

## Overview

Today's local, national and global marketplace demands a combination of skill, knowledge and innovation to get ahead. A global firm with deep Vancouver roots, Dentons combines responsive and tailor-made service with world-leading talent and capabilities. We are entrepreneurs who understand your business needs in BC and anywhere else you do—or want to do—business. With more than 60 practising lawyers in our Vancouver office, we offer our clients seamless and efficient service in almost every area of business law and litigation. We focus on building long-term relationships and act as a trusted advisor, working in collaboration with our clients to develop innovative strategies to their most complex challenges.

With deep Canadian roots reaching as far back as 1839, Dentons' presence in BC is built on the strengths of our legacy firm Fraser Milner Casgrain (FMC) and, earlier, Mawhinney & Kellough. Proud to be Vancouver's local law firm with a global reach, you can rely on our team to keep you ahead of the competition and on the leading edge with the solutions you need.

To complement our legal practice, we are active in our community and believe in the importance of corporate social responsibility, including participating in significant pro bono initiatives and charitable activities. As a responsible corporate citizen, Dentons is committed to reducing the environmental impact and carbon footprint of our operations. We designed our space at 250 Howe Street with these considerations in mind and received Gold Standard LEED Certification. In doing so, we have adopted a wide range of green initiatives that encourage employees and suppliers alike to adopt sustainable practices. Our Sustainable Operations Plan details this commitment and the processes we use to improve workplace performance over the long term.

Dentons' Vancouver office provides ongoing corporate pro bono services to a number of organizations including, Friends & Company Community Enhancement Society, a not-for-profit organization that organizes LGBTQA events to support the anti-bullying and teen suicide prevention initiatives of Out in Schools.

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## Representative Experience

- **AltaGas Forrest Kerr Project:** Counsel to AltaGas for the design and construction of 195MW run of river hydroelectric project and connection with Northwest Transmission Line in northern British Columbia (approx. CA\$700 million).
- **BC Hydro Site C Clean Energy Project Worker Accommodation Project:** Advising with respect to its public-private partnership (P3) to design, build, partially finance, maintain and operate a guest/worker accommodation complex for approximately 1,600 people (with an ultimate capacity to house 2,200 guests) in conjunction with the construction of the Site C Clean Energy Project.
- **BC Hydro Site C Clean Energy Project:** Advising with respect to finance, construction, procurement and commercial matters on the Site C Clean Energy Project, an 1100MW hydroelectric project near Fort St. John, British Columbia, with capital cost estimate of CA\$8.335 billion.
- **Beijing Tairui Innovation Capital Management Ltd.:** Advising the China-based private equity investment company on its CA\$80 million strategic equity investment in Western Potash Corp., a Canadian development stage potash company, resulting in a 51 percent ownership stake in Western Potash Corp. The deal represents

one of the few significant Chinese investments in the mining space in 2015.

- **Catalyst Paper Corporation:** Advising in their CCAA/Chapter 15 proceedings. Catalyst Paper Corporation is western North America's largest producer of mechanical printing paper, and this is one of the largest CCAA restructurings in British Columbia.
- **City of Surrey Biofuel Processing Facility:** Advising with respect to their innovative organic waste biofuel processing facility.
- **EACOM Timber Corporation:** Advising on a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility in the principal amount of CA\$70 million and a senior secured term loan facility in the principal amount of US\$40 million.
- **Ernst and Young Inc. as Monitor to Veris Gold Corp.:** Acting as counsel to the Monitor in Veris Gold's cross-border restructuring under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* /Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- **Fort McMurray West 500kV Transmission Project:** Counsel to a short-listed consortium bidding on innovative P3 transmission line project in northern Alberta (approx. CA\$1.6 billion).
- **Hebei Zhongbo Platinum Co. Limited:** Advising as Canadian counsel the private Chinese company acquiring Eastern Platinum Limited's entire South African platinum group metal business, including the Crocodile River Mine, Spitzkop, Kennedy's Vale and Mareesburg projects and their associated mining and prospecting rights and all loan agreements that Eastplats has with its subsidiary companies, for a total consideration of US\$225 million.
- **Jameson House Project:** Advising in connection with a 36 storey, CA\$200 million mixed-use development project, on its ground breaking restructuring under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* .
- **MMG:** Advising on its role leading a consortium to enter into a Share Purchase Agreement with GlencoreXstrata to acquire the Las Bambas copper mine project in Peru for US\$5.85 billion.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Advising the lender in connection with a CA\$77 million project financing of BluEarth Renewables Inc.'s 15 megawatt Culliton Creek Hydro Project, a run of river hydro plant located near Squamish, BC.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Advising the underwriter, lead arranger, administrative agent and collateral agent for a syndicate of lenders providing credit facilities to four special purpose partnerships for the construction and commissioning of 4 solar projects in Ontario totalling 38.5 MW. The proceeds were also used for the subsequent acquisition by BluEarth Renewables Inc. of all the equity interests of each Borrower from CSI Solar Project 16 Inc.
- **RCMP "E" Division Headquarters:** Counsel to the Department of Justice Canada on procurement and construction matters relating to the RCMP Division E Headquarters Relocation Project, the Government of Canada's first public-private partnership (P3) accommodations project and the largest federal accommodations project in the Pacific Region to date (approx. CA\$1 billion).
- **Procon Mining & Tunnelling Ltd. (Procon):** Counsel to Procon Mining & Tunneling with respect to a \$120 million sale of a 60% interest in the company to China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd.
- **Taseko Mines Limited:** Advising the special committee of the Board of Directors of Taseko Mines Limited in connection with its acquisition of Curis Resources Ltd., a mineral exploration and development company whose primary asset is the Florence Copper Project in Arizona.

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