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About Lauren

Lauren Kelsall advises clients in relation to energy transactions and projects in the upstream, midstream and downstream segments of the oil and gas industry, as well as the power sector. Lauren has particular experience working on African and emerging market transactions, for a range of international energy companies and state-owned entities. She advises on acquisitions and divestments, joint ventures and general corporate and commercial matters.

Recent Notable Matters

Savannah Energy Plc – acquisition of Exxon and Petronas’ entire interests in the Doba oil field in Chad and their shareholding in the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline and Floating, Storage and Offloading vessel for a total consideration of up to \$676 million

Eni S.p.A. – £140 million acquisition of a 20 percent interest in the Dogger Bank (C) 1.2 GW offshore wind farm project from Equinor and SSE

Hillwood International Energy, LP – acquisition of Kerogen Investments No. 7 Limited’s interest in HKN Energy, Ltd, the owner of a 62 percent operated interest in the Sarsang PSC in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Storegga Geotechnologies Ltd – foundation equity financing with Macquarie and subsequent equity financings with GIC, Mitsui, Macquarie, M&G and SNAM

Eni S.p.A. – £405 million acquisition of 20 percent interest in the Dogger Bank (A and B) 2.4 GW offshore wind farm project from Equinor and SSE

Storegga Geotechnologies Ltd – acquisition of Pale Blue Dot Energy, the lead developer of the Acorn Carbon Capture and Storage Project at the St Fergus Gas Terminal in the UK

Etablissements Maurel & Prom S.A. – acquisition of producing interests in Angola from Mitsubishi Corporation

Savannah Petroleum plc – material aspects of its ongoing takeover of the Seven Energy Nigerian business, including relating to the re-organisation of the Uquo onshore gas field and the Accugas gas processing facility; on crude oil commercialisation arrangements in Niger

Rhino Resources, Ltd – building of an African upstream exploration portfolio in South Africa, Namibia, Comoros Islands and Senegal-Guinea Bissau AGC

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

Hunt Oil Company – operatorship of the Ain Sifni field in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec) – acquisition from Chevron Global Energy Inc. of 75 percent of the shares in Chevron South Africa (Pty) Limited and 100 per cent of the shares in Chevron Botswana (Pty) Limited*

Victoria Oil & Gas Plc – farm in to the Bomono Block, Cameroon*

Cyprus Hydrocarbons Company – Republic of Cyprus’s interests in the Aphrodite gas field, Block 12 offshore Cyprus*

Standard Chartered and HSBC (France) – \$500 million letter of credit issuance facility (guaranteed by the World Bank) made available to the Ghana state oil company, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation, in support of its role in the development of the Sankofa Gas Project, Ghana*

Indigenous E&P company – due diligence and bid advice for the acquisition of a substantial shareholding in a joint venture with high-value upstream assets across Nigeria, Tanzania, Gabon, Benin, Angola and Namibia*

United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the Quartet – legal aspects of a feasibility study conducted in relation to a potential major gas pipeline project in the Middle East*

Oando – partial divestment of the companies comprising its downstream business in Nigeria, Ghana and Togo*

Korean state-owned enterprise – proposed disposal of its shareholding in a Kazakh E&P company*

International commodity trading company purchaser – due diligence, structuring and purchase advice on its bid to acquire a downstream business in Zimbabwe*

Chinese state-owned purchaser – due diligence, structuring and purchase advice on its bid to acquire a participating interest in the Area 4 concession of Mozambique*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Education

The College of Law, London, L.P.C.
2010 – *with distinction*

University of Nottingham, LL.B
2009 – *with honors*

Affiliations

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators

Bar Admissions

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

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