



OIL & GAS



"They have felt like true partners. They understand our business and objectives, pre-empt next steps and have always made themselves available when we need them most."

THE LEGAL 500 EMEA 2024

LEADING ADVISER AND PARTNER


Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's (CDH's) Oil & Gas team is the legal partner of choice on your oil and gas projects across the value chain.

We have unique and substantial legal expertise in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors and advise major independent oil companies, national oil companies, service providers and regulatory authorities in multiple jurisdictions. Our team has a thorough understanding of the geographic and geopolitical factors that shape and impact the oil and gas industry and offers valuable commercial insight to clients embarking on oil and gas projects, in both developed and

emerging markets, worldwide. Our breadth of experience, acting for clients in both the public and private sectors, means we have a comprehensive approach to structuring transactions to address the complex economic and political goals of participants in this sector.

Our lawyers combine intricate knowledge of the oil and gas sector with your unique business realities to achieve your desired results. By choosing our Oil & Gas team as trusted advisers, clients gain access to practical transactional and project advice, advanced contract engineering and seasoned contract negotiators.



A blue-tinted photograph of an industrial facility, likely a power plant or refinery, featuring a complex network of pipes, scaffolding, and large cylindrical tanks. A white diagonal line runs from the top left towards the center of the image.

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr worked very well with the lawyers in other jurisdictions."

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2025

"They are well placed to handle cross-border matters. Outside of Africa, they have a good footprint."

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2024

The team possesses expert knowledge in procurement and regulatory energy law, which it draws on to advise on power procurement programmes beyond South Africa.

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2023

"Very prompt responses and always available at short notice."

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OUR SERVICES

CDH's service offering is fully integrated so that clients benefit from our ability to provide an entire suite of legal services at each and every stage of an oil and gas project. Our Oil & Gas team offer highly specialised, sector-specific transactional, project and regulatory legal advice which is complemented by the ability to draw on our firm's full range of specialities.



Due Diligence Investigations and Reports

- Title and regulatory compliance due diligences on oil and gas assets
- Entry level requirements for a foreign IOCs or NOCs
- Multi-jurisdictional corporate acquisitions relevant to the acquisition of upstream, midstream and downstream interests
- In preparation for drilling, IPOs, or in anticipation of farm-out/s
- On Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative obligations, compliance requirements and reports



Upstream Services

- Upstream M&A Transactional Agreements (FOAs, Asset Sale and Purchase Agreement and Participating Agreements)
- Joint Operating Agreements
- Drilling and Drilling Support Services Agreements
- Field Development Agreements
- Front-End Engineering Design Agreements
- FPS Design, Build, Charter and Operate Agreement
- EPC, EPCI and EPCM Agreements (pipelines and subsea facilities)
- Gas Sales Agreements and Gas Balancing Agreements
- Crude Offtake Agreements and Lifting Agreements
- Seismic Acquisition and Well Services Service Agreements
- Multi-client Agreements
- Applications for hydrocarbon permits, rights, licences and concessions, renewals and transfers
- Host government instruments - Rights, Permits, Licenses, PSA's and hybrids, Risk Services, Pure Services, Technical Assistance Agreements and/or Buy-back Services Agreements
- Area of mutual interest Agreements, Study and bid group Agreements
- Third party operator Agreements, Upstream Service Agreements, Technical Services Agreements, and Global framework Agreements
- Unitisation and Unit Operating Agreements



Midstream Services

- EPC, EPCI and EPCM Agreements (pipelines and subsea facilities)
- Gas Storage and Regasification Agreements
- LNG Master Sales Agreement
- Gas Transportation Agreements
- Crude oil supply and swap agreements
- BOO, BOT and BOOT Agreements (construction and operation of oil refineries)
- LNG Transportation Agreements
- Financing agreements and shareholders agreements
- Licensing Applications: Pipelines, Storage, Operation and Regasification

OUR SERVICES...continued



Downstream Services

- Sale of Business and Sale of Shares Agreements
- Third party access and user Agreements (pipeline and/storage)
- Supply, marketing and offtake Agreements
- Operating and Retail Agreements
- Bunkering Agreements
- Distribution and Licensing Agreements
- Acquisitions and disposal of oil and gas facilities and interests
- Applications for wholesale, retail and site licences and reporting obligations



