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- “World’s Leading Energy Law Firm” – *Euromoney* 2006-2011
 - “Exceeds service received from most Magic Circle or major Wall Street firms” – *Legal 500 UK* 2009
 - “The London office of this Texan energy giant more than upholds the firm’s global reputation” – *Chambers UK* 2010
 - “Lauded by clients for its top-drawer capabilities” – *Chambers UK* 2010
 - “This London team upholds the firm’s international reputation for excellence” – *Chambers UK* 2011
 - “Provides a first-class service” – *Legal 500 UK* 2010
 - “Energy disputes are another strength for the London office” – *Chambers UK* 2010
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V&E’s London Office: Update

Overview:

Since its establishment in 1971, Vinson & Elkins’ (V&E) widely acclaimed London office has played an increasingly prominent role in the London legal market and in the wider European energy and infrastructure market.

The continued importance of the London office in serving the firm’s global client base is evidenced by the significant growth in the number of dedicated fee earners in the office during the past 12 months.

This expansion has included the addition of four new Partners: Keith Hughes and Kimberley Wood (Energy Transactions & Projects), Nick Henchie (Construction and Project Development), and Michael Thompson (Tax), to the team. It has also included the addition of 11 new associates (of varying seniority levels) across the Finance, Tax, M&A/Private Equity, International Dispute Resolution, and Energy Transactions & Projects practices.

New Partner Snapshot:

Keith Hughes has over 30 years of global corporate transactional experience focused primarily on energy and natural resources, with extensive experience in advising on mergers and acquisitions (including privatisations), debt and equity financings, joint ventures and restructurings. He has represented both international energy companies and state-owned companies in mergers and acquisitions involving upstream and downstream operations, as well as in various project and acquisition financings.

Kimberley Wood has extensive global experience in the energy industry with a particular focus on upstream and downstream oil and gas. She also frequently advises clients on both international and domestic acquisitions and divestitures of exploration and production assets, including their financing, negotiating and preparing E&P licenses, JV agreements, host government hydrocarbon contracts, farm-in and farm-out arrangements, and other upstream investment agreements.

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Nick Henchie, who is a leading lawyer on FIDIC contracts, has an extensive construction law practice, which combines both contentious and non-contentious work. His complex construction and engineering experience particularly focuses on international energy and infrastructure projects. Nick regularly advises major international developers and contractors on their transactions, most currently advising the Panama Canal Authority on its existing US\$5.25 billion expansion program.

Michael Thompson is considered one of the leading energy-related tax lawyers in the UK, with over 30 years' experience (20+ of which as a partner) of advising clients on high profile, cutting-edge, and complex cross-border UK tax aspects of corporate, capital markets, and banking transactions. Michael, an active member of the UK Oil Industry Taxation Committee, has invaluable knowledge in oil and gas exploration, production, refining, and marketing.

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