projects at three gold mines in Mali, Ghana and Burkina Faso. This project won the African Mining Deal of the Year 2013 Project Finance Magazine.

Represented the arrangers of a $60 million debt financing for the development of the Loulo gold mine.

Represented the arrangers of a $90 million debt financing for the development of the Morila gold mine.

Represented the lenders on a project finance facility for the development of a bauxite mine.

Represented Goldbelt Resources on its takeover by Avocet Mining, and the financing and construction of the $128 million Inata gold mine in Burkina Faso.

Represented an international oil company in evaluating a farm-in opportunity offshore Sierra Leone, including performing substantial regulatory and title due diligence review, and in evaluating the country’s hydrocarbons regulations in connection with its potential participation in the 2012 Bid Round.

Represented Nedbank Capital and Rand Merchant Bank as arrangers in relation to a project debt facility to be made available to Bea Mountain Mining Corporation in relation to the New Liberty gold project in Liberia. This won the Development Funding Deal of the Year Mines & Money December 2013.

Represented a large telecom tower operator in connection with a loan facility for development of mobile phone infrastructure.

Represented Xstrata on its takeover of Sphere Minerals.

Represented the Kingdom of Morocco on both its $750 million and $1.5 billion note offerings.

Represented the Government of Gambia on an ICSID arbitration.

Represented a project sponsor in connection with the project financing of a gold mine.

Represented BNP Paribas, Standard Bank and various Nigerian lenders on a number of RBL transactions to fund the acquisition and development of OMLS.

Represented the arrangers of a $60 million debt financing for the development of the Loulo gold mine.

Represented the arrangers of a $90 million debt financing for the development of the Morila gold mine.

Represented a leading Chinese mining company on its proposed acquisition of copper assets.

Advised bidders (including Abengoa Water, Sojitz and Marubeni) in respect of their participation in the Mile 6 IWP in Namibia.**
Represented the Kingdom of Morocco on both its $750 million and $1.5 billion note offerings.

Represented Discovery Metals as project sponsor in connection with the $180 million debt financing of its greenfield copper project.

Represented the mandated lead arranger on the proposed project financing of a platinum project.

Represented a financial institution on the $229.8 million financing of an anhydrous ammonia project being developed by Egypt Basic Industries Corporation. The transaction was Ex-Im Bank’s first limited recourse project financing in Egypt.

Represented Nevsun Resources on the development and financing for a $300 million gold/copper/zinc/silver deposit.

Advised the lenders on a $170m project financing of Kenya’s first large-scale mine. The Kwale Mineral Sands project is expected to be one of the world’s largest producers of ilmenite and rutile in the world. The output from the mine is expected to overtake coffee as the country’s fourth biggest export earner.

Advised China-Africa Fund for Industrial Cooperation on investing in Poly-GCL Petroleum Group’s US$4B Ethiopia to Djibouti project. This transaction was awarded “Deal of the Year” by China Law and Practice Awards in 2018.

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Our Mozambique expertise

We have extensive experience in Mozambique, where we have practised for almost a decade advising on international investment projects in the country, notably for Brazilian companies. Much of our practice in Mozambique is focused in the areas of infrastructure, construction & engineering, energy and oil & gas, mining, heavy industries, agriculture and development of related large scale projects. In addition to advice focused on specific industries we also advise on general legal issues, including taxation, mergers & acquisitions, finance and foreign exchange matters, regulatory and public bids, labor and immigration matters, and corporate matters among others.

For projects in Mozambique, we have lawyers based in Brazil who have relocated to Mozambique, alongside partnerships with experienced local lawyers. This combination unites local experience, which includes a unique perspective on local needs and the country’s business environment, with access to our global platform. Thus, we use our local and international lawyers depending on client needs and on the complexity of the projects. We handle clients’ affairs using a direct approach, linking between several offices, depending on the nature of the work and the profiles of the lawyers involved.

We assign a leading lawyer to drive and manage the project from its start to its completion, offering our clients the comfort and security of knowing that our team will keep them informed of the work as it is carried out, in all its stages.

Our lawyers are accustomed to working to tight deadlines and they take a proactive approach to ensure that the eventual legal issues are fully anticipated and resolved. In practice, this means proper analysis of the project at its outset, the early identification of potentially sensitive areas and rigorous planning and timelines. We also assure our approach is flexible enough to allow for and deal with last-minute issues, providing fast and efficient solutions, whenever necessary. In short, we work to meet our clients’ needs and exceed their expectations. We present ourselves as an international firm in a unique position by having full service capabilities in Mozambique, which allows us to assist multinational companies in all legal matters.

Focus on Mozambique

“"Their strengths are the quality of their work at an international level, the speed at which they complete the work within the requested timeframe and their understanding of both international and Mozambican framework.""

Chambers Global 2018, Mozambique
Our Angolan expertise

Tauil & Chequer & Advogados in association with Mayer Brown (TCMB) is one of the few leading law firms with a strong presence in Africa, notably in Angola. With a deep understanding of the local businesses, culture, and language, our attorneys have been assisting clients in Angola on a daily basis, doing both major transactions as well as day-to-day work. TCMB has long been a believer in the great potential of Angola and of the African continent in general and our longstanding presence in the region is testament to these beliefs.

Many of our Angola-related representations involve infrastructure projects, project development, engineering, construction, and the global energy industry. In addition to industry-focused counsel, we have also handled general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, finance and tax matters, foreign exchange issues, immigration, distribution disputes, and litigation in which our attorneys have taken depositions and developed evidence, all while working with African-based attorneys.

For work in Angola we have a group of lawyers with great expertise in the traditional areas of law and with a unique insight on the legal environment and client needs within the country. Our Angola desk combines local support with access to the Mayer Brown worldwide platform by effectively using local and internationally based attorneys depending on the need of our clients. We handle our client issues directly from different offices depending on the nature of the assignment and the profile of the attorney to be involved. We assign a lead partner to direct and manage the assignment from inception to completion, giving our clients the comfort and security of knowing that this individual will keep them informed about the work being done at every stage.

We present ourselves as a full service law firm in Angola.
Band 1 for Projects & Energy: Mining & Minerals: Africa-wide.

