

Our Mining Experience



Bird & Bird

Introduction to the team

We provide full-service expertise for mining companies and have extensive experience advising on the complete life-cycle of mining matters across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia-Pacific, and the Americas.

Our lawyers genuinely understand the dynamics, issues and opportunities in the mining sector, meaning we are able to align our service proposition accordingly and to service the needs of companies at all stages of their development, from the largest mining groups in the world, such as Barrick Gold and Anglo-American, to smaller exploration and development companies.

We combine first-class knowledge of the mining industry with expertise and a genuine understanding of the development, finance and processes which are critical to the successful growth and development of the sector.

We are ranked as a team in the [Legal 500](#) (Clive Hopewell also personally) and Clive Hopewell and Michael Dawes are ranked as leading lawyers in the mining sector in [Chambers UK](#).

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Very experienced in the mining and tech sectors. Responsive, innovative and anticipate issues early on and focus on key areas. Commercial, friendly and work well under pressure.”

Chambers UK, 2024

Our advice includes:

- Financing for companies, including listing on the London Stock Exchange and other international exchanges
- Private financing
- Debt and project financing
- Mergers and acquisitions of natural resources companies, including public takeovers
- Exploration licences and due diligence
- Company reorganisations and restructuring
- IP and brand protection
- Mine construction and infrastructure contracts
- Production sharing agreements, farm-in/farm-out, offtake and other product sale arrangements
- Procurement of equipment and fixed plant and machinery planning, environmental and health & safety regulation
- Governance structures and anticorruption legislation
- Shareholder activism and dispute resolution
- Renewable power projects



'Clive Hopewell is a fantastic operator who as well as being a great lawyer is also very commercial as well.'

Legal 500 UK, 2024

Examples of our experience in Africa

Advised a **Canadian mining royalty interest aggregator** on its acquisition of Cloudbreak Discovery Corp, Howson Ventures Inc, Cabox Gold Corp and certain interests in Anglo African Minerals Plc, together constituting a reverse takeover pursuant to rule 58 of the AQSE rules and the re-listing of the enlarged group to the Standard List of the London Stock Exchange's Main Market, together with an equity fundraise.

Advising **WH Ireland in its role as broker to Pensana plc**, on its GBP15 million placing. The fundraise was for continued development of Pensana's rare earths project in Angola and its proposed processing plant in Hull, UK. The Pensana plc fundraise comprised a placing and investment by Fundo Soberano de Angola (Angola's Sovereign Wealth Fund).

Advised **Canaccord Genuity Ltd** as nominated adviser and broker on the initial public offering of Kore Potash plc on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange, with a market cap of AUS\$92.6m. Kore Potash is a potash exploration and development company, with its primary project in the Republic of Congo. market cap of AUS\$92.6m. Kore Potash is a potash exploration and development company, with its primary project in the Republic of Congo.

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Examples of our experience in Africa

Advising a **Chinese entity** on the possible takeover offer for Shanta-Gold (the East Africa gold producer, developer and explorer).

Advised **Tirupati** on its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Mozambique headquartered Suni Resources SA from ASX listed Battery Minerals Ltd.

Advised on the creation of local companies and joint ventures, the structuring of investments and the acquisition or transfer of mining titles in Mali, Mauritania, Rwanda, Tanzania, Senegal, Mozambique and Democratic Republic of the Congo for the exploration of gold, coal, diamonds and iron ore deposits.

Advised on the review of financing documents and securities of **Sabodala Gold Mine in Senegal**. Also advising on real estate issues relating to the construction of infrastructure for operating the mine.

Advised **TranAfrikaResources** on joint ventures, investments, and company structures for the exploration of gold, coal, diamonds and iron ore deposits in Mali, Mauritania, Rwanda, Tanzania, Senegal, Mozambique and Democratic Republic of the Congo. ources SA from ASX listed Battery Minerals Ltd.

Advising **Sukari Goldmine** (a joint venture between Centamin plc and Egyptian Mineral Resources Authority (EMRA)) on the design, build and operation of a large solar and battery storage project, located at the Sukari gold mine in Northern Egypt. We advised on all the project contracts for the procurement of the plant, including EPC (offshore/onshore split), O&M and associated credit support documents.