Oil and Gas Advisory

- Project Structuring and Strategies
- Opcomm and Operator Processes
- Drilling Op HSSE Registers
- Local participation
- LNG project advisory services, regulatory processes and Agreements
- Regulatory Compliance and Reporting Opinions upstream, midstream and downstream
- Structuring/re-structuring of government entities and regulatory authorities in the oil and gas sector
- Tax advisory opinions on rollover treatment, royalties, funding obligations (cash calls), transfer duty implications, double taxation jurisdictions
- Development funding, government support packages and mezzanine financing



Knowledge Management, Training and Skills Transfer

- Knowledge management is an important aspect of our approach at CDH. We invest substantially in our information management and know-how resources and make these available to our clients
- To assist clients navigating the complexities of the oil and gas industry we host a variety of value adding, high-level complimentary training seminars and workshops for clients on topical issues in the industry across all our practice areas
- We also offer training seminars and workshops tailored to our client's projects and needs.
- Our training seminars help clients to develop their own teams, better understand opportunities and risks, and build their own capacity to further save costs and improve efficiency
- We keep our clients informed of proposed legislation and regulations affecting their in-country assets and potential acquisition of assets, and keep clients abreast of trends and developments in the industry through dedicated newsletters and alerts



"CDH is client orientated and takes time to collaborate with various industry experts to ensure that a client is supported effectively."

THE LEGAL 500 EMEA 2024

"Megan is a visibly knowledgeable and experienced expert in this field of oil & gas. A very worthy partner in capacity building for Kenya."

