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PROVIDING FULL LEGAL SERVICES TO BRING YOUR BUSINESS WORLDWIDE

MC Valois Miranda is a new International Partnership with head-office in Lisbon, providing multijurisdictional business advisory, bringing together the expertise and knowledge of the Portuguese lawyers of law office MC&A and the renowned Brazilian firm Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira & Agel which, since 2009 have been working in partnership within the Portuguese speaking-countries markets, focusing on the Brazilian - African – Portuguese markets.

MC Valois Miranda aims to play a distinguished role in the legal market, namely in the sectors of O&G, mining and infrastructure, for potential clients with businesses and projects in the Portuguese-speaking jurisdictions of Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea Bissau.

The new Partnership aims to combine the Portuguese expertise in both financial sectors and capital markets with the Brazilian expertise in O&G and infrastructure, together with the local knowledge in Portuguese-speaking African countries. This is a brand new alliance within the legal market to provide modern services.

Considering the growing investment potential in the areas of natural and energy resources, and co-related sectors in the Portuguese-speaking African countries, MC Valois Miranda makes available to its clients a committed team to provide highly specialized services supported by the experience and effective knowledge of legal systems in the economic and social contexts related to the concerned markets. MC Valois Miranda relies upon a diverse professional team duly authorized to operate in Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea Bissau.

With the support of local teams of lawyers in Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea Bissau, and also in Brazil and in Portugal, MC Valois Miranda assures an effective support to its clients operating in such countries.



Oil & Gas

In view of the international and local skills, experience and competence of the partners and associates in their jurisdictions, the advisory to IOCs, NOCs and investment funds, as well as in financial structuring transactions, farm-in and farm-out operations, acquisition and divestment of equity interests and distressed assets. Our professionals assure legal support in projects involving all stages of the O&G chain, and regular advisory to clients already operating within the Por-

tuguese-speaking markets or still intending entering these markets, offering full legal assistance related to downstream, midstream and upstream activities. The lawyers of MC Valois Miranda also represent sponsors, funders, traders and property owners in international financial transactions for the construction and expansion of pipeline infrastructure facilities, REGAS and LNG terminals.



Mining

Within the scope of mining, the professionals of MC Valois Miranda provide legal advice to clients in due diligence processes, joint venture negotiations, acquisition of companies, assignment and transfer of mineral rights, as well as in problem-solving of issues concerned with the industry.

The lawyers of MC Valois Miranda have been actively participating in all phases of mining projects, either in preliminary research stages or production, by developing sophisticated strategies with the purpose to achieve such projects and the participation of companies in mining activity.



Energy and renewable resources

MC Valois Miranda has a wide experience in projects involving power generation and transmission, distribution and marketing of energy, representing investors, traders, financial institutions and large consumers, within the commercial transaction in electricity context.

Regarding the renewable energies, MC Valois Miranda team acts especially in the development and financing of green & brown field projects related to wind-farm and solar power generation, in all legal aspects, including the evaluation and regulatory issues.



Construction and infrastructure

Within the scope of our legal work, MC Valois Miranda assists clients in international and domestic bids for construction and expansion of infrastructure facilities such as railroads, ports, terminals, airports, etc. and before the competent authorities in obtaining the permits and licenses necessary for the

performance of their activities. MC Valois Miranda also provides advice in all legal aspects for funding and investments in infrastructure, negotiations of EPC and Turn Key contracts aiming to minimize any risks and maximize their clients' earnings.



Environment

To ensure an efficient monitoring in the area of Environment and Sustainability, MC Valois Miranda is relying on several skilled professionals of the team with specialized education and professional training, and with a solid experience in providing services connected with environmental, water resources and sustainability issues. The approach of the legal aspects related to these areas is devel-

oped under an interdisciplinary perspective, associated with ethical concerns, thus providing the MC Valois Miranda professionals the ability to perceive new opportunities and solutions for the creation and the sustainable development of projects, including the environmental licensing businesses in oil, gas, mining and infrastructure.



Banking

MC Valois Miranda team is highly experienced in advising banks, financial institutions and investment funds in connection with various banking transactions carried out in different Portuguese-speaking countries. The team provides effective solutions and advisory in several areas in the financial services sector, including:

- Derivative and Stock Markets;
- Funding;
- Project Finance;
- Regulatory;
- Reorganization, Restructuring and Insolvency;
- Establishment of Financial Institutions;
- Private Equity.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND DIVERSE TEAM SPECIALIZED IN KEY AREAS OF LAW

Compliance

Business law and
general contracts

Financial law

Capital Markets

Mergers & acquisitions,
venture capital and
private equity

Environmental law
and sustainability



Vítor Marques da Cruz

Vítor Marques da Cruz is the founding partner of Portuguese law office MC&A specialized in legal advice to international transactions, namely to Portuguese-speaking countries markets. Vítor is experienced in Business Law, including M&A major operations and corporate transactions and highly specialized in Financial and Banking Law. He focuses in providing advice to a great number of government departments and international companies in Portugal, Angola and Mozambique, being cited in several Handbooks and Global Counsels as one of the top business lawyers in Portugal acting in the African business market. He graduated at the Law School of the University of Lisbon in 1982, where he also was Assistant Professor of Public Financial Law. He holds a post-graduation

in European Law at the School of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University.

Vítor is a frequent speaker at events on the investment in the African market, having participated in numerous international conferences and seminars to publicize the specificities and business opportunities in countries such as Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, among others. He also contributes to several international guidebooks relating to legal systems and investment rules in those markets.

His main expertise areas are legal advisory to the banking and energy sectors.

Paulo Valois

Paulo Valois Pires is partner of Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira & Agel. He started his career in 1989 as in-house counsel for Shell in Brazil. His practice involves the representation of IOCs, NOCs, private equities, financial institutions and suppliers in O&G, M&A, private placements, offshore supply, pipeline construction, LNG projects, infrastructure, and tax related matters. He represents international and domestic clients in international tenders for the divestment of onshore and offshore blocks, and also in complex bidding procedures for the charter of FPSOs, FSRUs, and FSOs. He graduated in law at the University of State of Rio de Janeiro (1988) and holds Post-graduate diploma in International Law by the Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France: Certificat des Hautes Études Européennes (1992). He also holds a Master's degree in International Law from the University of São Paulo, Brazil (1999) and a Master's degree in Petroleum Business from the Federal University

of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/COPPE (1999). Paulo Valois Pires is the author of the book "The Evolution of the Oil State Monopoly" (2000) as well as of several articles published in local and international magazines. He was appointed Vice-President of O&G of the Brazilian Mediation and Arbitration Center (CBMA) in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and he is member of the AIPN and a former deputy director of AIPN Latin America Chapter. He is referred in various international law guides as one of the best experts in the energy and natural resources sectors (namely the "Energy and Natural Resources" of Chambers and Partners, the "World's Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers" of Euromoney, Who's Who Legal, Latin Lawyer, LACCA), amongst others. In 2014 Paulo Valois was appointed by the Brazilian edition of the magazine GQ as one of the most prominent lawyers in the country.

Rogério Miranda

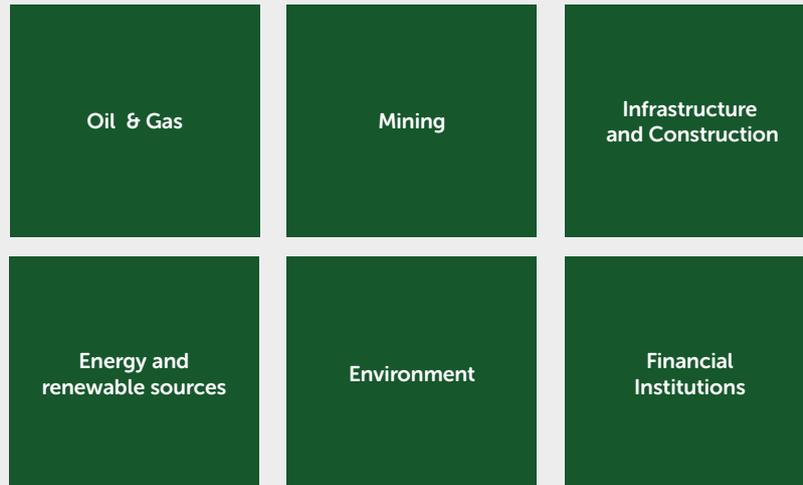
For more than 25 years, Rogério Miranda has developed a legal practice focused on business law, representing clients in local and international transactions related to natural resources and infrastructure projects, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate matters, international contracts and project finance, amongst others. Besides being a founding partner of Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira & Agel, was also the head of the energy and oil products in the legal practice of Shell in Brazil, where he was extensively exposed to all related legal and contractual matters of the industry, including exploration and production. Year after year, he has been appointed by Chambers and Partners, Who's Who of Business Lawyers and World's Leading Energy and Natural Resources Lawyers

as one of the leading lawyers in energy, natural resources and in corporate.

He holds a masters' degree from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the University of Dundee, Scotland, 2001. He graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro in 1988 and holds masters' degree from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the University of Dundee, Scotland, 2001.

Rogério has participated in a number of national and international seminars and contributed to various national and international publications relating to foreign investment, involving the oil & gas and mining industries.

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