

# About Ro

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Ronen (Ro) Lazarovitch is a projects lawyer, with extensive experience advising clients on both the finance and non-finance side of projects. Ro advises sponsors, project companies, lenders and governments on major projects in the energy, mining, infrastructure and power sectors. He has played a leading role in strategically important, first-of-their-kind transactions in countries throughout the Middle East, Europe and Africa, including Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Kenya, Qatar, Russia and Uganda, among others.

# **Recent Notable Matters**

## Oil & Gas

*Egyptian Refining company* — ongoing project development and financing of the \$4.2 billion hydrocracker project at Cairo, Egypt\*

*Lenders* — €23 billion financing of the Amur Gas Processing Plant which will process gas to be delivered by Gazprom to CNPC\*

*Sponsors* — negotiation of a concession agreement for the construction of a 60,000 barrel-per-day oil refinery in northern Uganda\*

Leviathan Partners – various mandates relating to the Leviathan field, offshore Israel\*

**CNOOC** — entry into Mauritania and acquisition of an interest in an offshore exploration block\*

Hess - various aspects of its oil fields in the North Sea, including decommissioning arrangements\*

*Sponsor* — proposed development of a greenfield subsea pipeline to transport gas from the deepwater Leviathan field offshore Israel to Egypt\*

State of Papua New Guinea - various aspects of the Exxon-led US \$19 billion PNG LNG project\*

### **Mining and Metals**

*Hellas Gold Single Member, S.A.* — €680 million project financing facility for a subsidiary of Eldorado Gold Corporation for the development of the Skouries gold and copper mine in Northern Greece

*Eldorado Gold Corporation* — negotiation of a concession agreement in respect of the Kassandra gold mines in Greece\*

*Nyrstar Metal Processing* — 2018-19 restructuring, including the negotiation of \$900m of trade financing arrangements\*

Lenders - \$10 billion Roy Hill integrated mine, port and rail project financing in the Pilbara, Australia\*

State of Papua New Guinea - deep-sea mining joint venture with Nautilus Minerals\*

**Arq** — strategic venture with Vitol in relation to its crude oil blending product produced from coal mining waste\*

### Infrastructure

*Sponsors* — bid, award and negotiation of the concession agreement for the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Highway PPP Project\*

Sponsors - bid, award, implementation and financing of the D4 and R7 roads PPP in Slovakia\*

*Lenders* — refinancing of Cross London Trains' £1.175 billion facility for the construction of the Thameslink rolling stock fleet in London\*

*Financiers* — bid for the Queensland New Generation Rollingstock PPP Project by a consortium led by CAF and Samsung\*

#### Power

*Fotowatio Renewable Ventures* — limited recourse project financing of the 34 MW Contego and 99 MW Clay Tye battery energy storage projects in the United Kingdom

**Project company** — ongoing advice, including amendments to project and finance documents, relating to a 670 MW project-financed power plant in Bulgaria\*

**Project company** – refinancing of a gas fired power plant in Northern Ireland\*

*African Development Bank* — provision of partial risk guarantees in respect of geothermal energy projects in Kenya\*

**PSP Investments and OTPP** – acquisition of a portfolio of renewable energy projects and the establishment of Cubico Sustainable Investments\*

\* Work completed prior to Bracewell

## **Publications and Speeches**

"Key Commercial and Legal Issues Arising in Reaching Economic License for a CCS Project in the UK," Association of International Energy Negotiators Event, March 12, 2024.

## **Education**

St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, LL.M. 2011

The University of Otago, B.Com. (Economics) and LL.B. 2008

## **Noteworthy**

*The Legal 500 United Kingdom*, Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2022 - 2024; Projects, Energy and Natural Resources: Power, 2024; Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Infrastructure, 2023; Finance - Bank Lending: Investment Grade Debt and Syndicated Loans, 2024; Finance – Emerging Markets, 2022; Real Estate – Construction: Non-Contentious, 2022

## **Bar Admissions**

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales