

Mines & Minerals

Aird & Berlis is continuing its more than 75-year history of providing expert, experienced and thoughtful Canadian legal services to various participants in the mining industry. Canada has a long history of being active in the mining industry. It is generally recognized that Canada is a leader in financing mining projects throughout the globe. There are many corporations whose shares are listed for trading on the TSX or the TSXV whose principal exploration and/or commercial exploitation assets are located worldwide. For a number of these entities, their sole connection to Canada may be their jurisdiction of incorporation and source of original financing.

The global reach and diverse needs of the mining industry have resulted in Aird & Berlis forming a multidisciplinary team to service its clients active in the mining industry. The Aird & Berlis Mines & Minerals Group comprises members from our Capital Markets Group, our International Tax Group, our Corporate/Commercial Group and our Environmental Law Group. From time to time, members of our Litigation Group and our Restructuring Group also have a role in servicing our clients' Canadian legal needs.

The global nature of the mining business and the provincial legal regime in Canada have led to Aird & Berlis being the gateway to Canada for our non-Canadian clients. We have represented Canadian and non-Canadian issuers of equity and debt, underwriters, promoters, financial advisors, investors (equity and debt) and project financiers. We have acted on numerous balance sheet type transactions including public and private equity financings; PIPE (private investment in public equity) financings; debt financings both privately and publically, including non-Canadian dollar denominated debt; units of debt and warrants, and convertible debt; takeover bids; plans of arrangements; going private transactions; and reverse takeovers. We have acted in connection with the acquisition and disposition of mining properties (on a negotiated basis and in an auction process) as well as project finance for the development of properties. We have been advisors in connection with standstill agreements as well as support and lockup agreements.

Inasmuch as the mining industry is global, our International Tax Group has been at the forefront of providing innovative Canadian tax solutions for our domestic and international clients. For example, we have assisted in providing advice with respect to tax efficient structures for Canadian corporations, the principal assets of which are located outside of Canada. Further, we provide tax structuring advice to mining companies having Canadian assets with respect to Canadian tax advantageous structures such as flow-through shares.

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