

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS RANKED TIER ONE FOR MINING, ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERTISE IN ASIA PACIFIC

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News

Herbert Smith Freehills' market-leading mining, energy and infrastructure practices in Australia and Asia Pacific have recognised with a host of Tier One rankings in the latest edition of the IFLR1000 directory.

The firm was ranked Tier One in each of the following categories: energy, mining, infrastructure, oil & gas and transport in Asia Pacific, as well as energy, mining and oil & gas in Australia.

Lewis McDonald, Managing Partner, Korea, said the rankings commend the collaborative regional approach the firm's energy group takes to working with multinational clients on cross-border matters.

"These results reflect the way we work, as an interconnected group, working collaboratively across our offices on some of the biggest deals from the region to deliver expertise and efficiency to our clients."

"Work such as the South32 demerger, the U\$2.3 billion CGN Asian energy assets acquisition, advising KOGAS and JAPEX on their overseas LNG projects, and China's Silk Road Fund on its first oil and gas M&A transaction demonstrates our strength across the region."

Robert Merrick, Partner and Co-Head of Global Energy Group added:

"We are delighted with our tier one ranking which reflects the considerable opportunities we are involved in across the energy, resources and infrastructure sectors in the region. As a firm we are privileged to work closely with some of the best in-house legal teams across the Asia Pacific region and we are grateful to our clients for their ongoing recognition of our performance in these sectors.

"I would also like to thank the partners and lawyers from across our global network for their local expertise and commitment to client service."

Herbert Smith Freehills has developed a reputation for advising on some of the most significant and complex energy and infrastructure deals in the market. The firm recently acted on the following deals:

- ACT's Capital Metro (acting for the Canberra Metro consortium)
- Origin Energy's sale of a number of energy infrastructure and renewables assets in Australia
- CGN in relation to its acquisition of the Edra power business for US\$2.2 billion
- Mitsui Matsushima Co Ltd (Mitsui Matsushima) on its joint venture with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) regarding the Eastern Coal project, located in Queensland, Australia.
- Various confidential bidders in relation to all aspects of the proposed acquisition of Anglo American's interests in the Moranbah North, Dartbrook, Dawson, Foxleigh and Callide coal ventures, including joint venture, operational and financing issues.

IFLR 1000 Energy and Infrastructure - Herbert Smith Freehills' Results in full:

Asia Pacific

Energy: Tier 1

Mining: Tier 1

Oil and Gas: Tier 1

Infrastructure: Tier 1

Transport: Tier 1

Australia

Energy: Tier 1

Mining: Tier 1

Oil & Gas: Tier 1

China/Hong Kong

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 1

Indonesia

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 2 (HBT)

Japan

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 1

Myanmar

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 1

Philippines

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 2

Singapore

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 1

South Korea

Energy and Infrastructure: Tier 1

Thailand

Energy and Infrastructure: Other notable

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