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Industry News

Mozambique's New Petroleum Regime

By: Kevin Atkins, Julien Bocobza and Alex Neovius, Chadbourne & Parke LLP (with the assistance and co-operation of AG Advogados (in association with F. Castelo Branco & Associados), in Mozambique)

This article examines the 2014 Petroleum Law passed in Mozambique. [Read more...](#)

Supreme Court rejects higher removal standard for class action defendants; Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co. v. Owens

By: Daniel M. McClure, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

This case note examines the United States Supreme Court's recent case examining the requirements for removal from state to federal court under the Class Action Fairness Act. [Read more...](#)

North Dakota Regulators Adopt New Requirements to Reduce Bakken Crude Oil Volatility

By: Larry M. Nettles, Jennifer Cornejo and Jordan Antonio Rodriguez, Vinson & Elkins LLP

This article examines Commission Order No. 25417 which establishes operating standards for oil conditioning equipment. [Read more...](#)

Texas Railroad Commission Updates Rules for Pipeline Permit Applications

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This note examines the recent amendments to the administrative rules governing pipelines in Texas. [Read more...](#)

Case Update in Total E&P USA, Inc. v. Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corp

By: Brendan P. Doherty, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC

This case note examines further developments in a case involving calculate and pay overriding royalty provisions in light of the Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royal Relief Act. [Read more...](#)

Yukos Majority Shareholders v. Russian Federation

By: Louis-Alexis Bret, King & Spalding LLP

This article examines the arbitration award in the Yukos case against the Russian Federation. [Read more...](#)

Coming Next Month: **Book Review of Oil and Gas Implied Covenants for the 21st Century** by John Burritt McArthur (Juris Publishing Inc., 2014)

IEL News

IEL's Second Mergers & Acquisitions/Acquisitions & Disposals Conference on April 14

The IEL will be presenting its [2nd Mergers & Acquisitions/Acquisitions & Disposals Conference](#) in Houston's Doubletree Downtown Hotel on Tuesday, April 14.

Building on the success of last year's first M&A/A&D conference, co-chairs Harry Sullivan and Debra Villarreal are planning to move matters up a notch this year with a one-day more advanced M&A conference. Planned topics for 2015 include:

- The dangers of preliminary agreements
- Confidentiality agreements revisited
- A discussion panel on PSA issues
- The likely impact of low oil prices on deals
- Ethics in M&A.

This conference will be of interest to both in-house and external lawyers and negotiators at all levels of experience who practice in mergers, acquisitions and disposals of corporate entities and assets.

You can find more details and register at [this link](#).

IEL Law School Member **LSU Law Center** will be hosting its first Comparative Offshore Oil & Gas Conference in Baton Rouge on March 12-13, 2015. The purpose of the conference is to examine several highly pertinent (at times controversial!) regulatory and contractual issues as these are dealt with in three major developed offshore oil and gas jurisdictions: the USA (OCS), the

UK and Norway. Contact Professor Keith Hall at LSU Law Center for more details.

Members in the News

IEL Member **Aaron Ball**, Managing Director at Blackbriar Legal Advisory Services Ltd was awarded the 2014 Houston Business Journal "Best Corporate Counsel Award".

FTI Consulting have now upgraded their IEL Membership from Supporting to **Sustaining Member**; their Advisory Board Representatives are: Douglas Duke, Gary Goolsby, Jennifer Hatten, Adam Housel, Sonny Jester, Brian Kennedy, David Lerman, Ronnie Martin & Kenneth Vogel

The IEL is also proud to welcome 2 new **Supporting Members**:

- **Dentons**, Calgary - Canada
- **Hill Schwartz Spilker Keller LLC**, Houston with the following Advisory Board Members: Casey Ballard and Wayne Wilson

In addition to 2 new **Sponsoring Members**:

- **Rockwater Energy Solutions, Inc.**, Houston, with Kevin Blodgett as their Advisory Board Member Representative
- **Adolph Locklar**, Houston

The IEL also now counts a new **Law School Member: The Thurgood Marshall School of Law** in Houston with Emeka Duruigbo as their Advisory Board Representative.

Please help us welcome IEL's newest **Associate Members** and representatives on the Advisory Board:

- **Dr. Bader Al-Busaies** (Fahad Al-Suwaiket & Bader Al-Busaies Attorneys At Law, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia)
- **Bill Knull** (William H. Knull, III PLLC, Houston) Bill retired from Mayer Brown and re-joined as Associate Member
- **The Hon. Karen Willcutts** (JAMS, Dallas)
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- **Larry R. Veselka** (Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., Houston)

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Houston, TX
Feb 19-20, 2015

[Career Paths for Young Energy Attorneys](#)

Houston, TX
Mar 27-28, 2015

[Mergers & Acquisitions / Acquisitions & Disposals Conference](#)

Houston, TX
Apr 14, 2015

[2nd Texas Mineral Title Course](#)

Houston, TX
May 14-15, 2015

[Natural Resources Law Teachers Conference](#)

Salt Lake City, UT
May 27-29, 2015

[5th IEL-SEERIL International Oil & Gas Law Conference](#)

London, UK
June 4-5, 2015



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