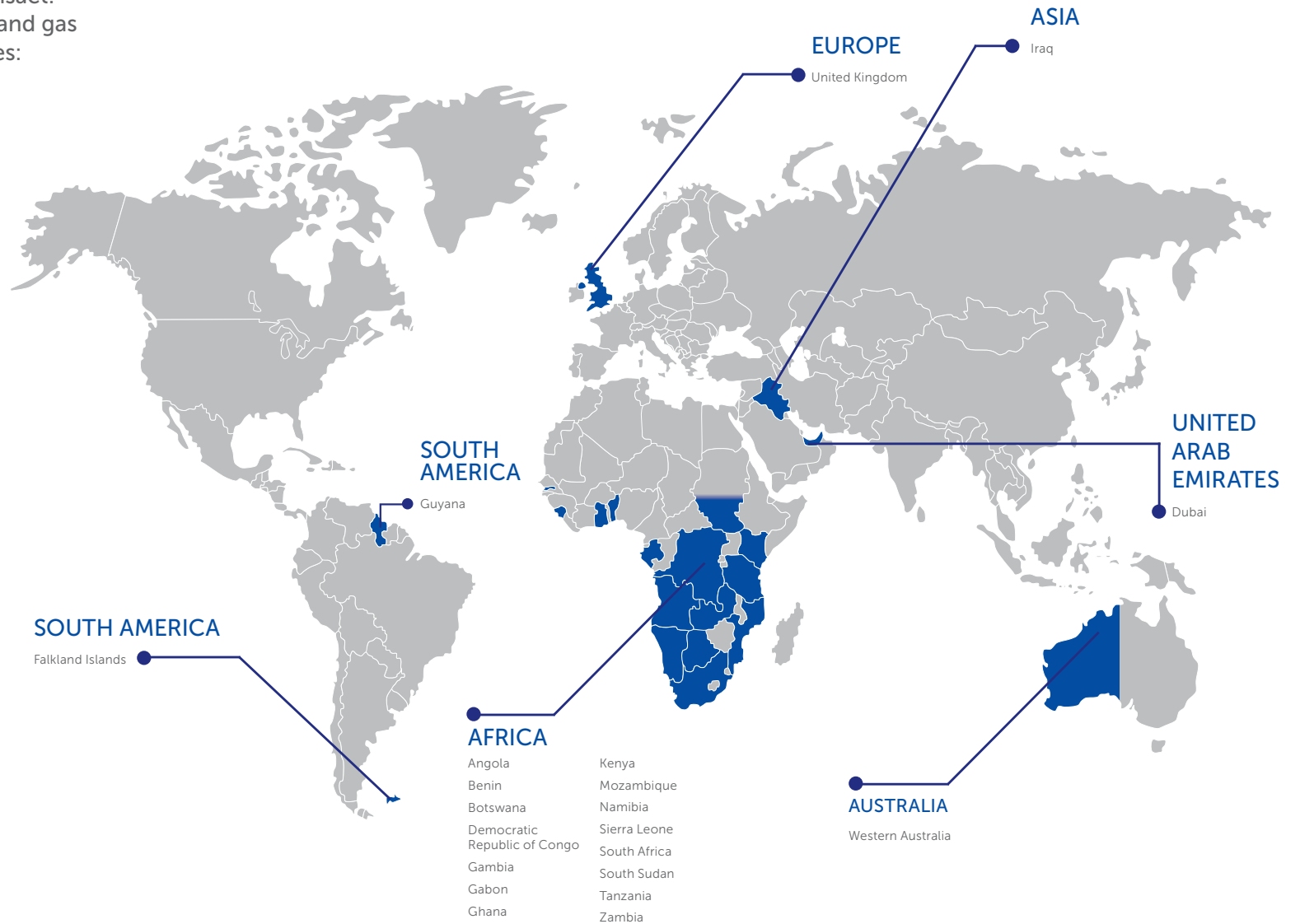
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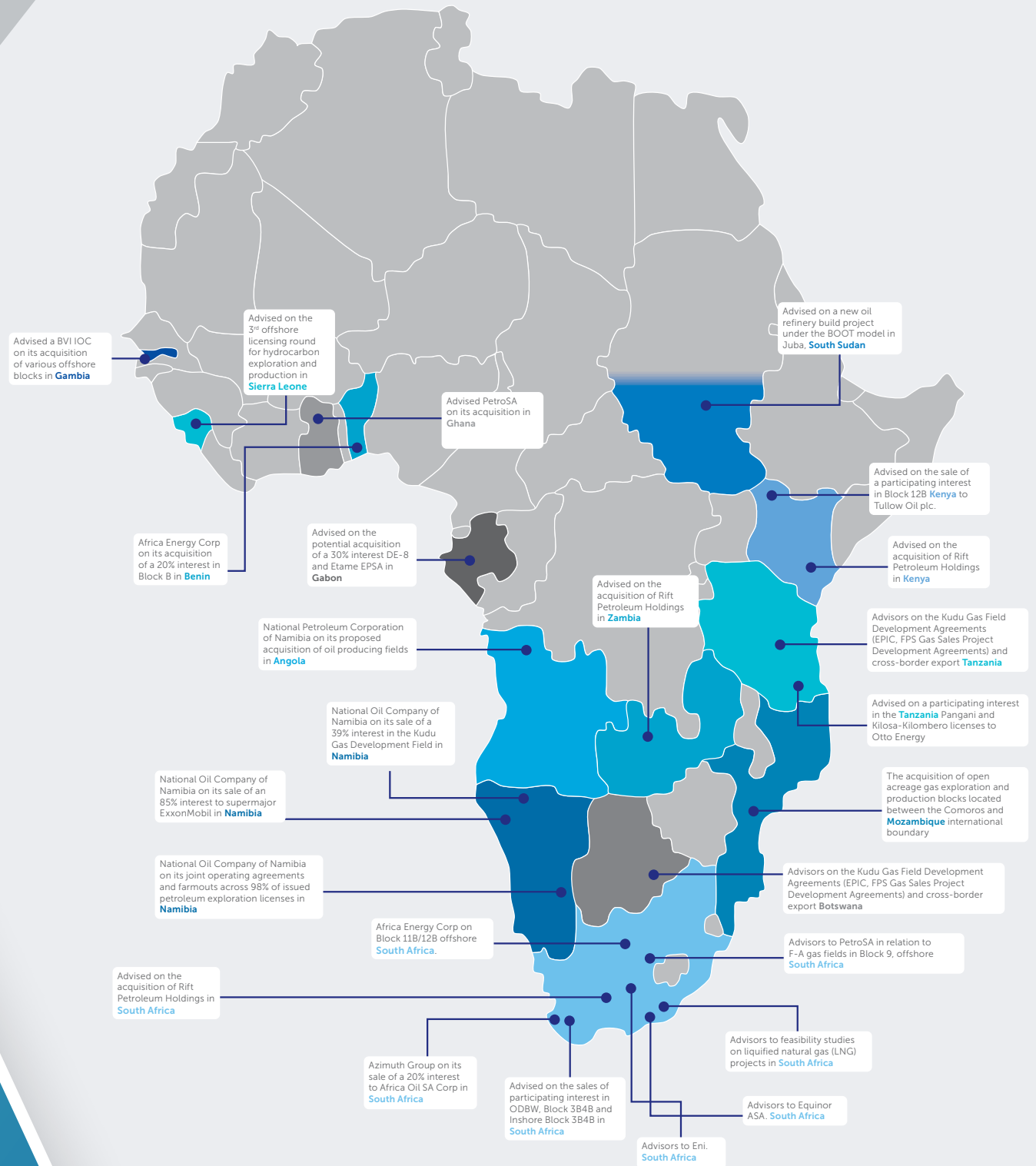
OUR OIL AND GAS FOOTPRINT

We provide seamless advice and assistance in whichever jurisdiction you transact. We have assisted clients with oil and gas projects in the following countries:

- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Dubai
- Falkland Islands
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guyana
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- United Kingdom
- Western Australia
- Zambia



OUR TRANSACTIONS



"The team is very commercially aware. It is in touch with current trends both locally and internationally and always strives to bring these perspectives in their work."

