

## Adam Blythe

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Adam Blythe focuses on oil and gas related transactions. He has experience working on mergers and acquisitions, project development, joint ventures, sales and offtakes and other commercial arrangements in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors. Adam also advises on refinery supply, offtake and intermediation arrangements. Adam has particular experience in African and cross-border transactions.

Adam has been recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* as a “Next Generation Partner” in oil and gas (2017-2025). Adam is ranked by *Chambers Global* for Project and Energy work in Africa (2024-2025) and by *Chambers UK* as “Up and Coming” for Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas (2025). He has also been highlighted by *IFLR1000* as a “Notable Practitioner” for M&A and Project Development in oil and gas (2017, 2019-2024). In the 2021 edition of *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*, a client comments, “Adam Blythe is an excellent support in any negotiation. He articulates the client’s position with a clear reasoning while remaining calm in difficult negotiations. This approach helps to build trust among the parties and to find solutions.”

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## Experience

### Eni S.p.A.

- sale of NAOC company owning Nigerian onshore upstream assets to Oando plc; named **Deal of the Year** at Africa Energy Week 2024
- \$934 million sale of a participating interest in the Egyptian Shorouk Concession, containing the Zohr gas field, to Mubadala Petroleum
- sale of Eni Argentina’s interests in the Tauro Sirius concession, Argentina

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- participation in the National Gas Consortium, Angola, including the gas sale agreement with Angola LNG and the condensate handling and lifting arrangements
- \$1.6 billion sale of a participating interest in the Egyptian Shorouk Concession, containing the Zohr gas field, to Rosneft
- \$375 million sale of a participating interest in the Egyptian Shorouk Concession, containing the Zohr gas field, to BP
- swap transaction with Lukoil in relation to the Area 10, Area 12, and Area 14 upstream shallow water production sharing contracts in Mexico

## **Aramco Trading Limited**

- acquisition of inventory at the Kalundborg refinery, Denmark, and the refinery intermediation and feedstock supply, product sale and storage arrangements

## **Sungara Energies**

- acquisition of a 10 percent participating interest in Block 15/06 Angola from Sonangol P&P, and formation of the upstream joint venture for the acquisition

## **Petraco**

- supply, offtake and financing arrangements with a UK refinery

## **ICBC Standard Bank**

- feedstock intermediation and supply arrangements to two European refineries

## **Etablissements Maurel & Prom S.A.**

- acquisition of producing interests in Angola from Mitsubishi Corporation

## **EOG Resources, Inc.**

- various farm-ins, JOA and unitization arrangements in Trinidad

## **Energy Regulatory Authority of Tanzania**

- review of Tanzania's downstream and midstream gas laws and regulations and preparation of a new regulatory suite for the downstream and midstream sector (an Africa Development Bank funded mandate)

## **Mnazi Bay contractor group**

- Mnazi Bay gas project in Tanzania including the gas sale arrangements to the Tanzanian gas aggregator

## **Shoreline Natural Resources Limited**

- \$534 million financing arranged by Vitol funding OML 30 in Nigeria, including the offtake agreement, alternative oil-evacuation arrangements and the upstream operations agreement

## **Ophir Energy plc**

- \$2 billion floating LNG project offshore Equatorial Guinea, including host government arrangements, LNG sales agreements, chartering agreements, joint venture arrangements, project financing, and construction

## **SemGroup Europe Holding L.L.C.**

- sale of SemLogistics Milford Haven Limited, a petroleum terminal and storage business located in South Wales, to Valero Logistics UK Limited, a subsidiary of Valero Energy Corporation

## **Lenders to Siccar Point Energy**

- M&A aspects of the borrowing base facility agreement to partially fund the acquisition of OMV's North Sea oil and gas business

## **Petroceltic International plc**

- proposed disposal of Egyptian upstream assets

## **Oando**

- \$1.9 billion acquisition of ConocoPhillips' upstream position in Nigeria\*
- acquisition of interests in two producing deep offshore fields in Nigeria from Shell/Eni and the acquisition financing for its purchase of producing interests in two fields in Nigeria\*