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Examples of our experience in Europe

Advising **LKAB Minerals** on the acquisition subject to merger clearance of Francis Flower.

Providing ongoing advice to **Barrick Gold** on various corporate governance matters across multiple jurisdictions, including on intra-group reorganisations which culminated in the voluntary strike off on one of Barrick's UK subsidiary companies.

Advising the Nominated Adviser, **Strand Hanson Ltd**, and the brokers, **H&P Advisors Ltd** and VSA Capital Group Ltd, on Tungsten West's IPO and admission to the AIM market.

Advised battery minerals mining exploration and development company **Eurobattery Minerals** in connection with staged acquisition of Vulcan Hautalampi Oy, the owner of the Hautalampi Nickel-Cobalt-Copper Project in eastern Finland.

Advised mining exploration and development company **Beowulf Mining plc** in connection with its GBP7.3 open offer and SEK56.7 rights issue.

Advised Swedish gold mining company **Botnia Exploration Holding** on its MSEK 33.5 rights issue of units comprising shares and warrants on Nasdaq First North Growth Market.

Advised **Eurobattery Minerals AB** on its SEK 18m issuance and placing of convertible debentures on NGM Nordic SME.

Advised **Canaccord Genuity Ltd** on the admission of Dalradian Resources Inc. to AIM via the fast-track process. Dalradian Resources Inc. is a TSX-listed gold development and exploration company focused on advancing its high-grade Curraghinalt gold deposit in Northern Ireland.

Advising Swedish battery mining project developer **Eurobattery Minerals AB** in connection with its MSEK 49.6 rights of shares and warrants.

Advising **H&P Advisory Ltd** and **SP Angel Corporate Finance LLP** on Cornish Metals Inc. £40.5 million fundraising.

Examples of our experience in Asia-Pacific

Advising a leading **Australian mining fund** on the earn-in and disposal of an advanced gold project in Ghana.

Advised **Heilongjiang Heilong Resources Investment Co. Ltd.** on its US\$30m subscription in the Australian mining company International Base Metals Limited.

Advised **Astron Ltd** on its joint venture arrangements with POSCO in its mineral sands operations in Australia and China.

Advising **Strand Hanson Ltd** as NOMAD on the admission of Future Metals NL to AIM.

Advised **Gold and Copper Resources** on its acquisition and development of a portfolio of gold tenements in Australia and advised on shareholder, joint venture and exploration arrangements.

Advised **Timpetra Limited** on its acquisition of certain exploration licences in Australia and its subsequent listing on the ASX.

Advised **Macrolink Mineral Co. Ltd** on all aspects of the joint venture US\$30m acquisition of the Gold Ridge mining group which owned one of the oldest gold mining projects in the Solomon Islands.

Advised **Asiamet Resources Limited**, on a placing of new shares worth US\$7.9m to explore and develop copper-gold deposits in Indonesia (Kalimantan & Sumatra).

Examples of our experience in South America

Advised **YamanaGold**, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, on the UK aspects of its offering of purchase rights in subsidiary Brio Gold by way of a dividend in kind to Yamanashareholders to raise circa C\$56m.

Advised **Jangada Mines**, a natural resources company developing South America's largest and most advanced platinum group metals project, on its Admission to the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange.

Advised **Harvest Minerals Ltd** on restructuring the group which has its main operations in Brazil and on all subsequent M&A transactions and fundraisings.

Advising on the reverse listing of **South American Ferrous Metals Limited** on the ASX.

Advising a **global automobile manufacturer** on investing in and farming into battery metals throughout South America.

Advising **Canaccord Genuity and Fox-Davies Capital**, as joint bookrunners on an oversubscribed placing by AIM-listed CleanTech Lithium Plc..



Michael Dawes of Bird & Bird is noted for his experience in assisting developers and producers in the mining sector with AIM and Main Market listings. He has strong expertise in relation to transactions involving projects in Africa.

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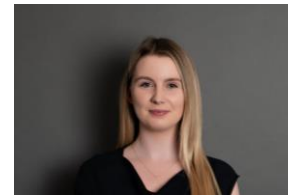
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