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## Services

Mergers and Acquisitions > Corporate Finance and Capital Markets >  
Private Equity > Energy and Natural Resources > Chemical >

Nicholas A. Molan practices in the area of corporate law, with a focus on the energy and natural resources industry. Mr. Molan has significant experience advising clients on matters in relation to the petroleum and natural gas sectors.

Mr. Molan represents financiers, national oil companies, private energy companies, project developers, and other entities on construction and development, joint venture and shareholder arrangements, mergers and acquisitions, operation and maintenance, and trading transactions.

Mr. Molan has been recognized for his work in the energy industry by legal publications including *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *IFLR 1000* and *Euromoney Legal Media Group's Expert Guides*.

## EXPERIENCE

*Oil & Gas*

- **A Chinese state-owned company** in relation to its proposed acquisition of a U.S. oil major's natural gas fields in Bangladesh.
- **Sinopec** in connection with its acquisition of a 10% stake in SIBUR, Russia's largest vertically integrated gas processing and petrochemicals company, as a strategic investor.
- **Reliance Industries** in its US\$7.2 billion sale of Indian oil and gas assets to BP.
- **CNOOC** in relation to the long-term purchase from BP of up to 1.5 million tonnes of LNG per year and related regasification arrangements, a transaction which has been valued at approximately US\$20 billion.
- **A Chinese company** on the commercialization of significant natural gas reserves in the Horn of Africa.
- **An Australian energy company** in relation to its development of a US\$16 billion greenfield LNG project in eastern Australia.
- **China Investment Corporation (CIC)** in connection with the €2.3 billion acquisition of a 30 per cent stake in the gas and oil exploration and production business of Gaz de France (GDF).

### ***Project Finance & Infrastructure Development***

- **China National Petroleum Corporation/Petrochina** in connection with its participation in the Yamal LNG Project in Russia.
- **China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Company (CNODC)** in relation to its participation in the Project Pacific Refinery Project in Ecuador.
- **An American energy company** in connection with its development of an LNG export terminal in British Columbia.
- **A developer of one of the largest gas fields** in India and a related 1,400 kilometre cross-continent gas pipeline.
- **An American energy company** on its participation in the development of a 320 kilometre gas pipeline and natural gas liquids plant in Tunisia.
- **Emirates Aluminium Company** in connection with its construction, procurement, and technology arrangements for its 1.3 million tonnes per year aluminium smelter at Taweelah in Abu Dhabi, UAE, with a transaction value of approximately US\$6.4 billion.

### ***Energy & Commodity Transactions***

- **A Chinese state-owned company** in relation to its long-term LNG supply arrangements and various Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements with 15 suppliers.
- **The buyer** in relation to various Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements with multiple suppliers for delivery into an Asian country.
- **A Gulf-region aluminium smelter** in the negotiation of its long-term supply contracts for alumina, calcined petroleum coke, and other commodities, and related transportation arrangements, as well as the negotiation of its long-term aluminium sales contracts and related transportation arrangements.
- **An Australian energy company** in relation to its long-term sale and purchase agreements, and related shipping arrangements, for export of LNG from Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- **Reliance Industries Limited** (as user) in relation to the negotiation of multiple LNG regasification services agreements and master regasification services agreements.
- **GdF Suez** in relation to its proposed participation in a 300-MW wind-turbine power generation project in Tarfaya, Morocco.

- **A Gulf-region national oil company** in relation to its entry into a floating LNG storage and regasification service agreement, and related LNG purchase arrangements (on a long-term and spot basis).

### ***Mergers & Acquisitions***

- **A private equity fund** on its indirect acquisition of significant interests in two coalbed methane (CBM) blocks in China, including a private company acquisition and a public company takeover.
- **Anadarko Petroleum Corporation** in its US\$1.075 billion disposition of its Chinese subsidiary to a wholly owned subsidiary of Brightoil Petroleum (Holdings) Limited.
- **A Chinese state-owned company** on its acquisition of a majority equity interest in two independent power projects in Bangladesh.
- **An Australian energy company** in connection with the US\$4 billion sales of interests in coal seam gas reserves, a gas pipeline, and a greenfield LNG plant to Asian and European buyers.
- **An independent energy company** in relation to the acquisition of an operating interest in certain upstream petroleum assets offshore Malaysia.
- **China National Petroleum Corporation** in connection with the acquisition of certain upstream oil and gas assets in Sumatra, Indonesia.

### ***Project Finance & Other Finance***

- **Wayzata Investment Partners** (as lender) on the provision of a US\$100 million secured term facility for the purchase of an ultra-premium jackup drilling rig.
- **Mubadala Development Company** on the proposed development and financing of a 420-MW integrated hydrogen power plant and carbon capture and storage system in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

*Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.*

## **EDUCATION**

- The University of Melbourne, B.A., 2003, First Class Honors
- The University of Melbourne, Bachelor of Law, 2003, Honors
- Financial Services Institute of Australasia, Graduate Certificate of Applied Finance and Investment, 2005

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Hong Kong
- England and Wales

- Australia
- Registered Foreign Lawyer, Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt am Main

## LANGUAGES

- English
- French

## MEMBERSHIPS

- AMPLA Resources and Energy Law Association
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- Law Society of England and Wales
- Law Society of Hong Kong
- Law Institute of Victoria