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Richard is the deputy head of our energy practice (a team of 250+ dedicated energy attorneys in 22 offices serving clients in six continents on upstream Oil & Gas, midstream, LNG, power, renewables and petrochemical matters) and head of our international LNG practice.

Based in Singapore since 2008, Richard regularly advises international Oil & Gas companies, host governments, project developers and sponsors in jurisdictions across southeast Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific region. He has also worked previously in London, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Richard has been involved in the energy industry for over 20 years is currently ranked as a Band 1 lawyer for Energy & Natural Resources in Singapore and Asia-Pacific by the leading law directories, including *Chambers* and *The Legal 500*. He has also been listed by the *IFLR 1000* and *Who's Who Legal (Energy)* guides as a leading lawyer for Energy & Infrastructure, Project Development, Banking, Project Finance and M&A.

Richard has contributed to various energy industry journals and news publications in Singapore and southeast Asia, notably *PFI 2019 Energy Review*, *LNG Journal* and *International Energy Law Review*. He is also a regular moderator and speaker at a number of leading energy conferences including Gastech (2017 - 2019), CWC World LNG Summit (2015 - 2020), CWC Asia Pacific Summit (2016 - 2020), Gas Asia Summit, FLNG Summit and IPFA.

Matters

LNG

Anadarko Corporation on the long-term offtake and marketing of LNG volumes from the Mozambique LNG project, including long-term SPA with CNOOC Gas & Marketing

NextDecade Corporation on the development of and proposed offtake arrangements from the Rio Grande LNG export facility in the United States, including SPA with Shell Gas & Marketing

Australia Pacific LNG (APLNG) on various strategic LNG offtake and SPA price review matters

The Wheatstone LNG Commingled Sellers on various strategic LNG offtake and SPA price review matters

RGE on the development of and offtake arrangements from the Woodfibre LNG export facility in Canada

A confidential consortium on the development and financing of a new LNG FSRU import terminal facility in the Philippines

PV Gas on LNG procurement plans for the Thi Vai LNG import terminal facility in Vietnam

EGAT (Energy Generating Authority of Thailand) on plans to develop Thailand's first LNG FSRU import terminal

Engro Elengy Terminal on the LNG FSRU import terminal at Port Qasim, Pakistan, including third party access arrangements

Confidential Client on LNG procurement plans for several new LNG import terminal projects in the People's Republic of China

Diamond Gas International (DGI) on various strategic LNG trading matters including lifting arrangements from NWS LNG

Tokyo Gas on strategic LNG volume analysis relating to a number of long-term SPAs

Pavilion Energy in relation to new LNG import and bunkering arrangements in Singapore, including truck loading arrangements

TNB Fuels on short term and spot LNG procurement arrangements in Malaysia, including designing MSA term sheets and aligning spot procurement with the new TPA access arrangements

Summit Corporation in connection with its first offshore LNG import project (FSRU) in Bangladesh including negotiation of long term vessel charter party contract with Excelerate Energy and on a Terminal Use Agreement with PetroBangla

North West Shelf Pty. Ltd. in connection with a long-term LNG SPA pricing dispute with KOGAS

INPEX Corporation in connection with long-term LNG offtake arrangements from the Prelude FLNG project in Australia, including drafting and negotiation of HOAs and SPAs with several Japanese counterparties

Pavilion Energy in relation to its LNG sale and purchase agreement with Gazprom Marketing and Trading

Mitsubishi Corporation and Diamond Gas International on its participation in several short and mid-term LNG supply tenders into South Asia and North Asia, including drafting HOA and SPA documents

Energy Market Authority of Singapore and Singapore LNG Corporation in connection with the development of a multi-user LNG import terminal project in Singapore including the second aggregator terminal use (TUA) arrangements, truck loading services agreement and spot (short-term) TUA

San Miguel Corporation on the strategic review of the Ilijan IPP project in the Philippines and potential LNG importation options