## **Puma Energy**

- acquisition of Exxon Mobil's downstream business across five Central American jurisdictions\*

## **Valero**

- \$1.7 billion purchase of Chevron's downstream business in the U.K. and Ireland, including the Pembroke refinery\*
- purchase of an interest in a Dutch refinery company\*

## **Murphy Oil Corporation**

- farm-in to two blocks in Namibia\*

## **Explorer**

- farm-in into two blocks in Somaliland and amendments to the related production sharing agreement

## **Gas producer**

- gas supply arrangements to an emergency power generator in Cameroon\*

## **Asia Oil Terminal Services**

- storage agreements and terms of operation in relation to its project to develop a crude oil storage terminal and jetty at Pahang, Malaysia\*

## **International energy company**

- project to construct and operate an offshore mooring point, terminal and pipeline in Nigeria\*

## **The National Development Corporation of Tanzania**

- procurement of, and joint venture arrangements with a Chinese sponsor for the development of a \$3 billion coal to power and iron mine and smelter project in Tanzania (winner of the FT Most Innovative Law Firm in Finance award 2012)\*

## **Sponsor**

- acquisition of interests of Nigerian power generating and distribution companies and assets in the first Nigerian power privatization round

*\* Work completed prior to Bracewell*

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## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- Nottingham Law School, L.P.C., 2005
- University of Nottingham, LL.B., 2003

### **Bar Admissions**

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### **Affiliations**

- Association of International Energy Negotiators

## Recognition

### ***Chambers Global***

- Africa-wide – Projects & Energy, 2024-2025 (Up and Coming, 2024 – 2025)
- Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas, 2025 (Up and Coming, 2025)

### ***Chambers UK***

- Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas, 2025 (Up and Coming, 2025)

### ***The Legal 500 United Kingdom***

- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2017 – 2025 (Next Generation Partner, 2017 – 2025)
- Finance – Emerging Markets, 2023 – 2025
- Energy and Infrastructure, 2021

### ***Delinian Limited***

- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, 2017, 2019 – 2024

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## Resources

### **Nigeria considers changes to Nigerian content requirements in the oil and gas sector**

Blog Post

### **Nigerian Marginal Fields: New Bid Round and New Guidelines**

Blog Post

### **Nigeria's upstream petroleum sector: looking back at 2020 and looking ahead in 2021**

Blog Post

### **Understanding Nigeria's Petroleum Industry Act**

Article

### **Nigeria's upstream petroleum sector – looking back at 2021 and looking ahead in 2022**

Blog Post

### **Oil Spot Trading: Whose Terms Apply – The Incorporation of English Jurisdiction Clauses in Oral Agreements**

Blog Post

## **A Challenging Year for African M&A**

Article

## **Nigeria's Energy Sector: Looking Back at 2022 and Looking Ahead in 2023**

Blog Post

## **2023 AIEN Model Form JOA Placing ESG Issues at Heart of Oil & Gas Operations**

Blog Post

## **Meet the new NNPC – different from the old NNPC?**

Blog Post

## **Nigeria's Energy Sector: Looking Back at 2023 and Looking Ahead in 2024**

Blog Post

## **Deals in Africa: 10 Things to Watch in 2024**

Article

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- "Deals in Africa: 10 Things to Watch in 2024," *Energy Voice*, 19 January, 2024.
- "Assessing African Upstream M&A Activity in 2022: The Majors Lead the Charge," *Energy Voice*, December 28, 2022.
- "Oil and Gas M&A in Africa: Key Trends and Prospects," *Into Africa*, May 2018.
- "Oil and Gas Mergers and Acquisitions in Africa," *Oil & Gas in Africa: A Legal and Commercial Analysis of the Upstream Industry*, London: Globe Law and Business, 2015.
- "The rise of African mergers and acquisitions," *Middle East Oil and Gas*, November 2014.