



Blakes Mining Practice

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“Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP’s extensive national footprint combined with its diverse range of industry-specific expertise ensures that it is a one-stop-shop for mining clients”

The Legal 500 Canada 2016



INTRODUCTION

From global giants to junior explorers and mid-tier developers, mining companies worldwide turn to Blakes for strategic guidance and expert counsel on mergers and acquisitions, joint venture, project finance and corporate finance transactions, as well as a wide range of operational and non-transactional matters, such as corporate governance, taxation, title matters and environmental compliance. We have acted for clients on projects across Canada, the U.S., Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia and the Middle East on the exploration, development and operation of mining projects involving a wide array of resources and minerals.

Our mining clients rely on our reputation as Canada's leading law firm and our track record as a global leader in the provision of legal services to the mining industry.

Leading Canadian Law Firm for Mining M&A Deals

In the first half 2016, Blakes has ranked #1 in the following:

No. 1 Canadian firm in global mining announced M&A transactions by deal value (Thomson Reuters, Mergermarket)

No. 1 Canadian firm in global mining announced M&A transactions by deal count (Bloomberg, Mergermarket)

No. 1 in Canada mining announced M&A transactions by deal value (Bloomberg, Mergermarket)

No. 1 in Canada mining announced M&A transactions by deal count (Bloomberg, Mergermarket)

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Blakes has one of the largest and most active mergers and acquisitions practices in Canada, having been involved in more than 1,500 public and private M&A transactions, with an aggregate dollar value in excess of US\$1.5-trillion, in the past 10 years. According to Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters, Blakes is the No. 1 Canadian law firm in both Canadian and global M&A deals by deal value and deal count for this period, 2006-2015.

In the mining sector over the past five years (2011-2015), Blakes was ranked No. 1 in Canada Announced Mining M&A deals by deal count and No. 1 Canadian firm in Global Announced Mining M&A deals by deal count (Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters and Mergermarket).

We are frequently retained by major domestic and international mining companies and financial institutions to provide strategic counsel in M&A transactions. Transactions range from privately negotiated transfers of shares or assets to the largest public company mergers and acquisitions completed by way of take-over bids, amalgamations and plans of arrangement. We advise our mining clients on structuring considerations, related-party rules, special committee obligations, take-over defences and contested shareholder meetings.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Romarco Minerals Inc.

in connection with its acquisition by OceanaGold Corporation.

Fission Uranium Corp.

in connection with its proposed merger with Denison Mines Corp. to form a combined C\$900-million company to be named Denison Energy Corp.

Lundin Gold Inc.

(formerly Fortress Mineral Corp.) on its acquisition of the US\$240-million Fruta del Norte gold project in Ecuador from Kinross Gold Corporation and offering of approximately C\$200-million of subscription receipts, which were used to fund the acquisition.

Sirocco Mining Inc.

on its C\$114.5-million merger with Canada Lithium Corp.

Liberty Metals & Mining

in connection with its joint acquisition, with Altius Minerals Corporation and others, of C\$460-million of coal and potash royalty assets, sold by Sherritt International Corporation as part of its aggregate C\$946-million divestiture of assets.

Aurizon Mines Ltd.

in connection with its defence of a hostile take-over bid by Alamos Gold which resulted in a proposed C\$796-million acquisition of Aurizon by Hecla Mining Company.

CGA Mining Limited

on its C\$1.1-billion acquisition by B2Gold Corporation.

Talison Lithium Limited

on its C\$848-million acquisition by Changdu Tianqi Industry (Group) Co., Ltd.

The Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Extorre Gold Mines Limited

on its sale to Yamana Gold Inc. by way of plan of arrangement, a transaction valued at approximately C\$415-million.

The Special Committee of the Board of Directors of SouthGobi Resources Ltd.

in connection with the proposed proportional take-over bid for shares of SouthGobi by Aluminum Corporation of China Limited.

Kinross Gold Corporation

on the sale of its 50 per cent interest in the Crixas mine to AngloGold Ashanti Limited for US\$220-million.

Quadra FNX Mining Ltd.

on the C\$3.5-billion acquisition of Quadra FNX by KGHM Polska.

Fission Uranium Corp.

in connection with its acquisition of Alpha Minerals Inc. for C\$200-million.

Afferro Mining Inc.

on its US\$220-million agreed take-over by International Mining & Infrastructure Corporation plc.

Acron JSC

and **Devonian Potash** on the C\$260-million sale of potash permits in Saskatchewan to Yanzhou Coal.

“Blake, Cassels & Graydon is ‘one of the destinations of choice’ for high-value M&A and corporate finance transactions due to its excellent depth of experience.”

Who's Who Legal: Mining 2016

CORPORATE FINANCE

Blakes has one of the largest and most experienced securities law groups in Canada. Our lawyers act for issuers and investment dealers in public and private securities transactions for mining companies. These include issuances of debt, equity and other securities by way of primary and secondary prospectus offerings and private placements in both the Canadian and international markets.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Romarco Minerals Inc.

on its C\$300-million and C\$138-million public offerings of common shares.

Primero Mining Corp.

on its US\$75-million public offering of convertible debentures.

A syndicate of underwriters

in connection with Stornoway Diamond Corporation's C\$946-million comprehensive financing transaction, including a C\$132-million public offering of subscription receipts, to fund the construction of its Renard diamond project in Quebec.

A syndicate of underwriters

in connection with offerings by Silver Wheaton Corp. aggregating US\$1.4-billion.