BP on capacity sharing arrangements at the Isle of Grain LNG import and regasification terminal in the UK, including LNG delivery and gas sales arrangements into the UK market and the design and

implementation of secondary capacity access to third party shippers

BW Maritime on a number of major Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) project roles in the Middle East, Central and South America and Asia Pacific

H-Energy on all aspects of its floating LNG import project at Jaigarh on the West coast of India including negotiation of (i) long term FSRU vessel charter party contract with ENGIE; (ii) negotiation of LNGC charter party contract; (iii) negotiation of LNG sales contract with PETRONAS; (iv) short and mid-term LNG procurement tender and (v) LNGC charter arrangements

MOL in relation to various FSRU and FSU related services in connection with the Swan LNG import terminal facility project in Gujarat, India

Mitsui Corporation in relation to its joint venture investment in the BW Integrity FSRU terminal in Port Qasin, Pakistan

BW Gas in relation to its successful bid to provide EGAS with a 170,000 new build FSRU under a long-term charter party arrangement

Golar LNG on its successful bid to provide Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) floating storage and regasification (FSRU) services to support KNPC's LNG import operations at Mina Al Ahmadi (Kuwait) including drafting and negotiating the regasification services agreement in respect of the 5 year US\$213 million charter for the Golar Igloo (170,000 cbm new build FSRU)

BP in connection with the development of a split on-shore and off-shore exploration and production contract in Libya, together with potential LNG development, local joint venture arrangements

BP on its long term, multi-destination LNG offtake arrangements from Trains 1 and 2 of the Brass LNG Project in Nigeria

Mitsubishi Corporation and Diamond Gas International on the long term LNG marketing and offtake arrangements from the LNG Canada project including project structuring advice (upstream, midstream, downstream components), preparation of LNG term sheets and HOAs and vessel loading arrangements

BP on its upstream gas sales and production sharing arrangements and related long-term LNG sale and purchase arrangements from Train 1 of the Damietta (SEGAS) liquefaction facility in Egypt

Sojitz in connection with a proposed LNG import project in Sri Lanka including deployment of floating regasification vessel

Keppel Gas on a new LNG procurement programme in Singapore, including designing and negotiating MSPA templates

BW Gas in relation to the deployment of an FSRU vessel for an LNG to Power project in Panama

BP on the implementation of a standard long term FOB / DES LNG offtake contract and advice on a number of short term and spot LNG sales contracts with middle east and far east counterparties

LNG Easy on various LNG supply, break bulk and import projects across South East Asia

GDF Suez in connection with their prospective investment in the Singapore LNG receiving terminal project, including joint venture and management services arrangements

BG Plc and Petronas on regulatory (UIOLI) aspects to their joint capacity rights at the Dragon

LNG terminal in Wales, UK

Oil & Gas (Upstream)

Ophir Energy plc in connection with the successful acquisition of Santos's upstream oil & gas business in South East Asia

PTTEP on the successful acquisition of an interest in APICO LLC (holding several upstream concessions in Thailand) from TATEX LLC

Confidential international oil & gas company on the proposed acquisition on onshore upstream assets in Thailand from Coastal Energy

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the bid to acquire Chevron's upstream and midstream assets in Myanmar

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the acquisition of GDF Suez (ENGIE's) upstream assets in Indonesia (Muara Bakau PSC)

Woodside Energy on several confidential upstream investments in SE Asia

Ramba Energy in relation to the farm-out of an interest in the Lemang PSC, Indonesia to Mandala Energy (KKR)

Chevron Corporation on certain upstream issues relating to the East Kalimantan PSC in Indonesia, including decommissioning and abandonment works

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the potential acquisition of Murphy Oil's upstream assets in Malaysia

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the potential acquisition of an interest in the Bone PSC, Indonesia

Santos in relation to the acquisition of a 50% operating interest in in the Northwest Natuna Production Sharing Contract (PSC) in Indonesia from AWE Limited

Woodside Energy in relation to the acquisition by way of farm-in in several upstream interests (Blocks A6 and AD7) in Myanmar and related advice on country entry, sanctions, local branch registration and contracting / procurement aspects