Chambers Global, 2018
Our representative African experience

ANGOLA

- Advised the Angola LNG Project with respect to the sale of LNG to Angola LNG Supply Services LLC and the sale of regasified LNG to the US marketing affiliates of the project sponsors. When the market changed such that the import of LNG into the United States was no longer economical, our lawyers represented the Angola LNG Project in the creation of an international marking company to sell LNG into the international markets on both a spot and long-term basis.**

- Served as project counsel to the Angola LNG Project, an integrated project to monetize associated natural gas produced along with Angola’s off-shore oil and gas production. Responsibilities included all matters related to the creation and corporate governance of the incorporated joint venture that constructed the project gas supply, the development of an off-shore pipeline, negotiation for the purchase of LNG regasification and storage capacity in the United States and LNG and NGL sales and the sale of regasified LNG at the tailgate of the US regasification terminal.**

- Represented Maersk Oil on negotiations with a supermajor for the unitization of petroleum development areas in the lower Congo Basin, Angola, and/or facilities sharing arrangements.*

- Represented Maersk Oil in the sale of its 40% interest in the Polvo oilfield, located in the Campos Basin approximately 100 kilometers off the coast of Rio de Janeiro state, to HRT O&G*.

- Represented Sonangol Empresa Publica, BP Angola, Cabinda Gulf Oil Company, ENI Angola and Esso Angola as project counsel in developing a fiber optic network for offshore oil and gas operators (Project Sooc).**

- Represented Sonangol in relation to the global corporate reorganization of the Sonangol’s group, the country’s participation in OPEC.**

- Represented Schlumberger on various day-to-day legal and tax issues in Angola.**

- Represented a major oil production client with the negotiations on a drilling contractor for Angola offshore work. We have been advising the client on how to handle the report of sensitive Angola-related financial information such as Bonus payments.**

- Represented Tidewater to establish their new joint venture investment in Angola with Sonangol towards the provision of marine services to the Angola-based oil industry.**

- Represented Cameron International in relation to structuring their business operations in Angola regarding a tender for a US$ 2 billion subsea project offshore Angola.**

- Represented the Contractor Group in connection with the implementation of a subsea offshore optical cable network that will initially connect the platforms operating in offshore blocks in Angola.

- Represented an oil and gas producer farming into an offshore block.

- Represented providers of debt financing to an SPV that leased aircraft to an oil provider.

- Represented Mercury Telecomunicações and various major IOC’s operating in Angola with the project documents and agreements necessary to set up the “Sonangol Offshore Optical Cable” network project, regarding the construction of such a network offshore Angola.*

- Represented Maersk Oil & Gas on various regulatory and tax issues in Angola, as well as on the purchase and disposal of participating interest regarding Angola concessions.

- Represented Maersk Oil & Gas with regards to setting up the business structure for the Block 16 development, advising on various legal, tax and foreign exchange matters pertaining to such projects.*
• Represented Aker Solutions regarding its Angola business structure.*
• Represented BP with FCPA issues resulting from the enactment of a new Law on Administrative Probity.*
• Represented Hercules Offshore on various day-to-day legal and tax issues in Angola.*
• Represented the Ministry of Petroleum of Angola and Sonangol, the national oil company of Angola in drafting the Hydrocarbons Law of Angola.
• Represented the Ministry of Petroleum of Angola and Sonangol, the national oil company of Angola in drafting the new Downstream Law.*
• Represented the Ministry of Petroleum of Angola and Sonangol, the national oil company of Angola in drafting the Natural Gas Act of Angola.*
• Represented Sonangol Empresa Publica, BP Angola, Cabinda Gulf Oil Company, ENI Angola and Esso Angola as project counsel in developing a fiber optic network for offshore oil and gas operators (Project Sooc).*
• Represented Sonangol in relation to the US$10 billion joint venture for one of the world’s largest integrated natural gas projects. Under the terms of the deal, Sonangol, Chevron Corp. and their European partners, Total SA, BP PLC, and Eni SpA, agreed to invest in a new liquefied natural gas export facility located near the city of Soyo on Angola’s northwest coast. *
• Represented Sonangol in connection with Sonangol’s participation in joint venture for the development of the Angola LNG Project.*
• Represented Sonangol in relation to preliminary projects and negotiation of all documents related to the acquisition and operation of three excavation units with investments of over US$ 3,000 million.*
• Represented Sonangol in relation to the acquisition of a refinery in Angola in the total amount of $650 million.*
• Represented Sonangol in relation to the acquisition of shares to consolidate its position as the controlling shareholder of Starfish Oil & Gas S.A., an independent Brazilian oil and gas company. The total estimated value was US $300 million.
• Represented Sonangol in relation to the global corporate reorganization of the Sonangol’s group, the country’s participation in OPEC.*
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• Represented Cameron in relation to structuring their business operations in Angola regarding a tender for a US$ 2 billion subsea project offshore Angola. Advising, through the Paris office, on certain aspects of this project that are subject to French law.*
• Represented the Government of Angola and an Angolan national oil company on OPEC matters.*
Represented a major Brazilian cement producer in the negotiations of a JV and development of a cement plant with investments of more than $400 million.*

Represented Cameron in the negotiation and incorporation of a joint venture with local partners for the operation of a Christmas Trees plant in Angola.*

Represented CEPSA on the acquisition of a participating interest in an Angolan concession.*

Represented Heerema Marine Contractors in the negotiation of a JV with a potential Angola partner to provide services for IOC's in Angola.*

Represented CEPSA in a farm-in transaction for the acquisition of China Sonangol International Holding Limited’s 10% interest in block 19/11 (an oil block based in Angola).*

Represented Tidewater in the negotiation of a JV with a potential Angola partner and in the restructuring of its Angolan operations.*

Represented Transocean in the negotiation of a JV with a potential Angola partner and in the restructuring of its Angolan operations.*

Represented MS Telcom in the negotiation of a $147 million EPC for communication and e-services for the Angola LNG Project.*

Represented SBM on various day-to-day legal and tax issues in Angola.*

Represented VLB, a Brazilian engineering company, in a US$ 240 million project to build a dam in Angola.*

Represented BP on a major financial transaction named “Project Vuvuzela” where we addressed local law on different matters pertaining to such transaction, such as foreign exchange requirements and tax exposure.*

Represented Heerema Marine Contractors on the negotiation of an Export Credit Facility pertaining to the construction of a Marine Supply Base in Angola.*

Represented Statoil on various regulatory and tax issues in Angola.

