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**Charles
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Special Counsel
Mining, Resources & Renewables



What drives my work is the opportunity to partner with clients, helping to shape and propel their significant projects to success.

A leading corporate and commercial lawyer who specialises in transactions and commercial arrangements in the mining, resources and renewables sector.

Introduction

Charles has a vast range of experience in helping clients with structuring, financing and implementing major projects in the sector.

Charles has practiced in top tier firms in Australia and was a partner for more than 10 years in major UK international law firms. He has acted on domestic matters as well as cross border transactions on in-bound and out-bound foreign investment. Most recently Charles was an in-house lawyer with an international mining company. His key areas of expertise are:

Expertise

- Acquisitions and disposal of project interests and assets
- investor arrangements, joint-ventures, farm-ins and royalty arrangements
- major project agreements including supply, offtake, sales and marketing, and operation and management agreements
- corporate governance and ASX listing rule obligations
- land access, cultural heritage and environmental offsets

Experience

Recent transactions of note include:

- acting for an ASX listed company on establishing a high purity alumina refinery from start-up to \$700m market cap
- acting on a farm-in agreement for a private coal company with major Japanese trading house and subsequent investment by a US private equity fund
- acting for an ASX listed lithium miner on various Canadian asset acquisitions and capital raisings
- acting on the sale and acquisition of joint venture interests for listed and unlisted companies in coal, gold and copper mining ventures
- acting on the acquisition of an oil and petroleum product trading company with operations in six countries
- acting on sale of \$800m direct reduction iron plant
- acting for investment consortium selling a substantial interest in a listed power generator
- acting on the sale of a \$600m pipeline consortium
- advising a joint venture establishing a gypsum quarry and associated wallboard factory
- acting on establishing and growing an oilfield services company with operations in four countries
- acting on the financing of an antimony and gold processing plant
- acting on numerous power and water projects in structuring and acquisitions of interests
- acting for the founders establishing a US\$100m steel pipe mill
- acting for listed and unlisted mining companies in tenement acquisitions in Australia and internationally for coal, lithium, copper, gold, zinc and other critical and industrial minerals and metals

Qualifications

- Solicitor – Supreme Court of Queensland
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Victoria University of Wellington
- Master of Business, University of Technology Sydney
- Master of Science (Distinction), University of Sussex



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