

## Overview

In planning and implementing your exploration activities around the globe, you need expert advice. Our team of mining lawyers has intimate knowledge and technical understanding of the system for staking claims, or acquiring other types of exploration rights and granting licenses, permits and other governmental authorizations required for exploring and developing properties in your jurisdiction. For certainty regarding access to land for mineral resource development and compliance with all types of environmental and land use regulations, partner with Dentons—we understand site-specific assessment, licensing and permits for any mine, anywhere.

We understand the multiple regimes of mineral rights that host governments maintain, whether based on a non-competitive (free-entry system), a competitive (tender) process or a combined system of permits. The Dentons mining team has developed a substantial record of negotiating and drafting: confidentiality, concession, consulting and exploration agreements, stability agreements with host governments, applications for mining, reconnaissance and prospecting licenses, and permits in a variety of forms and to suit a variety of client requirements. Take advantage of our expertise in negotiating and drafting leases, joint venture, and purchase and option agreements for claims, surface rights, producing and non-producing mining and mining assets.

Undertaking mining exploration, development and production requires that you address numerous regulatory requirements. Dentons' mining lawyers provide advice on issues such as land access, Aboriginal rights, the environmental permit process (which often involves compliance with water, land and air quality and wildlife regulations), and infrastructure development and transportation. Our team can help you in implementing strategies to address public concerns. Our clients seek our advice because we know how to help build sound, respectful working relationships with Aboriginal groups and other local communities, and we have a well-known reputation for our skill in negotiating mutually beneficial agreements such as pre-development and impact and benefit agreements.

Together we will achieve a successful conclusion to the mineral exploration phase so you can proceed with your operations.