Represented a major European-based oil company on negotiations with a supermajor for the unitization of petroleum development areas in the lower Congo Basin, Angola, and/or facilities sharing arrangements.**

Represented a Brazilian engineering company in the project to build a water dam in Angola, a project of US$ 240 million.*

Represented a major Brazilian construction company in several infrastructure deals in Mozambique and in Angola, including a project to build a major dam in Mozambique, projects of US$ 900 million.*

Represented an American Houston based geophysics service company on various legal issues related to its projects in Mozambique, Angola and Brazil.*

Represented a consulting company in the implementation and development of its operations in Mozambique and in Angola.*

Advised Genel Energy and White Rose on a US$250 million farm-in to two Statoil-operated deepwater blocks in Angola.**

Represented Eni on the terms of its concession/PSAs in Angola and Ghana.**

Represented Maersk Oil on its operations in Angola, including in respect of its major Chissonga field development.**
BENIN

- Advising the Republic of Benin on the development of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import floating terminal and the supply of up to 0.5 million tonnes per annum of regasified LNG to the country.
- Currently advising the Presidency of the Republic of Benin in connection with the installation and operation of a FSRU offshore Cotonou and the supply and sale of natural gas to the Maria Gleta 144 MW dual fuel/HFO power plant.
- Represented the Government of Benin on the development and structuring of a FSRU project, the first of its kind in West Africa.

BOTSWANA

- Represented Botswana Power Company on various energy related matters.**
- Represented Discovery Metals Ltd in connection with the $180 million debt financing of their greenfield Boseto copper mine project.
- Represented Caterpillar in the $115 million sale of a mining equipment distribution and support business in South Africa and Botswana.

BURKINA FASO

- Advising an equipment financier in connection with the financing of equipment for a mining company in Burkina Faso.
- Represented Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking and BNP Paribas as lenders in the US$75 million Senior Debt Facility, made available to Roxgold Inc for the Yaramoko Gold Project in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Africa – Mining and Metals Deal of the Year 2015” at the IJGlobal Europe & Africa Awards.
- Represented the lenders on the restructuring of a US$200 million credit facility for Endeavour Mining for the purpose of supporting existing mining operations in Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali and to further develop its exploration activities in the Côte d’Ivoire and elsewhere.
- Represented the lenders on the $90m financing of the Karma Gold Project in Burkina Faso.
- Represented Goldbelt Resources on its takeover by Avocet Mining, and the financing and construction of the $128 million Inata gold mine in Burkina Faso.
- Represented Caterpillar Financial in relation to an equipment finance transaction for a Burkina Faso holding company active in construction and infrastructures.

CAMEROON

- We represented the Government of Cameroon, in connection with a US$4 billion integrated cross-border iron ore project comprising the development of a brownfield mineral export terminal and several ancillary facilities (including the drafting and negotiation of a Port Concession Agreement and Ancillary Services Agreement).
- Represented Golar Hilli Corporation and Golar Cameroon, of the Golar LNG group, on the negotiation and signing of a gas convention with the Republic of Cameroon in connection with the installation and operation of a floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) facility located off the coast of Kribi in southern part of Cameroon.**
- Represented Actis, in connection with the drilling and testing by Euroil of two natural gas wells in Bomono, Cameroon, the supply and sale of the gas from the wells to Actis and the installation of a temporary power plant and overhead line by Actis.**
- Represented the Government of Cameroon, in connection with the $90 million prefinancing arrangements for the adaptation works on the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline required for the development of the Lom Pangar hydropower project.**
- Represented MOL in the purchase of oil & gas assets in Cameroon.**
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)
• Represented the project sponsor in connection with the project financing and development of a gold mine.

CHAD
• Advising AMEA Power on the development and financing of a 60 MW solar power plant in the Republic of Chad.
• Represented an Asian national oil company in relation to its development of a petroleum E&P project in Chad, including the procurement of engineering and construction works and well services.**

CÔTE D’IVOIRE
• Represented Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) as lender in relation to a US$20.5 million bridge facility and a $20 million term loan facility repayable in physical gold for the acquisition of two gold mines in Ivory Coast.
• Represented a lender on the structuring of a US$200 million credit facility for Endeavour Mining for the purpose of supporting existing mining operations in Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali and to further develop its exploration activities in the Côte d’Ivoire and elsewhere.
• Represented the Government in respect of an ICC arbitration relating to mineral rights.
• Represented Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS) of the IFC and The World Bank in the provision of legal advice to the governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte D’Ivoire and Mali in respect of the application of the promotion of foreign direct investment in public infrastructure and services.
• Represented the Government on a border dispute with another country involving proceedings before an International Court and potentially before the International Court of Justice in The Hague.
• Represented a gold exploration and development company in connection with proposed joint venture with Predictive Discovery for the development of Boundiali, Ferkessedougou and Kounahiri mining deposits.
• Represented CNR on its purchase of assets offshore Ivory Coast.**

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)
• Represented Chevron, in the context of the negotiation of an exit agreement with the Republic of Congo relating the divestment of downstream assets.**
• Represented CNOOC, a Chinese state-owned oil & gas company, in connection with the negotiation and the execution of a joint operating agreement relating to the High Sea A permit with SNPC, the Congolese NOC.**
• Represented Etablissements Maurel & Prom, France’s second largest E&P company, in the context of several transactions regarding the M’Boundi, La Noumbi, Kouilou, Tilapia, Pointe Indienne and Marine III permits.**
• Represented ARCO in the drafting and negotiation of a tax and royalty agreement in the Marine II Block, as well as the related suite of required operational agreements (drilling, wellsite services, seismic, aviation, etc.).**
• Acted for Medea Future Materials Fund L.P. as lender in connection with a US$20,000,000 term loan facility to Vector Resources Limited
The facility is being provided in connection with the acquisition by Vector Resources of a 60% interest in the Adidi-Kanga gold mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Represented the Government in ICC arbitration matters.
- Represented a Congolese company in an arbitration relating to aeronautic services.
- Represented the Government in connection with the privatisations of the electricity and water sectors.
- Represented an international beverage company in a dispute with its Congolese distributor.
- Represented the Mandated Lead Arrangers in connection with a facility to First Quantum relating to the refinancing and development of copper and gold mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia and Mauritania.
- Represented a leading Chinese mining company on its proposed acquisition of copper assets in the DRC.
- Represented Xiangguang Mining Holdings Limited on its mining project in the DRC.
- Represented Helios on the financing of mobile telecommunication towers.

