

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS ADVISES CHINA'S CRCC ON US\$7.4 BILLION THAI HIGH- SPEED RAIL PROJECT

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Leading global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills has advised China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) on its role in a consortium investing in and constructing a high-speed rail link in Thailand.

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It is the first high-speed rail investment by a Chinese company. CRCC is working with the State Railway of Thailand and the Charoen Pokphand Group on the project.

The 220km High-Speed Rail Linked 3 Airport Project will connect three major airports and five provinces when it opens in 2023.

The project agreement was signed last week in Bangkok in the presence of Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and the Chinese, Japanese and Italian ambassadors to Thailand.

"We're delighted to have advised CRCC on one of its most significant projects outside China to date." said partner [Hew Kian Heong](#).

"A project of this scale and complexity required a broad range of legal, strategic and business support," said infrastructure partner [Ellen Zhang](#). "It followed the typical structure of "investment and construction" that now represents the market trend amongst Chinese outbound contractors taking part in the Belt and Road initiative."

Herbert Smith Freehills is advising CRCC on project and supply chain agreements, including the EPC contract, as well as the joint venture arrangement for its role in the consortium.

Ellen and Hew led a Beijing/Shanghai team advising CRCC, including senior associates Grace Fang and Angela Zhao, and associate Andrew Lin, supported by partner [Glynn Cooper](#) and associate [June Tan](#) in Kuala Lumpur, counsel [Mark Veitch](#) in Singapore, and senior associate [Michael Debney](#) in Melbourne.

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