
We have a long established reputation in Africa and in the energy sector as a whole.

- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”** – *Euromoney* 2011
 - **“World’s Best Energy Law Firm”** – *Legal Media Group*
 - **“Continues to impress a roster of high-profile clients with his in-depth knowledge of Nigerian energy law”** – *Chambers Global* 2010
 - **Leading law firm in Projects & Energy** – *Africa* – *Chambers Global* 2010
 - **“Alex Msimang “is the foremost overseas lawyer on the African energy market. He comes out and gets deep into the transaction”** – *Chambers Global* 2010
 - **“In 2009 Vinson & Elkins led some of the region’s biggest energy transactions, cementing its position for high-quality work in oil & gas matters”** – *Chambers Global* 2010
 - **“Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year”** – *Legal Business Awards* 2010
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West Africa: Energy Overview

With roots in energy extending nearly a century, V&E continues to be recognised as the “World’s Leading Energy Law Firm,” advising energy and infrastructure clients in 2010 on more than 1,600 matters — collectively valued at more than US\$167 billion — involving more than 400 of our lawyers who regularly advise clients on energy matters.

V&E is recognised as a “Leading law firm in African Projects & Energy,” having vast experience in representing international energy companies and banks in connection with their projects, transactions, and disputes throughout Africa.

Our Africa-focused energy experts draw on the following:

- First class transactional skills in the sale and purchase of upstream and downstream assets
- Project development expertise combined with a thorough understanding of the unique technical and legal issues facing investments in the sector and region
- Close relationships with the local legal communities and our own global network of offices to collaboratively serve the needs of clients who are engaged in transactions in the region
- Extensive knowledge of the energy industry ►

Regional Experience Includes:

Angola

Cameroon

Côte d’Ivoire

Equatorial Guinea

Gabon

Ghana

Guinea

Guinea Bissau

Liberia

Mauritania

Niger

Nigeria

Sao Tome

Senegal

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Representative Experience:

- Sinopec International E&P Company on their US\$8 billion+ acquisition of a public company with interests in more than 20 Nigerian and other West African blocks
- An international exploration and production company in connection with divesting its multi-billion dollar portfolio of upstream and midstream oil and gas interests in West Africa, including the restructuring and sale of assets in Nigeria, Angola, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Equatorial Guinea and the analysis of all relevant PSCs and JOAs and the terms of all applicable petroleum laws and tax laws
- An international energy company on the proposed acquisition of companies holding upstream assets in Ghana with an estimated value in excess of US\$3 billion
- A major European energy company on the proposed acquisition of an interest in an oil mining lease and associated production sharing contract for a block offshore Nigeria, for a potential consideration in excess of US\$2 billion
- An energy supply and services company in connection with the US\$993 million sale of its Equatorial Guinea operations to a worldwide exploration and production company
- A multinational telecommunications company in the US\$900 million financing of new infrastructure in Nigeria secured by offshore oil reserves, including analysis and renegotiation of oil export contracts and FPSO arrangements, and advice on the regulatory regime applicable to oil prospecting licences and oil mining leases
- Advised a diversified chemical company on their defence in a Federal Court lawsuit brought by a French energy company alleging breach of contract, fraud, and negligent misrepresentation relating to the proposed sale of certain interests in oil producing properties in Nigeria, claiming damages in excess of US\$300 million
- One of the world's largest natural gas companies on a multi-billion dollar project for the development and construction of natural gas gathering, transportation and processing infrastructure across the Gulf of Guinea, specifically in Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon, including negotiations with the relevant governments and the drafting of project documentation and joint venture

- A Texas-based energy company on the drafting and negotiation of production sharing contracts relating to oil and gas blocks offshore Ghana, including negotiations with the national oil company
- The project sponsors on the development of a proposed multi-billion dollar LNG project to be located in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria, including the acquisition of associated upstream gas reserves, development of the LNG liquefaction plant and all related corporate, contractual and financing arrangements
- An international energy company on the development of its oil and gas assets in Côte d'Ivoire, including arrangements for the lifting, sale and marketing of crude oil
- An international oil and gas company in its exploration activities in Guinea Bissau, including the participation by the International Finance Corporation in an upstream development program

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

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