**DJIBOUTI**

- Advised a confidential client in relation to its LNG marketing arrangements in connection with Djibouti LNG.*

**EGYPT**

- Represented the lenders on a project financing of Tahrir Petrochemical Project’s multi-billion petrochemical plant in Egypt.
- Represented IFC and the commercial Lenders on a $500 million loan to Petroceltic International.**
- Represented BNP Paribas and HSBC on the $50 million borrowing base facility for Sea Dragon Energy in respect of oil and gas concessions in Egypt.**
- Represented the IFC in relation to the sale to Helios and other private equity investors of its minority stake in Fawry, an Egyptian electronic payment and financial management business. The transaction values Fawry at just under $100 million.
- Represented an export credit agency as lead credit provider to a $650 million petrochemical project in Egypt.
- Advised the Export-Import Bank of the United States on the $229.8 million financing of an anhydrous ammonia project being developed by Egypt Basic Industries Corporation.
- Represented an Official Lender in connection with the development of the Qarun and Khalda oil and gas concession in the western desert area of Egypt.
- Represented a Consortium of UK and US contractors in connection with the USAID financed wastewater project.
- Represented the Arab Republic of Egypt in an ICSID arbitration against a French waste distribution company, concerning a disputed services agreement.
- Represented BP in its farm-in transaction for 10 percent of Eni’s Zohr development in Egypt (plus an option for a further 5%).**
- Represented Chevron on its acquisition, by exchange, of assets in Egypt.**
- Represented a listed European E&P company in relation to a feasibility study and proposal for an offshore gas pipeline and long term gas sales arrangement offshore Egypt.**
EQUATORIAL GUINEA

- Represented a US company in connection with a private port to be built in a Free Trade Zone under a government concession from the Government with facilities to include oil storage and transfer facilities, container, bulk and liquids handling facilities, airfield and runway for air cargo operations and related facilities.
- Represented Mitsui & Co, Ltd in the acquisition of shares in Equatorial Guinea LNG and subsequent project implementation matters.
- Represented PetroSA in relation to the negotiation and execution of PSC agreements with Equatorial Guinea.
- Represented PetroSA in relation to the renegotiation of an EPC agreement with Blue Water company in the Sable Field. Drafting an Amendment to the EPC contract previously executed.
- Represented White Rose Energy Ventures in its acquisition of assets, offshore Equatorial Guinea.**
- Advised a bidder in relation to its proposal to provide an FLNG solution to Ophir’s Fortuna development offshore Equatorial Guinea.**

ERITREA

- Represented Nevsun Resources on the first financing in Eritrea for the $300 million development of a gold/copper/zinc/silver deposit.

ETHIOPIA

- Advised China-Africa Fund for Industrial Cooperation on investing in Poly-GCL Petroleum Group’s US$4B Ethiopia to Djibouti project. This transaction was awarded “Deal of the Year” by China Law and Practice Awards in 2018.
- Represented a manufacturer of fertilizer on the Dallol Potash Project, representing a significant investment into Ethiopia.
- Represented Ethiopian/Saudi Arabian business interests on the recovery of US$20 million assets involving proceedings in five jurisdictions and worldwide freezing orders.
- Represented an Irish operating lease company in connection with the operating lease of one Boeing 727 aircraft and one Lockheed C-130 freight transport aircraft.
- Represented an international hotel chain on a trademark application.

GABON

- Represented Etablissements Maurel & Prom in the context of a USD 600 million term loan with Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd an eight other Asian lenders for the purposes of, inter alia, the refinancing its oil and gas operations in Gabon.
- Represented Etablissements Maurel & Prom on the potential acquisition of Total assets and Shell assets in Gabon.
- Represented Etablissements Maurel & Prom in connection with the drafting and negotiation of a farm-in agreement and related JOA with Tullow Oil regarding an oil & gas license.
- Represented Harvest Natural Resources Inc on the $32 million sale of its 66 2/3 percent working oil and gas interest in the Dussafu Marlin block located offshore Gabon through the sale of its wholly owned subsidiary, Harvest Dussafu B.V., to BW Energy Gabon Pte. Ltd., which is a subsidiary of BW Offshore and BW Group.
• Represented a French oil and exploration company on: an EPC contract for the construction of an oil pipeline in Tanzania, negotiation of a farm-in agreement regarding an oil and gas license in Gabon; and the renewal of mining permits in France.
• Represented JP Morgan acting as arranger for a US$50,000,000 oil royalties securitization in respect of a BVI company. The oil revenues originated in Gabon.
• Represented a gold exploration and development company in connection with development of mining projects in Gabon in joint venture with Government of Gabon.
• Represented an Initial public offering on AIM of a gold exploration and development company and related placing of shares.
• Represented OMV on a series of acquisitions and subsequent disposals in Gabon, Namibia and Madagascar.

GAMBIA
• Represented the Government of Gambia on an ICSID arbitration.
• Represented our client on a number of arbitration matters connected with the mining industry.
• Advised BP on its bid and eventual award of a Petroleum Exploration, Development and Production Licence for the A1 block offshore The Gambia.