Woodside Energy in relation to ongoing PSC and JOA negotiations in relation to the Myanmar offshore tender round, including the award of several new PSC interests to a Woodside / BG consortium

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the potential acquisition of an ASX-listed company and internal group re-organisation

Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings in connection with the acquisition by way of farm-in of an upstream interest in Sumatra, Indonesia

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the potential acquisition of Hess Corporation's interest in the Natuna Sea Block A PSC in Indonesia

Premier Oil in relation to the divestment of Premier Oil Vietnam South B.V. (holding an interest in Block 03-07 offshore Vietnam) and ongoing divestment work in Indonesia

Mitsui Oil Exploration Company Limited in connection with several new upstream ventures in Singapore and Myanmar

Confidential international oil & gas company in connection with its bid to acquire upstream assets from Newfield International in Malaysia

Several international oil & gas companies in connection with the onshore and offshore oil & gas tender rounds in Myanmar, including joint study and bidding arrangements

Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings in connection with several farm in and restructuring arrangements in respect of their interest in concessions G1, G3 and G6 offshore Thailand (other participants including Tap Oil and Pearl)

BP in connection with its divestment to Pertamina of its 46% operated interest in the offshore North West Java PSC in Indonesia by way of sale of BP West Java Ltd.

JX Nippon and PTTEP in relation to their bid to acquire several upstream oil & gas interests from ConocoPhillips in Vietnam

Confidential international oil & gas company in relation to the potential acquisition of an interest in the Chevron IDD (deepwater) project offshore Indonesia

The lead arrangers on the financing of several upstream interests in Malaysia for BC Petroleum (pursuant to a new Risk Service Contract)

BNP Paribas in relation to a borrowing base facility for Coastal Energy to fund the development of onshore and offshore interests in Thailand

BP in relation to the structuring of its divestment of upstream, midstream and downstream assets in Vietnam

Premier Oil in connection with PSC-related advice on one of its upstream investments in Vietnam

An international oil & gas major in relation to the funding and development of a number of coal bed methane (CBM) projects in Indonesia

BP in connection with an equity investment in several Philippine upstream assets

Singapore Petroleum Company in connection with its bid to acquire oil and gas assets in Europe and Africa and the development of CBM interests in Indonesia

Power Projects

A consortium comprising **JERA, Diamond Generating Asia (Mitsubishi Corporation)** and local partners in connection with the Jawa-1 IPP LNG-to-power project, including the negotiation of long-term LNG fuel supply and long-term LNG FSRU charter party and regasification service arrangements; EPC and O&M arrangements for the power plant and interconnecting pipelines and the PPA with PLN

Tenaga Nasional Berhad and **POSCO Energy** on their bid to develop and finance the South Sumatra (Sumsel) 9 & 10 IPP power projects in Indonesia

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (as part of a Malaysian / Indonesian consortium) on the development and financing of (i) a mine mouth coal project in Sumatra (ii) a 1200MW coal-fired power plant, also in Sumatra and (iii) a subsea power interconnection line between Sumatra and Peninsula Malaysia. Our

role includes advice on feasibility and structuring aspects, shareholding and JV arrangements, development of project documentation and financing arrangements

Sojitz Corporation in connection with the development of mining and manufacturing projects in Sarawak, Malaysia, including power purchase agreements with the Sarawak Energy Board

BG Group in connection with the refinancing and subsequent divestment of the Santa Rita power project in the Philippines

BG Group in relation to the divestment of the Santa Rita and San Lorenzo power assets in the Philippines

Tata Power in connection with its bid to acquire Tuas Power, Senoko Power and PowerSeraya in Singapore from Temasek Holdings, including acquisition financing arrangements

The Export-Import Bank of China in connection with the development and financing of a 338MW hydroelectric power project in Cambodia

Mandated Lead Arrangers on the US\$1 billion+ project financing of the AES Maritza East 1 lignite-powered IPP project in Bulgaria

