OBJECTIVES

OUTLINE

PETROLEUM LAW
AND PETROLEUM CONTRACTS
A THREE-MODULE COURSE

Judges, Lawyers, Businessmen, Law Students, In-house legal Advisors, Officers and Executives of Ministries, other stakeholders.

Three modules over 1.5 days

MODULE 1: 6-7 February 2015 | Basics of Petroleum Law
MODULE 2: 27-28 February 2015 | Petroleum contracts (Upstream petroleum contracts and joint operating agreements; Introduction to key commercial contracts)
MODULE 3: 20-21 March 2015 | In-depth study of selected topics (Environment - Dispute Resolution)

English

• Understanding the basic framework of oil and gas law and commercial petroleum contracts
• Examining the Lebanese legal regime for Oil and Gas
• Gaining a comprehensive overview of the main international contracts in the oil and gas sector

MODULE 1
Basics of Petroleum Law

DAY 1: 06 FEBRUARY 2015

Getting to know the Industry
• Main stakeholders, roles and drivers – challenges and pitfalls
• The various phases of a petroleum projects – with a focus on natural gas

International law: Key aspects relevant to exploitation of petroleum resources
• Ownership of petroleum
• Overview of relevant public international law
Petroleum Regulatory Framework
- Main elements of the petroleum project life cycle
- Key elements of a typical regulatory framework for petroleum exploitation
- Overview of main elements of a petroleum law
- Relation law, regulation, contract/license
- Topical issues and emerging international trends

Overview of the Lebanese petroleum regulatory framework
- Petroleum specific such as OPRL, PAR, EPA
- Other relevant Lebanese laws
- Current Tax Regime

Petroleum management – general starting points
- “Petroleum management” – The importance of the concept for oil companies and their lawyers
- The importance of petroleum to the State
- Overview of relevant aspects for the State when deciding on petroleum management including energy security, capturing the resource rent etc.
- Principles for efficient petroleum management
- Petroleum revenue management
- Lebanon: Policy and goals

Understanding the various roles of the State and how they impact the industry
- The different roles of the State and their importance for oil companies and their lawyers
- International examples of state organization for petroleum sector
- Overview of Lebanese state organization for petroleum sector

DAY 2: 07 FEBRUARY 2015

Award of E & P rights
- How do oil companies obtain acreage?
- The interests of the state and the IOC
- Oil companies and cooperation in tenders
- Challenges and risks
- International trends
- Use of model upstream petroleum contracts
- Elements for negotiation
- Lebanese rules for award of E&P rights

Health, Safety and Environment (HSE)
- Lebanese HSE requirements
- HSE: Post-Macondo recommendations
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Access to environmental information

Local content
- The concept
- Implementation of local content requirements
- How local content requirements are embedded in Lebanese framework
- NOCs

A sustainable petroleum industry?
- Transparency and accountability
- The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
- Country-by- country reporting
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- International anti-corruption rules
- Relevant Lebanese rules
EXPERTS

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Mr. Omdahl holds a Master of Law from the University of Oslo and is a member of the Norwegian Bar Association.
He has more than 20 years of legal experience within the field of oil and energy law. He advises oil companies, governments and other players within the international petroleum industry. He provides legal advice on most issues within the oil and energy business, including contracts and contract negotiation, transportation, financing, LNG related issues, corporate and transaction law and general counseling within petroleum and energy law. He has in-depth knowledge of the relevant commercial aspects of the petroleum upstream sector, including corporate structures, project financing, contractual instruments and investment framework.
He has substantial international experience and has advised governments on restructuring of their petroleum sectors as well as on drafting legislation and model upstream contracts (e.g. PSAs). He also advises on international unitization and cross border issues and has a good knowledge of international law.
He is previous partner of Norwegian law firms Haavind and Simonsen Law and has also worked for Total Norway AS and as a deputy judge at Stjør- and Verdal County Court, Levanger, Norway.
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Ms Gormley holds a Master of Law from the University of Oslo and a Diploma of Law (Common Professional Examination) from London Metropolitan University. She is a member of the Norwegian Bar Association.
She has 10 years of experience from legal advice to oil companies, governments and other players within the petroleum industry on all legal issues related to oil and gas activities including LNG. She advises on drafting and negotiation of various types of petroleum contracts (including upstream contracts such as PSAs and other relevant contracts such as JOAs, seismic, construction, oil and gas off-take contracts) and general oil and gas law. She advises governments on inter alia policy, structuring and drafting of legislation, regulations and model PSAs as well as on bidding rounds for award of E&P rights and other regulatory and contractual and negotiation matters. She advises on transparency and accountability, anti-corruption measures and health, safety and environment within the petroleum sector and provides capacity building to governments and civil society.
She has substantial international experience, including on international law related to petroleum activities and cross border issues.
Gormley has previously worked at the Norwegian the Ministry of Labour, department of offshore health, safety and environment. She has served as in-house legal advisor to the legal department of the petroleum directorate in a South East Asian country and as an in-house lawyer in an oil company. She has published several papers on petroleum contracts/law internationally.
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Ms. Fayad has been involved in advising International Oil Companies to enter into the local market for Lebanon’s first licensing round and is now leading the Oil and Gas unit in Kouatly and Associates.
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He has more than 23 years of legal experience in corporate law, arbitration and mergers and acquisitions.
He has a wide international experience and served as a special legal advisor to Ministers in Lebanon and the Gulf.
He has advised the Lebanese Parliamentarian Committee for Energy on the existing regulatory framework and maritime delimitation. He’s the Vice President of the Beirut Bar Association Committee on Energy and Water.
He was a member of the Task Force that undertook the revision of the ICC rules of Arbitration. He is a speaker at several regional symposia on different Legal issues especially on Arbitration and the Oil and Gas sector in Lebanon. He is often appointed as a member or chair of many arbitration panels in international and regional arbitrations.

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REGISTRATION

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Deadline for registration: Friday, January 30th, 2015.