GHANA
• Represented Citibank on a $500M structured deposit with the Central Bank of Ghana. The deposit was secured over a portfolio of Central Bank’s foreign government bond holdings held with the Bank of New York Mellon in London.
• Represented the arrangers on a corporate loan facility for the Wassa mine.
• Represented the arrangers of debt financing for development of the Bibiani gold mine.
• Represented Ghanaian investors on a breach of contract involving an application to the Court of Appeal in Ghana.
• Represented the arrangers of debt financing for development of the Tarkwa gold mine.
• Represented Helios on the financing of mobile telecommunication towers.
• Represented a lender on the structuring of a US$200 million credit facility for Endeavour Mining for the purpose of supporting existing mining operations in Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali and to further develop its exploration activities in the Côte d’Ivoire and elsewhere.
• Represented Chase Petroleum on the fuel supply and storage joint venture with Vitol, the energy and commodity trading group, in connection with the construction and operation by Chase of a light crude oil tank farm in Tema, Ghana.
• Represented Swiss African Oil, a small start-up, in negotiating its Petroleum Agreement with the Petroleum Commission in Ghana.
• Represented Eni on the terms of its concession/PSAs in Angola and Ghana.
• Represented a European independent in relation to a joint operating agreement and Petroleum Agreement dispute in Ghana in respect of its offshore exploration interests.
• Represented Tullow plc in relation to its joint venture operations in Ghana (with Kosmos and Anadarko) and a World Bank/IFC investigation into the activities of their joint venture’s FPSO operator – and related matters.
GUINEA

- Represented China-Africa Fund for Industrial Cooperation, a state-owned investment fund, in the successful closing of three transactions under China’s Belt and Road Initiative with a total investment/financing value in excess of US$600 million, including a US$200 million term loan facility to China Hongqiao Group Limited in connection with the import of bauxite from the Republic of Guinea.
- Represented the lenders on a project finance facility for the development of a bauxite mine.
- Represented a trust agreement and documents for a mining project.
- Represented Pearl Overseas Investments Ltd. on a proposed hotel investment and a hotel management agreement with Sheraton.

KENYA

- We represented Sinohydro Corporation as equity investor and EPC contractor in Lot 3 and Lot 32 of the Republic of Kenya Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure’s 10,000 Roads Programme.
- Represented the lenders on a $170m project financing of Kenya’s first large-scale mine. The Kwale Mineral Sands project is expected to be one of the world’s largest producers of ilmenite and rutile in the world. The output from the mine is expected to overtake coffee as the country’s fourth biggest export earner.
- Represented Tiomin Resources in connection with its US$201 million mineral sands project for extraction of titanium and zircon. This was the country’s first major mining operation.
- Represented a private sector developer in the approximately $300 million development and financing of a commuter rail concession in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Represented ILFC in connection with the operating lease of an A310 aircraft to Kenya Airways.
- Represented an international credit card company on a dispute with its Kenyan franchisee.
- Represented an Australian airline company on the leasing of Airbus aircraft to Kenya Airways.
- Represented a major European-based oil company on two offshore farming transactions in Kenya.**
- Ran a training programme in Nairobi on business and human rights to Kenyan businesses – local companies and multinationals – an initiative funded by Role UK and DIFID in conjunction with the Danish Institute for Human Rights.**

LIBERIA

- Represented Nedbank Capital and Rand Merchant Bank as arrangers in relation to a project debt facility to be made available to Bea Mountain Mining Corporation in relation to the New Liberty gold project in Liberia. This transaction won the Development Funding Deal of the Year Mines & Money December 2013.

LIBYA

- Represented a large engineering company on the enforcement of a substantial ICC award in Libya and Europe.
- Represented a syndicate of US and European banks, led by Chemical Bank, in connection with a finance lease of one Boeing 757 aircraft to Royal Air Maroc.
- Represented an international oil company in relation to various issues arising from a prior acquisition of various upstream interests in Libya under E&P sharing agreements.**
• Represented a supermajor on the negotiation of a contract with a national oil company to rejuvenate and expand an existing liquefaction plant and terminal facilities in Libya with a view to restoring it to its original nameplate production, as part of an integrated project including natural gas production, transportation and processing, and the production and marketing of LNG and condensates.**

• Represented BP on its farm-out of a 42.5 percent operated interest in the onshore Ghadames South and Ghadames North blocks and the Sirte block offshore Libya and arrangements for access to existing production and transport infrastructure in country.**

MADAGASCAR
• Represented a bank syndicate in a secured facility for lease aircraft to a Madagascar carrier.

MALAWI
• Represented the lenders on a project finance facility for the development of a uranium mine.

MALI
• Represented arrangers of debt financing for development of the Loulo gold mine.

• Represented arrangers of debt financing for development of the Morila gold mine.

• Represented a lender on the structuring of a US$200 million credit facility for Endeavour Mining for the purpose of supporting existing mining operations in Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali and to further develop its exploration activities in the Côte d’Ivoire and elsewhere.

MAURITIUS
• Represented Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) as lender on a $20.5 million bridge facility and a $20 million term loan facility repayable in physical gold for the acquisition of two gold mines in Ivory Coast through a share purchase. The structure of the deal required taking security over assets in various jurisdictions including Singapore, Mauritius and Ivory Coast.

• Represented a group of sugar estates in negotiations with Charbonnages de France for an electricity generating project.

• Represented China-Africa Fund for Industrial Cooperation, a state-owned investment fund, in the successful closing of three transactions under China’s Belt and Road Initiative with a total investment/financing value in excess of US$600 million including a US$200 million investment in NFC (Mauritius) Mining Company Limited in connection with the development of the Dari zinc lead mining project in Indonesia.

MAURITANIA
• Represented Standard Chartered Bank, BNP Paribas, Société Générale and Barclays Africa Group as MLAs on a five-year up to US$2.2 billion loan facility to Canadian First Quantum Minerals.

• Represented the sponsor on a joint venture with SNIM to develop an iron ore mine. This has included reviewing the JV arrangements and negotiating heads of terms regarding access to infrastructure including rail and port.

• Represented Xstrata on the Mauritanian and mining related issues connected with its $323 million acquisition of Sphere Minerals.

• Represented Sphere Minerals in connection with the implementation of the group’s mining activities in Mauritania, including the development of the Askaf, Lebthenia, Aoueoua and El Aouj projects (exploration and exploitation licences).
• Represented the Mandated Lead Arrangers in connection with a facility to First Quantum Minerals Ltd relating to the refinancing and development of the Guelb Mogrein copper-gold mine in Mauritania, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia in 2006 and 2014.

• Represented a bank on the implications of entering into derivatives transactions with Mauritanian entities.

MOROCCO

• Advised an American aerospace, defense, security and advanced technologies company on the sale of advanced radar sensor technology to the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Morocco.

• Representing the EPC Contractor, a consortium of Spanish companies, in an ICC arbitration concerning the construction and commissioning of a thermo-solar plant in Morocco, which is part of the largest CSP power complex in the world.

