

“Solar Salt Projects in Africa – A discussion of the key environmental & legal issues

Top tips from leading industry & legal practitioners/experts”

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Stephen Hockman QC (Chair)

Stephen Hockman QC qualified as a barrister in 1971 and has practised ever since from Chambers in Pump Court, Temple, London. He became a QC in 1990, and has been Head of Chambers for some 25 years.

He is a leader of exceptionally high standing who has a broad environmental, health and safety, and planning practice encompassing judicial review, inquiries, arbitration, civil claims and criminal prosecution and defence work. He is recognised as one of the leading practitioners in the fields of health and safety law and environmental law. In recent years he has been nominated as Health & Safety Silk of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards, as Real Estate, Environment and Planning Silk of the Year at The Legal 500 UK Bar Awards and as Environment/Planning Silk of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards. He is also listed in Who's Who Legal: UK Bar as a leading barrister in environmental law.

His particular strength lies in the breadth and varied nature of his practice. He is able to draw on his extensive experience in his specialist areas of regulatory and health and safety law, civil and commercial law, and planning and environmental law to provide a unique service in complex and high-profile litigation.

Stephen's practice also incorporates a significant element of local government work, and he has appeared for and advised local authorities in every part of the country on a regular basis, on issues such as town and country planning and internal governance.

He was Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales in 2006, and Treasurer (ie Hon President) of his Inn of Court, the Middle Temple, in 2015.

Eur.Ing. Professor COLIN ROBERTS LL.M Resources Law & Policy (Dundee), P.G.Dip. International Commercial Arbitration (London), B.Eng Mining Engineering (WASM-Curtin), P.Eng, C.Eng, C.Pet.Eng, C.Sci, FIMMM, FEI, FSAIMM, FAIE, FAusIMM(CP), FAIADR, FCIArb, MCIM, MIEAust, SPE, SME

Chairman:- Salternas Ltd (Australia) and Salternas GmbH (Germany)

Colin practices as an International Resources Geo-strategist. He is a Chartered Petroleum Engineer, Chartered Mining Engineer, Chartered Scientist, Resources & Investment Legal Academic, International Commercial and Investment Arbitrator, Accredited International Commercial Mediator, Adjudicator, Expert Determiner and Dispute Board Member, with over 40 years of Multi-disciplinary resource industry experience, most of which has been in the developing world.

Colin is also a Professor of Sovereign Risk, International Dispute Resolution and Resources Law at Curtin University, and his current project is in Somaliland, Somalia.

Professor Roberts has spent most of his working life in the developing world and now specializes in dispute resolution, mitigation of sovereign risk, advising governments in resources law and policy and facilitation of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the resources, energy and infrastructure sectors.

He does, and has held, numerous public and private directorships, and among others was for eight years, the Honorary Investment Consul for Pakistan in Australia, and Authorized Emissary for the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) - World Bank Group. Currently Director of Natural Resource Geo-Strategy (NRG), Resource Dispute Resolution (RDR), Salternas GmbH and Salternas Ltd, the Centre for International Dispute Resolution (CIDR), Immediate-Past Chairman of the AusIMM-WA, Australian Mineral & Petroleum Law Association (AMPLA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Australian Institute of Energy (AIE) and is the Immediate-Past-Chairman of the Society of Petroleum Engineers-WA (SPE). He is a Fellow of the CIArb, AusIMM, SAIMM, IMMM, AIADR, EI, and AIE.

Steven Walker QC

Steven's extensive international arbitration practice sees him act as lead counsel in multiple ad hoc and institutional international arbitrations around the world, subject to a wide variety of governing substantive and procedural laws. He has built a formidable reputation acting in international commercial matters, notably, energy, oil & gas cases involving exploration and production disputes, engineering, procurement and construction disputes, power purchase disputes as well as a whole range of commercial/corporate disputes concerning joint venture agreements, shareholders agreements and other financial and commercial agreements.

Christopher Badger

Christopher Badger has an established practice in commercial regulatory investigations, specialising in environmental enforcement and acting for both corporate and individual defendants and on behalf of the Environment Agency. High profile cases in which he has recently been instructed include *Environment Agency v CRL*, the Environment Agency's largest ever hazardous waste investigation, *Environment Agency v Walker & Son (Hauliers) Ltd*, the defining case on liability of landowners in environmental disputes and *Environment Agency v WB Ltd*, the most significant environmental prosecution of its kind for the illegal export of waste abroad. He was awarded Real Estate, Environment and Planning Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2018, Environment/Planning Junior of the Year at the Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2019 and is ranked as the 'Star Individual' in Environmental Law in the UK.

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