

Charles Marais

Counsel

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Biography

A former merchant banker, Charles Marais has experience in all aspects of project finance, and has been instrumental in the successful closure of projects in virtually all areas of economic activity. As a result, he has an in-depth understanding of project structuring and financing, with a particular emphasis on PPPs.

Charles has extensive advisory and drafting experience in the finance, energy, mining, construction and infrastructure sectors.

Representative experience

Advisor to Ilangaletu Solar Power, a company developing a 100 MW CSP plant in terms of the South African Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP).

Advisor to Australian Riversdale Mining regarding the establishment of a discard coal-fired power station in Mozambique, including drafting various agreements relating thereto.

Part of the advisory team to Zesco (Zambia) on the Kariba North Bank extension hydro-electric project and the Itezhi-Tezhi hydro-electric project (Zambia).

Advisor to ENMO Independent Power Project on the establishment of an independent power project in Mozambique, including negotiation of a Concession



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Languages

English
Afrikaans

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Energy Regulatory

Industries

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Agreement with the government.

Evaluation, negotiation and conclusion of documentation for a correctional services project, two platinum mines, and two casinos.

Limpopo-Lipadi Game Reserve (Botswana): Negotiation of land acquisition, preparation of documents for an eco-tourist project, and negotiation of project roll-out term loan with DBSA.

Drafting of mining agreements, electricity supply agreement, various logistic agreements, construction and related agreements for a manganese mine in South Africa.

Awards and rankings

- "Notable practitioner", *IFLR1000*, 2018-2019
- Recommended, *Legal 500 Projects & Energy*, 2017

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Projects in post COVID-19 Sub Saharan Africa
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells relaunches in Johannesburg, South Africa
- ■ Africa Energy Forum
- Blog Post
 - Is there light at the end of the tunnel?
- Events
 - Africa Energy Forum

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and Government Contracts

Education and admissions

Education

Bluris, University of Pretoria

HDip Financial Markets & Instruments, Academy of Financial Markets

HDip Tax, University of the Witwatersrand

Court admissions

South Africa