• Represented a leading North African and European bank on the restructuring of subsidiaries and related matters, involving tax, regulatory, corporate and employment matters.

• Represented a North African investment group on a large hotel and mixed-use real estate project.

• Represented a North African investment and financing entity regarding a US capital raising transaction.

• Represented the Kingdom of Morocco in a significant infrastructure contract dispute involving a European contractor.

• Represented the Kingdom of Morocco in $750 million and $1.5 billion U.S. note offerings.

• Represented two Moroccan financial institutions in connection with new financial regulations related to the European Economic Area.

• Represented an insurance company regarding a major outsourcing transaction in Morocco.

• Represented a foreign developer regarding the development and construction of a hotel project in Morocco.

• Represented a syndicate of US and European banks, led by Chemical Bank, in connection with a finance lease of one Boeing 75 7 aircraft to Royal Air Maroc.

• Represented a leading North African and European bank in connection with an acquisition transaction involving a Nigerian financial institution as target.

• Represented PetroVietnam in connection with a bid for new phosphate fertilizer project in Jorf Lasfar, Morocco.

• Representation of a Moroccan institutional fund in relation to US investment and expansion opportunities.

• Represented BP on its farm-in in regards to three exploration blocks in offshore Morocco, operated by Kosmos Energy.**

• Represented Gulfsands Petroleum plc on its purchase of Cabre Maroc Limited, an offshore company with significant acreage in Morocco.**

MOZAMBIQUE

• Advised the Mozambican National Oil Company for its multiple natural gas projects in Mozambique, combined projects of more than US$60 billion.

• Advised the Chinese National Oil Company in its projects for exploration of natural gas in the Rovuma Basin Area 4 LNG Project, a project of US$35 billion.
• Advised the Thai National Oil Company in its projects in Mozambique’s Rovuma Basin Area 1 LNG Project, a project of US$25 billion.
• Advised a Russian major Oil Company with legal issues in its exploration blocks in Mozambique, a project of US$527 million.
• Represented a British-Kenyan group to structure, finance and develop a major Gas to Power project in Mozambique, a project of US$ 275 million.*
• Represented a major South African Oil & Gas company on various legal issues dealing with the utilization of the Mozambique-South Africa pipeline.*
• Represented a major Japanese conglomerate in the development and structuring of a petrochemical plant in the Rovuma Basin onshore area in Mozambique, a project of US$ 780 million.*
• Represented a major American Oil & Gas E&P company in the planning phase of its projects in Mozambique.
• Represented the Malaysian Oil Company in its projects in Mozambique and in Brazil.*
• Represented Wentworth/Artumas in its project in the Mozambique Onshore basin.*
• Represented major American Oil & Gas service provider on various legal issues related to Rovuma basin projects.*
• Represented major French Oil & Gas service provider on various legal issues related to its Mozambique projects.*
• Represented an American Houston based geophysics service company on various legal issues related to its projects in Mozambique, Angola and Brazil.*
• Represented Subsea7 on various legal issues related to Rovuma basin projects.*
• Represented a major Energy Equipment Manufacturer company in an M&A transaction for the acquisition of a South African/Mozambican company.*
• Represented a Trafigura group on various legal issues and transactions in Mozambique and Brazil for their Oil & Gas midstream and downstream division.*
• Represented Craton Equity Partners, a private equity firm that is focused on clean technology investments, in making investments in Principle Energy Limited (“PEL”) in Mozambique.*
• Represented a Brazilian bioenergy company on a project to develop biomass and installing a bioenergy plant in Mozambique, a project of US$ 350 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian company on project to develop biomass and installing ethanol plant in Mozambique, a project of US$ 200 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian agribusiness group in investments in agricultural business in Mozambique, in a project of US$ 127 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian agribusiness group in investments in an integrated agriculture and livestock project in Mozambique, in a project of US$ 100 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian company in an integrated agribusiness and manufacturing project in Mozambique and in its operations in Brazil.*
• Represented a French-Swiss major commodity trading company of in its agribusiness deals in Mozambique.*
• Represented a major Brazilian construction company in several infrastructure deals in Mozambique and in Angola, including a project to build a major dam in Mozambique, projects of US$ 900 million.*
• Represented a major German engineering company in the provision of engineering services for multiple major infrastructure projects in Mozambique, including the Maputo-Catembe Bridge, a project of US$ 700 million.*
• Represented a major Brazilian construction company in multiple infrastructure projects in Africa, including countries as Mozambique, Ghana and Equatorial Guinea, projects of US$ 1.1 billion.*
• Represented a major construction company in the project Gigawat – Ressano Garcia Power Plant (CTRG), in Mozambique, a project of US$ 235 million.*
• Represented a major German-Brazilian engineering company in a tender for provision of engineering services for Mega Projects in Mozambique, a project of US$ 160 million.*
• Represented the major Brazilian construction company in the finance structuring of a major airport infrastructure project in Mozambique, a project of US$ 220 million.*
• Represented a major Brazilian engineering company for provision of engineering services in its multiple international projects, including: Mozambique, Bolivia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic, projects of US$ 200 million.*
• Represented a major Brazilian construction company in the finance structure of a major hydroelectric dam project in Mozambique, a project of US$ 3.5 billion.*
• Represented a major Brazilian industrial construction company in a bidding to build infrastructure for Vale Mozambique, a project of US$ 100 million.*
• Represented a major Portuguese construction & engineering group in a project to build a water dam in Mozambique, a project of US$ 65 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian engineering company, in the provision of engineering services for a Mega Project in Mozambique, a project of US$ 60 million.*
• Represented a Brazilian engineering company, in the development and implementation of its operation in Mozambique.*
• Represented a Brazilian major mining company, including: the negotiation of several commercial agreements relating to the project finance for the construction of a coal-fired power plant; on the development of a gas-fired IPP; and, in several environmental matters of its projects in Mozambique, and, also in several deals in Brazil.*
• Represented the Government of Mozambique in connection with the sale of coal concessions by Rio Tinto to International Coal Ventures Limited.*
• Represented a Mozambican group in a M&A transaction for the sale of its shares in mining in Mozambique, a project of US$ 80 million.*
• Represented a Spanish-Brazilian mining and construction group in a project to handle the heavy mining operations of a major mining project in Mozambique.*
• Represented a Brazilian automation company, in the provision of automation services for a major mining Mega Project in Mozambique.*
• Represented Mozal with several legal and tax cross-border issues regarding its operations in Mozambique.
• Represented AB-Inbev/SABMiller/CDM in its operations in Mozambique.*
• Represented Eurofarma, a global leading multinational pharmaceuticals & life sciences company with its international operations, including greenfiled and M&A projects, in several countries as: Mozambique, South Africa, Nigeria, Brazil, USA, and Philippines.*
• Represented Sindmec, the Brazilian Union that represents several metal-mechanic equipment industries for the operations in Mozambique of the affiliated industries.*
• Represented a major Brazilian bank in a joint venture with local Mozambican bank for joint operations of banking loans in Mozambique, in a project of US$ 30 million.*
• Represented a financial company of a major American manufacturing group in relation to asset finance transactions in Mozambique.*
• Represented a French-British company leading of human power and outsourced services in its projects in Mozambique and in Brazil.*
• Represented CIS, the French leading catering and supply services company in its projects in Mozambique and in Brazil.*
• Represented Diagonal, the company of engineering and social resettlement in providing services for several Mega Projects in Mozambique and Malawi.*
• Represented a information technology company in the implementation and development of its operations in Mozambique.*
• Represented a consulting company in the implementation and development of its operations in Mozambique and in Angola.*
• Represented a major occupational safety services company in its projects in Mozambique.*
• Represented a Brazilian logistics company in the implementation and development of its operations in Mozambique and in Brazil.*
• Represented a global Italian-American logistics company in its projects in Mozambique and in Brazil.*
• Represented a Brazilian major private equity group in the implementation and development of a road transportation project in Mozambique.*
• Represented the Brazilian-Mozambican Association that promotes the economic relationship between the two countries, along several businesses and projects that totaled over US$ 850 million, involving the affiliated companies.*
• Represented an American NGO in its projects in Mozambique.*
• Represented a British NGO in its projects in Mozambique.*
• Represented a Brazilian NGO in its projects in Mozambique.*
• Represented the Mozambican Embassy in Brazil on legal issues of Brazilian law.*
• Represented a Brazilian engineering company in the project to build a water dam in Angola, a project of US$ 240 million.*
• Represented a major Brazilian construction company in several infrastructure deals in Mozambique and in Angola, including a project to build a major dam in Mozambique, projects of US$ 900 million.*
• Represented an American Houston based geophysics service company on various legal issues related to its projects in Mozambique, Angola and Brazil.*
• Represented a consulting company in the implementation and development of its operations in Mozambique and in Angola.*
• Represented ROC Oil in the sale of its interests in the Mozambique Channel to a subsidiary of Sapetro.**

