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Strengthening market focus – building an even stronger team

Norway's leading oil and gas law firm for more than a decade, the law firm ARNTZEN de BESCHE ADVOKATFIRMA AS adapts to the challenging market conditions faced by our clients. To inspire our lawyers to combine their efforts and to strive for the best professional and commercial solutions for our clients, we are launching an even stronger team to meet challenges in E&P activities and M&A, Capital Markets transactions and financing within the Oil and Gas sector.

ARNTZEN de BESCHE has an outstanding record as legal advisor within E&P related matters and is considered a market leader for M&A, Capital Markets transactions and financing within the oil and gas industry. The team also has a strong record from assisting clients in a number of industries under turbulent and distressed markets conditions.

By further integrating the activities of its Oil, Offshore and Energy, Tax, M&A, Capital Markets and Financing practice groups, ARNTZEN de BESCHE will render an even better service to clients within the oil and gas industry. With our 30+ lawyers actively engaged on behalf of clients within the industry, we are unrivalled as Norway's largest private law practice in the oil and gas sector. The re-organization is based on a strong belief that excellent teams create more value for clients than single individuals. A focused team of highly qualified and experienced lawyers will enable ARNTZEN de BESCHE to improve the quality of its services and increase attention for its clients.

The extensive industry expertise and experience of our Oil, Offshore and Energy practice group is completed by partners from our Banking and Financing, Tax, M&A and Capital Markets Transactions practice groups, creating a team which possesses market leading competence and experience.

Team and contact persons

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Dag Erlend Henriksen, partner with close to 25 years of experience within the oil, gas and energy business, both from the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, from the power sector and from private practice. Known to be very good at seeing the big picture and advising on which direction to take, he is a trusted advisor for client's top management with particularly strong commercial and human skills. Possesses a unique combination of operational understanding and impressive knowledge about the political aspects of and impacts on the E&P business, and is an influential advisor for clients. Advising on major transactions, high-profiled development projects, legislative processes in Norway and several countries in Africa and Asia, dealing with unlawful NGO-actions, environmental law and climate change, as well as carbon capture and storage, he has been acting in many of the most significant events in the Norwegian oil, gas and energy business over the last 10-15 years. Receives accolades for his lecturing skills, and has over the last years given numerous speeches and lectures on topics like regulation and management of oil and gas activities, carbon capture and storage, HSE-regulations, public procurement, renewable energy, emission trading, environmental law, removal of offshore installations and risk management in energy projects.



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Karl Erik Navestad, partner, draws on more than 10 years' experience from the Norwegian and the international oil and energy business, his main expertise lying in the fields of petroleum law, construction law, and contracts law. Always working closely with oil companies and contractors, Navestad advises on offshore development and construction projects and on matters concerning exploration and production, as well as handling joint venture issues and regulatory work. He regularly provides front end advice to clients in the contract strategy, tender and negotiation phases, provides support during project execution and contract management, and handles dispute resolution work. Benefitting from many years of hands-on experience from the oil industry including several periods as in-house counsel, he is sensitive to the requirements of cross-discipline work which characterises all offshore projects, and has a keen eye for maintaining an overview of integrated work flows..



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Rune Omdahl, partner, is a highly trusted legal and commercial advisor with extensive experience and a deep understanding of the ins and outs of all types of contracts and legal issues in all phases of the oil and gas industry such as transactions, financing, construction, transportation, terminal use and sales of products. Exceptionally skilled on the commercial side he provides valuable assistance in commercial negotiation both on a national and international level. Track record includes providing advice to E&P companies and governments on oil and gas issues in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



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Anders Rødland, partner, has more than 15 years of experience in advising a wide variety of clients within the oil and energy sector, mainly oil companies and contractors including large international companies and also smaller independent and local companies. Rødland's particular expertise lies within petroleum law and M&A, and he is in addition experienced within contracting, corporate law and procurement laws and regulations. Rødland is advising and representing companies in connection with business development and management including development projects, asset and corporate transactions, equity and external financing and counselling regarding corporate issues and various business models.

M&A and Capital Markets, restructuring



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Trond Vernegg, partner with the M&A and Capital Markets practice group. His track record includes providing owner-, board- and top management-level advice on over 250 national and cross-border transactions, as well as advising companies on compliance in heavily regulated frameworks, also in distressed situations, in national and international settings across Europe as well as the US. He is a highly trusted strategic, legal and commercial advisor with extensive board experience focused on transactions, corporate reorganisation and regulatory issues across diverse industries. Possess strong connections within a number of industry sectors in Norway and knows the Norwegian media sector through close relationships with media personalities further strengthened by co-authoring a book on the Norwegian Editor in Chief and media legend Kare Valebrokk.



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Per André Dagslet, partner is a leading lawyer within M&A and Capital Markets, and he has more than 18 years of experience in the field. He regularly advises Norwegian and foreign companies on issues related to sales and acquisitions of companies, both stock exchange listed companies and private companies. In particular, he has a vast experience in assisting private equity firms in its acquisitions and sales of companies. Dagslet works closely with the firm's clients and is often involved in strategic issues, and one of his core strengths is knowledge of the industry and market which the client operate. Dagslet acts as a trusted strategic, legal and commercial advisor to boards of listed companies and international clients. Dagslet is also engaged in assisting Norwegian and international clients with restructuring and insolvency work. Dagslet is ranked as a leading Norwegian lawyer in international legal directories such as Legal 500, Chambers and IFLR. Clients talk highly of him, and in Chambers Europe a client's states that "Mr. Dagslet gave valuable insight into different aspects of the exceptionally challenging transactions. He was available 24/7 and always managed to help us find a reasonable solutions".

Banking & Finance



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Atle Gabrielsen, partner with our banking and financing practice group, and has focused on financing within the energy and offshore industries since 2004. Mr. Gabrielsen has according to Legal 500 – 2013, Banking and finance ‘in depth knowledge of the oil and gas industry’ and is according to Chambers Global 2014, Banking and finance ‘praised for his understanding of the oil and gas sector’. Recent transactions include assisting BNP Paribas as documentation bank and DNB Bank ASA as agent on the first ever Norwegian law governed reserve based lending of USD 3 billion to Det norske Oljeselskap ASA and acting as Norwegian counsel to the lenders of Letter One Group for the financing of the acquisition of RWE.



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Trond Kildal is a **partner** with our banking and financing group and has been involved in all aspects of financing, with a particular focus on financing of leveraged buy outs, real estate and shipping since 2002. Mr. Kildal has also increased his focus on financing of the oil and gas industry. Mr. Kildal is ranked in all rating agencies including Chambers, Legal500 etc. Kildal was in 2013 awarded ‘best up and coming’ financing lawyer in the Norwegian market by Finansavisen. Recent transactions include assisting (i) the lenders in the Euro 455,000,000 certain funds bridge acquisition financing facility relating to the acquisition of Hurtigruten ASA, (ii) the Nordea Bank Norge ASA, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs in respect of the financing of the acquisition of Lindorff Capital (EUR 1.45 billion HY bond loan), and (iii) BNPParibas as documentation bank and DNB Bank ASA as agent on the first ever Norwegian law governed reserve based lending of USD 3 billion to Det norske Oljeselskap ASA.

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