

Overview

We use our extensive knowledge of competition law and enforcement to help get the deal done, resolve a dispute or solve a business challenge. With many years experience of decisions, transactions and regulatory processes, you can rely on us to deliver critical insights for your business.

Our clients can count on us to maximize their prospects of a successful outcome. Whatever the proposed assignment - irrespective of the subject matter, size or complexity - our clients' success is our priority.

The number of countries which have adopted and enforce competition law, such as laws dealing with cartels, abuses of monopoly power and/or merger control, is at an all-time high. Businesses therefore need advice from experienced competition lawyers, who understand the relevant issues and can identify appropriate solutions to antitrust and competition problems.

With Dentons dedicated competition and antitrust lawyers from our offices around the world, our clients can navigate antitrust and competition regimes with confidence. Whether on complex litigation, investigations by competition authorities, merger control, competition compliance programs, or commercial arrangements, we deliver tailored, effective, industry-focused and timely advice and assistance.

Areas of focus include:

- Canadian Competition and Foreign Investment Review
- Competition and Antitrust Counseling and Compliance
- Competition and Antitrust Litigation
- EU Competition Law
- Merger Control and Review
- State Aid

Representative Experience

- **BP Canada:** Advising on the sale of Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) business to Plains Midstream Canada ULC, a wholly owned subsidiary, for CA\$1.67 billion. This is the most recent of several billion-dollar-plus transactions where Dentons has partnered with BP. The NGL business owns, operates and has contractual rights to a wide range of assets from both production and distribution functions, from extraction through to wholesale distribution of NGL products across Canada and in the Midwest United States.
- **Enbridge Inc.:** Advising with respect to the agreement to transfer its Canadian liquids pipelines business held by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. and Enbridge Pipelines Athabasca Inc., and certain Canadian renewable energy assets, to a subsidiary of Enbridge Income Fund for consideration, including assumption of debt, valued at CA\$30.4 billion.
- **Farbest Foods, Inc.:** Representing turkey producer in direct-and indirect-purchaser class actions alleging unlawful exchange of information with competitors to inflate prices and restrain competition.
- **Global electronic manufacturer:** Providing merger control advice on the acquisition of manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Malaysia, including whether the transactions required notification to merger authorities in the US,

Belgium and/or other jurisdictions as a result of the value and destination of products manufactured in the acquired facilities.

- **Global manufacturer:** Representing senior executives in federal grand jury criminal investigations relating to alleged price fixing and bid rigging conspiracies with other Japanese companies for the sale of wire harnesses, speedometers and other gauges in Japanese automobiles manufactured in the US. Our antitrust lawyers are also advising other companies who have received grand jury subpoenas from the US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, investigating alleged price fixing and bid rigging in the automobile parts industry.
- **Matsuo Electric:** Defended manufacturer of aluminum and tantalum electrolytic capacitors in antitrust class actions brought on behalf of direct and indirect purchasers, and in US criminal proceedings, including sentencing evidentiary proceedings, alleging international price fixing and market allocation conspiracies.
- **Leading international energy company:** Representing the client in complex antitrust proceedings before the European Commission.
- **Molex Inc.:** Advising this long-time client, an electronics manufacturer, on antitrust issues and multiple worldwide competition filings in connection with its US\$7.2 billion sale to Koch Industries.
- **One of the four largest steel companies in Russia:** Advising on Russian antitrust investigation by the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) and litigation on abuse of a dominant position in one steel product market (monopolistic pricing). This is a landmark case, which aimed to create a showcase precedent for the new Russian FAS policy on pricing in the Russian steel sector.
- **Plumbing fittings cartel:** Advising a party to the cartel in the European Commission proceeding and subsequent appeal to the EU Courts.
- **Shaw Communications Inc.:** Advising on announced agreement to acquire a 100% interest in Mid-Bowline Group Corp. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, WIND Mobile Corp. by way of plan of arrangement for an enterprise value of approximately CA\$1.6 billion (*Re: Mid-Bowline Group Corp*, 2016 ONSC 669).
- **Total, SA:** Advised on obtaining clearance from the Office of Fair Trading for the sale of Total's entire downstream business, including both its UK retail fuel network and non-retail fuel distribution activities, to Rontec. We also advised on Rontec's subsequent sale of various parts of the business to trade buyers, such as the sale of portfolios of service stations. Clearance was achieved subject to undertakings to divest one service station.
- **World Fuel Services Corporation:** Advising on obtaining merger clearance from the European Commission and Canadian Competition Bureau in relation to its acquisition of the aviation fuels businesses of ExxonMobil Corporation.
- **Worldwide health care company:** Providing distribution and product protection advice to a manufacturer of global health and nutrition products managing multiple supply and distribution chains across many nations and seeking to combat unfair competition by companies taking legitimate products from the country where they are authorized for sale to countries where they are not so authorized.
- **Worldwide manufacturer and supplier of pet nutrition products:** Advising on re-organization of its distribution system in the Czech Republic, including advice in subsequent preliminary investigation by the Czech Competition Office of the client's activities in the pet food market in the Czech Republic. Preliminary investigation was suspended without any negative consequences for the client. Since there is no significant case law relating to the use of bonus schemes in the distribution systems in the Czech Republic, this case provided a very important guidance for the client in relation to its conduct in the Czech pet food market.

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