NAMIBIA
• Advised Excelerate Energy, a US based LNG marketing and infrastructure company, in its time charter of a FSRU in Kuwait and for the proposed FSRU for the use in Namibia.
Represented an equipment financier on the financing of equipment for B2 Gold’s Otjikoto’s gold mine.

Represented Namibia Copper Mines inc., in connection with the development and financing of the Haib copper mine.

Represented US Ex-Im Bank in connection with refinancing of one Boeing 747 aircraft through a tax lease from a South African bank of a Namibian air carrier.

Represented the lenders in relation to the US$150 million credit facility for Dundee Precious Metals Inc., Canada which involved assets in Namibia.

NIGERIA

Represented a Nigerian focussed upstream oil and gas company on: the acquisition of a US listed African oil and gas explorer; securing operatorship of its main licence in Nigeria; a multi-million fundraising; and general corporate affairs.

Represented the preferred bidder on the acquisition of an “OML26” in Nigeria.

Represented BNP Paribas (and other commercial lenders) on the extension and increase of the $250 million RBL facility for Faroe Petroleum.

Represented FCMB (Nigeria) and Stanbic (Nigeria) on a $230 million acquisition and borrowing base facility for FHN Nigeria in Nigeria.

Represented BNP Paribas on the refinancing of the borrowing base financing for the Okoro Field in Nigeria.

Represented Petrobras Nigeria in relation to development of Engina Project field with different participating parties (NOC, Sapetro, Total, local company and IOCs), assistance in the negotiation of a set of agreements, including E&P contracts, hydrocarbon transportation agreement, processing and LNG plants, and financing deals.

Represented the lead book-runner on the $175 million issuance of subordinated Tier II debt by First Bank of Nigeria PLC, the country’s largest bank. This was a first-of-its-kind transaction.

Represented a state petroleum corporation on breach of agreements relating to environmental protection.

Represented Commercial interests in relation to a COA dispute proceeding before the UK High Court, Nigerian Court of International Justice and Court of Appeal.

Represented a contractor on the proposed contracts for three CHP plants.

Represented Halliburton Company on an asset sale of lift boat operations in Nigeria to Hercules Offshore Inc. for approximately $55 million.

Represented IFC and Standard Bank on the financing of the acquisition and turnaround maintenance of the Eleme Petrochemical.


Represented Merrill Lynch International as initial lender and facility agent in two $100 million loans to the Nigerian company Oando Plc., one guaranteed by Guaranty Trust Bank Plc and the other guaranteed by Zenith Bank Plc.

Represented a contractor and supplier on the construction documentation for a major housing development project.

Represented one of Nigeria’s largest banks in connection with the multi-million dollar financing of equipment purchases from a world-leading telecoms and network equipment provider.
• Represented Eland Oil & Gas PLC, an independent oil and gas company focused on production and development in West Africa, on its share placing. The placing will generate gross proceeds of approximately $18.5 million that will be used to expand Eland’s assets and further its production.

• Represented a global oilfield services company in relation to its new JV relationship with a Nigerian indigenous oil & gas development company and investment into operations for an offshore oil development, including a novel “synthetic equity” remuneration model.**

PAN-AFRICA

• Represented PA Resources on its pre-divestment restructuring of its African and European businesses.**

REPUBLIC OF CONGO (CONGO BRAZZAVILLE)

• Represented a Swiss offtaker on the first project financing and offtake agreement for the Kouilou Potash Project, a proposed $412 million development.

