

are now facing the challenge of finding new and renewable energy sources which will allow them to be more efficient, cost-effective and more environmentally friendly. This topic is intended to reveal what the mining companies are doing to face this situation and to discover the current trends for new energy sources.

Speakers

Carol Dixon *Anglo Operations Limited, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Ramiro Guevara *Guevara & Gutiérrez SC, La Paz, Bolivia*

Richard M Farmer *Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, New York, USA; Co-Chair, Power Law Committee*

Mariano Magide Herrero *Uría Menéndez, Madrid, Spain*

Darrell Podowski *Lang Michener LLP, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

TUESDAY 1000 – 1300

Room 210, Level 2

Developing mining projects while mitigating adverse impacts

Joint session with the Latin American Regional Forum. See page 61 for details.

TUESDAY 1500 – 1800

Room 212, Level 2

Financing major mining projects in Latin America

Joint session with the Latin American Regional Forum.

Session Chair

Luis Carlos Rodrigo Prado *Eliás & Medrano Abogados, Lima, Peru;*

Senior Vice-Chair, Mining Law Committee

Due to the international financial crisis it has been increasingly difficult during the last year to obtain financing for new mining projects. However, the slow recovery of the markets, and especially the increase of metal prices, has re-opened the possibility of going ahead with many major mining projects in different parts of the world. Taking advantage of the fact that Canada is known for its mining specialised stock exchanges, but also that many of the new mining projects are being developed by Asian companies with financing from that continent, this panel will analyse the trends, developments, challenges and new requirements linked to the financing of major projects around the world, trying to understand how all these changes could affect the future of mining development.

Speakers

Ian McBride *Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Sebastian Vedoya *Brons & Salas, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Rafael Vergara *Carey y Cia Ltda, Santiago, Chile*

Caroline Walther-Meade *Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCoy LLP, New York, USA*

Nei Zelmanovits *Machado Meyer Sendacz Opice, São Paulo, Brazil*

WEDNESDAY 1000 – 1300

Room 216, Level 2

Antitrust regulation for natural resources

Joint session with the Antitrust Committee.

Session Co-Chairs

Pedro de Freitas *Veirano Advogados, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;*

Secretary, Mining Law Committee

Dave Poddar *Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; Vice-Chair, Antitrust Committee*

The mining industry changed a lot in the first decade of the 21st century. There has been a trend for cross-border consolidation in the mining industry. Sales price has been a hot topic and subject to many disputes among all parties involved. There have been nationalistic debates regarding ownership of mining reserves. The environmental standards have changed. There is an ever-growing demand for

royalties and corporate social responsibilities. But what has changed in the industry from a competition standpoint? What new elements are now present in the scenario? Specialists in the area will discuss recent cases, concerns and what to expect.

Speakers

Gilvandro V Coelh de Araujo *Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), Brasilia, Brazil*

Michael Collins *Competition Bureau, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada*

Michael Han *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Beijing, China*

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Communications Officer, Young Lawyers' Committee

Scott Megregian *K&L Gates LLP, London, England*

Shawn C D Neylan *Stikeman Elliott LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

THURSDAY 1000 – 1300

Room 215 & 216, Level 2

Cowboys from Calgary and Denver – natural resource companies' corporate and social accountability

Joint session with the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee. See page 117 for details.

THURSDAY 1500 – 1800

Room 217 & 218, Level 2

A DINNER will be held for committee members and accompanying persons

See page 147 for details.

THURSDAY 2030

Al Porto Ristorante

Oil and Gas Law

Chair

Luis Alberto Erize *Abeledo Gottheil Abogados SC, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Decommissioning

Joint session with the Environment, Health and Safety Law Committee.

Session Chair

Jean-André Diaz *Total SA, Paris, France; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, Oil and Gas Law Committee; Council Member, Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section (SEERIL)*

This session will discuss legislative requirements regarding abandonment, decommissioning and clean-up, especially in the UK, which has set a benchmark for others to follow. We will examine the need for a decommissioning security agreement among partners in joint ventures or other parties using facilities, especially in LNG hubs. We will discuss types of security including funds in a trust account, parent company guarantees, and letters of credit, evaluating the pros and cons of each in facing decommissioning expenses. We will also discuss timing of contributions, and posting of security. Aging plants around the world and depletion of reserves present a complex environment in which the lack of resources may pose additional problems, such as default or insolvency of a party and the remedies of other parties. Asset deals are hampered by concerns over decommissioning, as it remains uncertain which companies are to shoulder the costs and liabilities of abandoning old fields. We will discuss all of this and more.

Speakers

Timothy Martin *ADR Governance Inc, Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

Scott Rusty Miller *Ogilvy Renault LLP, Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

Paul Stockley *Bond Pearce LLP, Bristol, England; Publications Officer, Oil and Gas Law Committee*

MONDAY 1500 – 1800

Room 202, Level 2