



# Mining and metals

## Core strengths

Our team of experienced mining lawyers are involved in all aspects of the metals and mining industries.

Our lawyers work with sponsors, financiers, major contractors and trading companies in relation to all of their business needs including equity and debt investment arrangements, asset purchase, development, concession, offtake, transportation and O&M agreements, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and contractual joint ventures and all forms of financing.

“They are a proper, full-service mining practice with all the skill sets you need, including the commercial side.”

Chambers UK 2017, Mining

“They are very responsive and very experienced. They also seem to be a very team-oriented firm.”

Chambers UK 2017, Mining

Some of our recent experience includes advising:

### Orion Mine Finance and Fusion Capital

- on the acquisition and financing of the SASA zinc, lead and silver mine in the Republic of Macedonia and its subsequent sale, for US\$402.5m to Central Asia Metals (“CAML”). The sale was a reverse takeover and in addition to cash consideration, Orion Mine Finance was issued with shares in AIM listed CAML

### Saudi Silicon

- on the development and financing of a silicon mine and refinery in Saudi Arabia including the supply and potential mining of quartzite.

### Government of the Republic of Indonesia

- in a bilateral treaty arbitration brought by Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Limited under the India-Indonesia BIT. The subject of the dispute concerns an investment in a coal mining project in Kalimantan

### Resource Capital Funds (RCF) and Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)

- on a major equity and debt investment into Alufer Mining (which is the developer of a large bauxite project in Guinea)

### Kaminex

- on mining joint-venture arrangements in relation to a copper mining project in the DRC relating to several copper, platine, zinc, vanadium, germanium and gold exploration permits

### Mondo Minerals

- on the development of its projects in Finland

### Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority (ADWEA)

- on the construction of the Sohar aluminium smelter in Oman valued at US\$1bn

### Anglo American Group (including De Beers)

- on projects across Africa and on its commodity trading arrangements

### A mining investment fund

- on mining (including iron ore, copper and gold) royalty financings

### SNC Lavalin

- on the acquisition of an interest in and the financing of the \$2.1bn (nickel and cobalt) Ambatovy project in Madagascar, as well as the disposal of their interest in that project

### Orion Mine Finance

- on its debt financing and offtake arrangements in relation to Ongopolo Mining Limited’s open pit copper mine in Namibia, Ongopolo Mining Limited is a subsidiary of AIM listed Weatherly International PLC.
- on its equity investment in an offtake arrangements with Atalaya Mining
- on the acquisition of the Norte copper business from Anglo American

### A commodity trading company

- in relation to a number of copper offtake/financing agreements

### Australian Listed Company

- on the project financing of its copper mine in Indonesia

### A major Malaysian mining company

- on its listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and global institutional offering

### First Quantum Minerals Limited

- on their mining projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mauritania, including negotiations with the government and international litigation

### European based integrated trading company

- on the funding of investments in, and development of, Indonesian coal projects

### A gold producer

- on their pre-pay financing arrangements

### A project developer in Congo

- on iron ore sale/financing agreements

### J.P. Morgan Cazenove

- on the placing of shares in Avocet Mining plc

### LSE listed company

- on its copper and cobalt offtake arrangements as part of various corporate and finance transactions

### A major international bank

- on financing in relation to several mining projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo

### Mining companies

- on the acquisition and development of iron ore projects in Mozambique, the Republic of Congo and Cameroon

### A mining major

- in relation to a copper joint venture in Chile

### A major mining company

- on a joint venture relating to the development of a manganese project in Gabon

### European trading company

- on various advance payment and prepayment structures for commodities with Chinese and European producers

### A major Chinese state owned enterprise

- on its investment in an AIM listed mining company with assets in Fiji

### Private equity clients

- on acquisitions of interests in coal mine projects in Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia and a lead-zinc mine project in Hebei, China

### A private mining company

- on the development of a major bauxite mine/alumina refinery in Guinea, including port and railway infrastructure

### A Russian based investment vehicle

- in relation to its participation in a uranium mining joint venture in Mongolia

### Macquarie and Liberum

- on a £55m share placing for Sirius Minerals PLC

### Sumatra Copper & Gold

- on the financing and development of its copper and gold mining projects in Indonesia and in relation to its local partnering arrangements

### Uranium Limited

- on its £430m merger with Uranium Participation Corporation

### WestLB AG

- on a US\$120m secured structured pre-export financing and its syndication in request of a copper mine in Papua New Guinea

### 12 of the leading mining and energy companies

- on guidance in relation to adequate procedures pertaining to the Bribery Act 2010

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