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2024

MARKET RECOGNITION

Our Oil & Gas and Projects & Energy team is externally praised for its depth of resources, capabilities and experience.

Chambers Global 2022–2025 ranked our Projects & Energy sector in Band 4 for projects & energy. *Chambers Global 2017–2021* ranked our Projects & Energy sector in Band 3 for projects & energy.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2009–2024 recommended us in Tier 2 for projects & infrastructure.

IFLR1000 2017–2023 ranked our practice in Tier 2 for project finance. *IFLR1000 2019–2021* ranked our project development: oil and gas team in Tier 3.

IFLR1000 2024 ranked our practice in Tier 2 in project development: energy and infrastructure and in Tier 1 in 2023.

The way we support and interact with our clients attracts significant external recognition.

Megan Rodgers is the Head of our Oil & Gas sector, and a director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. *Chambers Global 2025* ranked Megan in Band 4 for projects & energy. *Chambers Global 2024–2025* ranked Megan in the Namibia General Business Law category as 'Foreign Expertise Based in South Africa Spotlight'. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2017–2024* recommended her for projects & infrastructure. Megan was named one of *IFLR1000 2021–2024* Women Leaders – the elite cohort of the leading female experts in local markets globally. *IFLR1000 2020–2024* ranked Megan as highly regarded for project development: oil and gas.

Sammy Ndolo is the Kenya Managing Partner. *Chambers Global 2025* ranked Sammy Ndolo in Band 3 for Fintech. *Chambers Global 2021–2025* ranked Sammy in Band 4 for corporate/M&A. *Chambers Global 2025* ranked him in Band 3 for banking & finance and in Band 4 from 2023–2024. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2024* recommended Sammy as a 'Leading Individual' for banking, finance & capital markets. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2023* recommended him for banking, finance & capital markets. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2023–2024* also recommended Sammy for corporate, commercial/M&A. *IFLR1000 2021–2024* ranked him as a 'Notable Practitioner'.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2018, 2020–2024 recommended **Timothy Baker** for construction.

Jackwell Feris is Head of our Industrials, Trade & Manufacturing sector, and a director in our Dispute Resolution practice.

Chambers Global 2023–2025 ranked him as an 'Up & Coming' dispute resolution lawyer. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2024* recommended him for dispute resolution. The *Association of Young Arbitrators* recognised Jackwell as an expert arbitration practitioner.

Rishaban Moodley is the Practice Head of our Dispute Resolution team and Head of our Gambling & Regulatory Compliance sector.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2016–2024 recommended Rishaban for dispute resolution.

Andrew van Niekerk is the Head of our Projects & Infrastructure sector, and a director in our Corporate & Commercial practice.

Chambers Global 2024–2025 ranked him in Band 3 for construction. *Chambers Global 2022–2023* ranked Andrew in Band 2 for construction. *Chambers Global 2013–2021* ranked him as a leading lawyer for construction. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2013–2024* recommended him as a 'Leading Individual' for construction. In addition the *Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2024* recommended him for projects & infrastructure. *IFLR1000 2024* ranked Andrew as highly regarded in banking, project development and project finance, and also in energy and infrastructure, transport and mining from 2021–2023.

Susan Meyer is the Joint Head of our Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals sector, and a director in our Competition Law practice.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2021–2024 recommended Susan for competition. *IFLR1000 2018–2024* recommended her as a 'Notable Practitioner'.

Chambers Global 2025 ranked **Ngeri Wagacha** in Band 2 for Fintech, and in Band 3 in 2024. *Chambers 2025* ranked her in Band 4 for corporate/M&A. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2024* recommended Njeri for employment. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2023–2024* recommends her for corporate, commercial/M&A. *IFLR1000 2024* ranked Njeri as a highly regarded lawyer in Private equity, and M&A.



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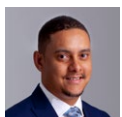


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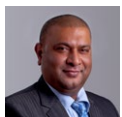
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BBBEE STATUS: LEVEL ONE CONTRIBUTOR

Our BBBEE verification is one of several components of our transformation strategy and we continue to seek ways of improving it in a meaningful manner.

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