Other Energy Projects

Tenaga Nasional Berhad in connection with LNG purchase, regasification and gas supply arrangements in Malaysia and on the liberalisation of the natural gas market, including introduction of third party access requirements

China Development Bank on the financing to Daewoo Corporation of the Shwe development, offshore Myanmar, including detailed review and analysis of the relevant PSC, JOA and utilisation arrangements

The Brunei Economic Development Board in connection with the development of (i) the Second Petrochemical Project (natural gas feedstock) developed by a major Japanese investor and (ii) the multibillion US\$ PMB offshore redevelopment project, comprising a greenfield petrochemical aromatics plant and related power and desalination infrastructure, developed by a major PRC corporation

RWE GmbH on the establishment of a new commodity trading business in Singapore and regional trading joint venture

Mitsubishi Corporation in connection with crude oil trade finance and prepayment arrangements with Medco Energi (Indonesia)

Castle Peak Power Supply Company Limited on gas supply and transportation arrangements in China and Hong Kong, including the negotiation of a long term pipeline transportation agreement and operating agreement; advice on gas allocation and attribution issues

Peabody in relation to spot coal supply arrangements (under Singapore law) into China

Toyota Tsusho Corporation on its investment in a major petrochemical and fertiliser business in southern India and related financing arrangements

Oiltanking GmbH in connection with the development of a new oil storage facility in Karimun, Indonesia

The export credit agencies (including SACE, KEXIM and KEIC) on the multi-billion dollar project financing of the proposed **Pars LNG Project in Iran** including bankability analysis of long term LNG offtake contracts

Credentials

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

Recognition

"Richard Nelson has in-depth knowledge of the regulatory and commercial aspects of the Singapore gas market." - Energy

FOREIGN FIRMS, SINGAPORE, LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC, 2020

"His practice focuses on strategic investments involving major energy companies." - Projects and Energy (Indonesia)

CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC, 2020

"He heads their LNG practice but he does jump in on specific issues to handle them as necessary."

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES (INTERNATIONAL FIRMS), CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC, 2020

"One who maintains a highly active energy practice, assisting clients with complex LNG agreements and oil and gas M&A."

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES (INTERNATIONAL FIRMS), CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC, 2020

Leading Lawyer (Ranked Individual): Energy-Foreign Firms, Singapore

LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC, 2020

Leading Lawyer – Singapore International Who's Who of Oil & Gas Lawyers

2010-2019

Leading lawyer (Ranked Individual): Projects & Infrastructure, Asia Pacific region

CHAMBERS ASIA, CHAMBERS GLOBAL, 2011-2019

Leading lawyer (Ranked Individual): Energy & Natural Resources, Asia Pacific region

CHAMBERS ASIA, CHAMBERS GLOBAL, 2014-2020 (BAND 1, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES)

Leading Lawyer (Ranked Individual): Projects & Energy, Singapore (International Firms)

CHAMBERS ASIA, CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2012-2019 (BAND 1, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES)

Leading Lawyer (Ranked Individual): Indonesia, Projects & Natural Resources (International Firms)

CHAMBERS ASIA, CHAMBERS GLOBAL, 2012-2020

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

February 20, 2020

Coronavirus and Force Majeure Declarations – Energy Industry

NEWSLETTER

December 9, 2019

Energy Newsletter – December 2019

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

October 8, 2021

King & Spalding LNG Team Present Report for 2021 Gastech Dubai

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Events

CONFERENCE

May 15, 2019

Anatomy of a Financial Deal: From Global Transactions to Dispute Resolution

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

December 1, 2021

Richard Nelson to Speak at Association of International Petroleum Negotiators' International Petroleum Summit 2021

WEBINAR

LNG Opportunities in Vietnam: Insiders' Perspectives

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News

RECOGNITION

October 8, 2021

King & Spalding Earns Multiple Practice and Individual Rankings in 2021 IFLR1000 Guide

February 19, 2021

Chambers Global Again Recognizes King & Spalding as a Leading International Law Firm

Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021 Recognizes King & Spalding Among the Region's Top Firms

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