• Represented PA Resources on its farm-out of assets in Congo (Brazzaville) to SOCO and in its disposals in both Equatorial Guinea and Tunisia.**

SENEGAL

• Represented a Luxembourg-based fund with a $25 million equity loan arrangement with the Fortesa Group for the further development of several oil & gas properties in Senegal.

• Advised a zircon and titanium business with operations in Senegal and Norway regarding a proposed term loan facility and revolving facility.

• Advised a gold exploration and development company in connection with the project financing of a gold project in Senegal.

• Represented Cairn Energy on its acquisition and operations in Senegal.**

SIERRA LEONE

• Represented a PRC SOE on its US $1.5 billion investment in an iron ore mine in Sierra Leone including the negotiation of a complex ore offtake contract between the project company and the PRC SOE.

• Represented Solar Era on the development of a 5MW multi-site solar electricity generation plant in Sierra Leone. This will be one of the first renewable project finance power plants in the country.**

• Represented Zenith Bank in connection with a US$27,000,000 secured facility to a Sierra Leone company to develop, construct and operate a jetty for oil tankers in Sierra Leone.

SOMALIA

• Represented a French finance lessor and syndicate of French financiers in connection with a French tax leveraged lease (supported by COFACE) of one Airbus A130 to a Somalian carrier.

• Advised Genel in relation to an exploration campaign for its onshore acreage in Somaliland.**

SOUTH AFRICA

• Representing the EPC Contractor, a consortium of Spanish and South African companies, in an ICC arbitration concerning the construction and commissioning of a thermo-solar plant in South Africa.

• Represented China-Africa Fund for Industrial Cooperation, a state-owned investment fund, in the successful closing of three transactions under China’s Belt and Road Initiative with a total investment/financing value in excess of US$600 million, including a US$200 million
equity investment in Baiyin International Investment Limited, a subsidiary of Baiyin Nonferrous Group Co., Ltd. in connection with certain platinum mining project in South Africa.

- Represented the South African National Treasury, Department of Energy and Development Bank of South Africa on the country’s upcoming base and mid-load IPP programme (including 2.5GWs of gas-fired IPPs and 2.5GWs of coal-fired IPPs and cogeneration).**
- Represented one of the largest steel producers in the world on a major arbitration in relation to its mineral rights.
- Represented the Department of Constitutional Development on legal reforms, regulatory framework requirements and institutional and public financing arrangements.
- Represented a bank group in the debt acquisition financing for a mining company.
- Represented the Ministry of Public Works on concession contracts for two new prisons under 25 year, PPP financing structures.
- Represented a Southern African entity on setting up a mediation centre to serve Southern Africa.
- Represented a large multinational consumer goods company on the restructuring of its businesses and joint venture arrangements.
- Represented Caterpillar in the $115 million sale of a mining equipment distribution and support business in South Africa and Botswana.
- Represented Construtora Quebec (Construction & Engineering). Advised Brazilian construction company in a project to build a hydroelectric plant in South Africa.*
- Represented Conducted a review of the applicable bilateral investment treaties for a UAE client which invested in South Africa.
- Represented GODIA Capital Partners GP Limited on the acquisition and privatization of a TSX listed company with diamond mines in Canada and South Africa.
- Represented a leading European energy company on a farm exploration project operated by a supermajor in the Orange Basin (South Africa).**
- Advised a large management consultancy practice on its response to allegations relating to its involvement with Gupta associated entities in South Africa and conducting an investigation into its activities in that jurisdiction for two State owned entities.**

**SUDAN**

- Represented an Indian oil company in relation to the construction of a multiproduct pipeline in Sudan on a build-operate-lease-transfer (BOLT) basis and structuring for a prospective project financing.**
- Represented an Indian oil company in relation to the expansion and refurbishment of a major refinery in Sudan on a BOLT basis.**

**TANZANIA**

- Represented a French oil and exploration company on: an EPC contract for the construction of an oil pipeline in Tanzania, negotiation of a farm-in agreement regarding an oil and gas license in Gabon; and the renewal of mining permits in France.
- Represented African Eagle Resources plc on a number of matters as it progressed in its transition from an exploration company to a development company, including its disposal of 90% of its interest in the Dutwa project to Blackdown Minerals.
- Represented the lenders on a project finance facility for the development of a gold mine.
• Represented the Government of Tanzania on a commercial debt repayment.
• Represented Helios on the financing of mobile telecommunication towers.
• Represented an independent oil company on the drafting and negotiation of a Production Sharing Contract for use in a frontier hydrocarbon province in Tanzania.
• Represented an oil major as co-sponsor of an LNG project in Tanzania in collaboration with the owners of multiple deepwater blocks (with different licensing and development terms and timelines). The role included advising on the terms of a Host Government Agreement between the host government, the national oil company, and the international oil companies.
• Advised Equinor on early stage risk analysis and project structuring options for a proposed onshore LNG terminal for processing natural gas from the Block 2 discovery offshore Tanzania.

TOGO
• Representing the owner of a landmark hotel in Togo, in proceedings before a Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) under a FIDIC contract against a South African company acting as EPC contractor, concerning disputes arising from the works for the refurbishment of the hotel.

TUNISIA
• Represented US Ex-Im Bank in connection with asset-backed finance leases of six Boeing 737 aircraft to a Tunisian air carrier.
• Represented the underwriters in a US$650 million SEC-registered global bond offering by Banque Centrale de Tunisie.
• Represented Gulfsands Petroleum on its farm-in to assets in Tunisia and the subsequent sale of the same to its joint venture partner.

ZAMBIA
• Represented Standard Chartered Bank, BNP Paribas, Société Générale and Barclays Africa Group as MLAs on a five-year up to US$2.2 billion loan facility to Canadian First Quantum Minerals.
• Represented Standard Chartered Bank on the US$350 million financing of the Kansanshi copper mine.
• Represented the senior lenders, Barclays and the EIB, on a senior debt facility for the development, construction costs and working capital for the Munali nickel mine.
• Represented the Mandated Lead Arrangers in connection with a facility to First Quantum relating to the refinancing and development of copper and gold mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia and Mauritania, in 2006 and 2014.
• Represented the lender in debt financing for development of the Dunrobin mine.

ZIMBABWE
• Represented the lenders on a project finance facility for the development of a platinum mine.

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Legal 500 Africa, 2018
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Chambers Global 2018, Projects & Energy, Africa-wide
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