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OIL AND GAS

A photograph of an industrial facility, likely an oil or gas refinery. A person wearing a blue jacket and dark pants is walking on a metal walkway with railings. The walkway is elevated and runs along a large, dark-colored structure. The background shows a bright sky with some clouds. The overall scene is industrial and professional.

Overview

With a foundation of 61 years combined experience in the oil and gas industry, the practice has a unique knowledge base covering the full legal spectrum of energy and related matters for both emerging and established clients.

Our specialist knowledge in the oil and gas industry is supplemented by our capacity to draw on a vast network of multi-disciplinary experts so as to meet the varied needs and requirements of our clients.

Based in South Africa and rendering services to both private individuals and corporations, whether South African or foreign, the practice has gained unique and wide-ranging experience in providing legal services and advice to clients doing business in Africa.

We make a point of understanding our clients' needs and learning about their service requirements. We are dedicated to the delivery of legal services with an unwavering commitment to the principles of integrity, excellence and professionalism.

The team

The practice, with its highly trained and efficient support network is headed by Barrisford Petersen, an advocate of the High Court of South Africa. He is supported by fellow partner Lize Oberholzer, associate Megan Rodgers and Noel Tunbridge a consultant and attorney.

The practice forms part of a team of legal specialists, including amongst these corporate, tax, litigation, maritime, transportation, employment, real estate and conveyancing, creating synergies that enables the practice to provide clients with a full spectrum of legal services and the latest trends and developments in each practice area.

Our comprehensive experience, the relationships that we have developed in the energy sector and our focus on commercial business realities, make our practice a clear choice for your legal service requirements.



BARRISFORD PETERSEN

PARTNER
HEAD OF OIL & GAS

Barrisford Petersen joined Bowman Gilfillan in 2008. He holds a BA and LLB degree from the University of the Western Cape, has studied extensively overseas and is an advocate of the High Court of South Africa. Barrisford is an international oil and gas law specialist with more than 15 years experience in the industry. Prior to joining Bowman Gilfillan he was manager of legal services for an oil and gas company and then established and managed his own private legal practice focusing exclusively on African oil and gas activities.

Barrisford has extensive experience in the international oil and gas industry, having worked closely with a number of local and international oil and gas companies doing business in many African countries including: Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Botswana, Tanzania, Gabon, Congo, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Angola, Namibia, Mauritania and Chad. Barrisford has been involved in drafting and negotiating all types of oil and gas related agreements and brings to Bowman Gilfillan not only his accumulated experience but also a network of relationships essential for doing business in Africa.

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LIZEL OBERHOLZER

PARTNER

Lizel Oberholzer is a director and holds a B.Proc and LLB from the University of Potchefstroom and a LLM (the law of contract) from the University of Pretoria and furthered her oil and gas studies in the United States. She is a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. She completed her articles and was admitted as an attorney, acted as a public prosecutor, whereafter she was employed by a well known oil and gas company as a legal advisor. In 2006 she was employed as a legal advisor by the South African Petroleum Agency and joined Bowman Gilfillan in 2007.

Lizel has 10 years of experience in the energy sector which includes the regulatory field of petroleum and mineral rights, mine health and safety matters and the negotiating and drafting of various oil and gas contracts. She has extensive knowledge of the mineral and petroleum legislation in South Africa such as the Mineral Petroleum Resources Development Act, the Mineral and Petroleum and Resources Royalty Act, the Petroleum Products Act, the Petroleum Pipelines Act, the Gas Act and regularly advises various local and international clients on these acts.

She advised on the first exploration and production rights granted offshore South Africa as well as the first shale gas applications in South Africa. Her experience extends beyond the borders of South Africa into Mozambique, Botswana and Namibia. Lizel's experience in the energy sector together with the good relationships she has established with key figures is invaluable when advising and representing clients.

She forms part of the core team awarded the Oil and Gas Deal of the Year Award for 2010 by African Investor and is a co-author of the Juta Publication - Mineral and Petroleum Law of South Africa.

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MEGAN RODGERS

ASSOCIATE

Megan is an Associate in the Oil and Gas department at Bowman Gilfillan and holds a LLB degree and LLM degree (cum laude) from the University of the Western Cape. She joined the firm in 2008 and in 2009 she joined the Oil and Gas Department. She is an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and the Young Negotiators Group and is part of the team awarded the 2010 Oil and Gas Deal of the Year Award by African Investor.

Megan has assisted with applications for petroleum permits and rights as well as the renewal and transfer thereof in terms of South Africa law. She was involved in the submission of the first onshore application for a production right in the Republic of South Africa. She has also advised clients on the regulatory aspects of coal-bed methane and shale gas projects in South Africa. She has worked closely with leading international companies in preparing bid submissions to the National Oil Company of South Africa and has advised on broad based black empowerment deals, national industrial participation and HDSA participation.

Megan's international experience extends to projects in countries such as Namibia, Falkland Islands, Western Australia and Dubai. She has advised on host government contracts and has prepared submissions to the host governments of Namibia and Falkland Islands. She has advised on international licensing rounds and has assisted clients with due diligence investigations specific to the petroleum resources industry. She has also advised on joint operating agreement obligations, farm-out obligations and work programme and budget obligations as well as MODU services contracts.

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NOEL TUNBRIDGE

CONSULTANT

Noel Tunbridge was admitted as an attorney, notary and conveyancer in 1956. He practiced as a maritime lawyer for many years and founded The Maritime Law Association of South Africa in 1974.

Noel was the legal advisor to the consultants for the design and construction of the FA Platform south of Mossel Bay and assisted Heerema of Holland by and about the construction of the pipeline from the platform to the refinery onshore.

He has been involved in the licensing of offshore exploration and production for in excess of 30 years and more recently in the conversion of OP26 sub leases to exploration and production rights in terms of the provisions of the Minerals and Petroleum Development Act 2002. He has extensive experience in establishing structures in South Africa and for the firm's international clients including the regulation, financing and taxation of operations within the Republic's jurisdiction.

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Our commitment

We believe that it is our dedication and experience in meeting our client's needs that attracts people and their business to Bowman Gilfillan. This is reinforced by our commitment to:

- provide legal services of the highest caliber promptly and diligently
- provide effective practical solutions and opinions to legal issues and disputes that arise, having due regard to the commercial realities that exist
- negotiate and conclude transactions in the best interests of our clients at all levels with varying content, both nationally and internationally
- provide accurate information that facilitates the proper conclusion, implementation, management and administration of all contracts.



Bowman Gilfillan offers legal services in support of inter alia the following:

- Mergers and acquisitions, joint venture and joint operating agreements
- Host government contracts
- Applications for the grant of mineral and petroleum rights
- Offshore drilling and drilling support services
- Engineering, procurement installation and commissioning of oil and gas production facilities
- Logistical services, anchor handling and supply boats, diving support vessels and towing vessels, helicopter services, clearing and forwarding services, transportation (onshore and offshore)
- Seismic acquisitions, processing and re-processing
- Purchase and sale agreements
- Statutory and regulatory compliance
- Acquisition and disposal of mineral and petroleum rights
- Environmental and health and safety compliance
- Business establishment and business structuring
- Empowerment defining and initiatives
- Sale and transfer of existing businesses
- Aligning businesses with the principles of good corporate governance and labour relations
- Compliance with government procurement requirements and commercial tendering processes.
- Corporate secretarial services
- Establishment of internal policies and procedures relating to contract management
- Risk management through contracts and insurance
- Due diligence investigations and reports

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