

Iran



Core Strengths

Iran and the E3/EU+3 (China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union) reached a deal with regards to Iran's nuclear programme on 14 July 2015 (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action – the "JCPOA"). In the event that the sanctions are lifted in full, Simmons & Simmons is able to service your legal needs from its network of offices.

Simmons & Simmons is an international law firm with more than 900 legal staff throughout our network of offices in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. Simmons & Simmons' long established Middle East practice comprises lawyers from our four offices in the region: Dubai, Doha, Jeddah and Riyadh (through our alliance with Hammad & Al-Mehdar in Saudi Arabia). We provide a comprehensive and integrated service that covers our clients' requirements throughout the Middle East and North Africa, wherever their business takes them. Our ability to provide advice in Farsi, Arabic, English and French means we offer our clients a true 'one stop shop' for their international and local legal advice.

With support from our other offices as needed, we are able to respond quickly to client needs with commercially driven, market leading legal advice.

We view the world through the lens of our key sectors: asset management and investment funds, energy and infrastructure, financial institutions, life sciences and technology, media and telecommunications (TMT).

For our clients, this means they benefit from a law firm fully focused on their sector, wholly understanding of the challenges that they face and completely tuned in to their needs.

Our services

Over the decades we have been careful to build our international presence using a combination of local lawyers with demonstrable local knowledge and fully integrated teams acting together at a global level. We can provide the full range of legal services in Iran with support from local counsel.

Expertise in practice

Our lawyers' experience in Iran includes advising:

- Sturgeon Capital on the launch of an Iran-focused fund product
- GAIL (India) Limited on the development of the IPI pipeline project
- Essar Construction Limited on the EPC contract for the Iran Steel works
- OMV Gas & Power GmbH in relation to LNG projects in Iran
- E.ON Ruhrgas AG on the acquisition of upstream gas interests in Iran and an interest in the PARS LNG project from TOTAL
- an Iraq-based bank on compliance with the UN and the US sanctions against Iran and on a framework agreement with EDBI in light of the US sanctions against Iran
- a Middle East-based aluminium company on US-Iran sanctions
- a Dubai-based bank regarding UN/US sanctions concerning Iran
- an international oil major on issues relating to their interests in various joint venture companies including an Iranian oil company
- Arveen General Trading LLC on advice regarding distribution arrangements in Iran
- Independent Television Commission on the application by Face of Iranian Nation TV for a satellite licence
- a Dubai-based bank on compliance procedures relating to Iran sanctions
- a Middle Eastern telecommunications provider on commercial and regulatory issues in relation to building a sea and land cable from the UAE to Europe via Iran, Azerbaijan and Russia to Germany
- a Turkish telecommunications company, in relation to a fibre optic project from Turkey to Iran, Iraq, Jordan and Syria
- a French engineering firm on issues related to the international sanctions against Iran
- Basell in relation to a petrochemical plant in Iran
- a division of a Middle Eastern Islamic bank in relation to the allocation of the third mobile licence in Iran

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