

Energy and Natural Resources

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Our work for the mining sector is one of our core business areas. Some examples of our recent transactions appear below. For more information please contact Tom Nicholls or your usual LG contact or visit us at www.lg-legal.com.



AMBRIAN

PAN AFRICAN RESOURCES PLC

Advised Ambrian Partners Limited, the nominated adviser and broker to mining, exploration and development company Pan African Resources Plc (dual listed on the AIM and AltX Johannesburg Stock Exchange), on the company's reverse takeover of Barbeton Mines (Pty) Limited for a total consideration of £36 million.

market capitalisation £70 million



ZIJIN CONSORTIUM

Advised Xiamen Zijin Tongguan Investment Development Co Limited, a consortium of three leading Chinese companies, on its high profile recommended cash takeover offer of Monterrico Metals Plc, a resource development company involved in the Rio Blanco copper molybdenum project in northern Peru.

value of acquisition – £95 million



AURUM MINING PLC

Advised Aurum Mining Plc, a company focused on acquiring gold projects in the former Soviet Union, on its initial placing and admission to AIM. Subsequently advised on its reverse takeover of Kaldora Company Limited, its return of capital to shareholders in the sum of £16 million, and its disposal of its Kyrgyz mining assets for \$15 million. Also advised the company on a number of significant secondary fundraisings.

£31 million raised



KALAHARI MINERALS PLC

Advised exploration company Kalahari Minerals Plc on its placing and admission to trading on AIM and on the subsequent sale of its uranium assets for £26 million, as well as various secondary placings raising over £100 million in aggregate and on the issue of a convertible loan note raising £10 million. Also advised the company on its acquisition of Coronet Resources Limited which held shares in the company for £27 million and subsequent sale of these shares to APAC Resources Limited for £29 million.

market capitalisation £550 million



KSK POWER VENTUR PLC

Advised Indian power project developer KSK Power Ventur Plc on its admission to trading on AIM and related placing. Further advised the company on secondary fundraising in excess of £95 million and on its move from AIM to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.

\$59 million and £95 million raised
market capitalisation £800 million



PATAGONIA GOLD PLC

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Advised Argentinean exploration company Patagonia Gold Plc on its admission to trading on AIM and open offer. Subsequently advised on numerous secondary fundraisings, the acquisition of Minera Puerto Madryn and the disposal of HPD New Zealand Limited. Advised on acquisition of portfolio of mining properties from Barrick Gold and subsequent conversion of back-in rights to a net smelter royalty.

market capitalisation £300 million



ARCHIPELAGO RESOURCES PLC

Acted for Archipelago Resources Plc on its pre-flotation fundraisings and subsequent admission to AIM, raising £8 million for the purposes of exploration of gold interests in Indonesia and Philippines and on its secondary placings (raising amounts of £30 million, £28 million and £9.7 million respectively) and disposal of assets. Advised on a share subscription and grant of options raising aggregate funds of £17.7 million.

£93.4 million raised
market capitalisation £225 million



Smith & Williamson

ORIGO RESOURCE PARTNERS LIMITED

Advised Smith & Williamson Corporate Finance Limited and Liberum Capital Limited, the nominated adviser and broker respectively to investment company Origo Resource Partners Limited, on the company's flotation on AIM and associated placing which raised £49 million. Subsequently advised the company on a secondary fundraising which raised £37 million.

£86 million raised
market capitalisation £165 million



MONTERRICO METALS PLC

Advised Monterrico Metals plc, a resource development company which owns the Rio Blanco Copper Project in Peru, on the grant of two conditional warrants in respect of up to 20% of the entire issued share capital of the company to Agropecuaria Las Huarinas S.A. and on its de-listing from AIM.



LANDORE RESOURCES LIMITED

Advised Landore Resources Limited, a company involved in mineral exploration and development in Eastern Canada and the US, on its restructuring and transfer from the TSX Venture Exchange in Canada to AIM and simultaneous placing and subsequent further secondary fundraising.

market capitalisation £16 million

FIRESTONE DIAMONDS

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Advised Firestone Diamonds plc, an international diamond mining and exploration company, on its takeover by way of a scheme of arrangement of diamond exploration company Kopane Diamond Development Plc. The offer valued Kopane at £51 million and constituted a reverse takeover for Firestone. Also advised the company on several secondary placings raising an aggregate £21.7 million.

21.7 million raised
value of acquisition £51 million

BLACKROCK

BLACKROCK COMMODITIES INCOME INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

Advised BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc, an investment company primarily focused on the mining and energy sector, on its placing on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and offer for subscription which raised £75 million. Advised the company on subsequent secondary placing which raised £20 million.

£95 million raised
market capitalisation £126 million



HUMMINGBIRD RESOURCES PLC

Advised Liberum Capital Limited (the company's nominated advisor and joint broker) and Mirabaud Securities LLP (the company's joint broker) in relation to Hummingbird Resources' \$40 million IPO and admission to AIM. Hummingbird Resources Plc is a Liberian gold mining group.

\$40 million raised



STELLAR DIAMONDS PLC

Advised RBS Capital Markets Limited and Astaire Securities Limited (company's nominated advisor and joint brokers respectively) in relation to the reverse of Stellar Diamonds Limited into AIM quoted West African Diamonds Plc, and associated £5 million fundraising, together with AIM re-admission of the enlarged group, then called Stellar Diamonds Plc.

£5 million raised



YORKVILLE ADVISORS UK LLP

Advised Yorkville Advisors UK LLP in relation to innovative financing transactions with three AIM-quoted mining and resource companies (including Red Rock Resources and Regency Mines) involving Standby Equity Distribution Agreements and SEDA Backed Loan Agreements.

£21.2 million



BEACON HILL RESOURCES PLC

Advised nominated advisor Collins Stewart Europe Limited and broker Renaissance Capital Limited on the £23 million placing by AIM listed Beacon Hill Resources Plc. The placing proceeds satisfied the terms of the acquisition of Minas Moatize coal mine in Mozambique by group subsidiary, BHR Mining Limited.

£23 million raised
market capitalisation £78 million