BHP Billiton Finance Limited

on its C\$750-million offering of Maple bonds.

IAMGOLD Corporation

in connection with its US\$650-million offering of senior notes.

A syndicate of underwriters on

the US\$1-billion offering of debt securities of Kinross Gold Corporation.

A syndicate of underwriters in

connection with Sherritt International Corporation's public offerings of debentures aggregating approximately C\$500-million and its C\$400-million public offering of common shares.

Talison Lithium Limited

on its C\$80-million public offering of ordinary shares.

Northland Resources S.A.

on its C\$256-million global public offering of shares.

Silvercorp Metals Inc.

on its US\$117-million cross-border bought deal financing.

A syndicate of underwriters

on the US\$750-million cross-border offering of notes by Teck Resources Limited.

National Bank Financial Inc.

on the C\$100-million public offering of units of Terrane Metals Corp.

NovaGold Resources Inc.

on its public offerings of common shares aggregating US\$175-million.

A syndicate of underwriters

on the US\$114-million cross-border offering of common shares of Silver Standard Resources Inc.

Denison Mines Corp.

on its C\$82-million public offering of common shares and C\$95-million offering of common shares by way of private placement to Korea Electric Power Corporation and other subscribers.

Equinox Minerals Limited

in connection with its initial public offering and redomicile from Australia (with dual listing on the TSX and ASX), and public and private offerings aggregating approximately C\$675-million.

Quadra Mining Ltd.

initial public offering and subsequent public offerings in the aggregate approximate amount of C\$700-million.



LENDING

Blakes is recognized as having Canada's pre-eminent financial services practice. *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2016* ranks Blakes number one in banking and finance: "A dominant force in Canadian banking and finance, with a stellar reputation for its representation of top domestic and international financial institutions."

Many of the largest and most highly regarded financial institutions and financial services providers in Canada, the U.S., Europe and Asia, as well as other non-Canadian financial service providers, regularly retain Blakes as counsel. They rely on our extensive experience in successfully structuring, negotiating and documenting a wide variety of domestic and cross-border financing transactions. We advise mining industry clients and lenders on a wide range of corporate and project debt transactions for the mining industry.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

**National Bank of Canada and
The Bank of Nova Scotia**

as co-lead arrangers in connection with a US\$275-million acquisition financing in favour of a consortium including Magris Resources to purchase Niobec Inc. from IAMGOLD Corporation.

**Commonwealth Bank
of Australia**

with respect to a US\$55-million project finance and cost overrun facility in favour of Midway Gold Corp.

Standard Chartered Bank

and a syndicate of lenders with respect to a US\$3-billion term loan and revolving facility in favour of First Quantum Minerals Ltd.

**RMB Resources Inc. and
Macquarie Bank Limited**

in connection with the bridge and project finance facilities in favour of Apollo Gold Corporation with respect to its Black Fox project.

Macquarie Bank Limited

in connection with a project finance facility in favour of Richmond Mines, Inc. to fund development of its Island Gold Deep project.

Orvana Minerals Corp.

in connection with the financing of its El Valle-Boinás/Carlés gold project in Spain.

Capstone Mining Corporation

in a US\$400-million credit facility led by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

IAMGOLD Corporation

on its US\$850-million syndicated credit facility provided by a group of lenders led by National Bank.

Unicredit Bank AG

and a syndicate of lenders with respect to a US\$150-million revolving facility in favour of Dundee Precious Metals Inc.

Macquarie Bank Limited,

as sole underwriter and facility agent, and a syndicate of lenders with respect to the structuring and establishment of US\$150-million secured revolving corporate loan facilities for B2Gold Corp.

National Bank of Canada

with respect to a \$25-million cost overrun facility in favour of Iron Ore Holdings, LP with respect to the Mary River project of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

as agent, in connection with a US\$2-billion credit facility provided to Teck Resources Limited.

Macquarie Bank Limited

with respect to the establishment of US\$90-million project financing and hedging facilities for the development and construction of the Riacho dos Machados open pit gold mine project in Minas Gerais State, Brazil.

RMB Resources Inc.

with respect to a \$30-million operating facility in favour of Trevali Mining Corporation.

Unicredit Bank AG

and a syndicate of lenders with respect to the \$350-million revolving credit facility in favour of Endeavour Mining Corporation.

“The partners get a lot of support internally and they’re extremely reliable. The work gets done right the first time.”

Client comment, *Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2016*

MINING LAW

Blakes offers mining industry clients a multidisciplinary approach that draws on our extensive experience in the industry. We are counsel to major, intermediate and junior mining companies listed on various exchanges around the world, as well as investment dealers that act as advisers and underwriters to mining companies.

Our lawyers are highly ranked in national and international directories and ranking publications, and they regularly publish articles on matters of interest and are involved in industry organizations.

Blakes advises mining companies on a wide range of operational and commercial matters, including earn-in agreements, joint venture agreements, partnership agreements, options and farm-in/farm-out arrangements, off-take agreements and royalty arrangements.

Our lawyers are experts and regularly advise on regulatory compliance and environmental compliance matters, mine and environmental permitting, environmental and social impact assessments and tailings and waste management compliance issues. We also advise on mine reclamation, decommissioning and closure issues, financial assurance including the establishment of mine reclamation trusts.

Our lawyers assist clients with respect to mineral rights and land matters, structuring of security and title work in respect of mining rights, and due diligence in respect of mining production and exploration properties.

We have expertise on corporate social responsibility matters, including Aboriginal rights and issues, and have assisted with Aboriginal and community consultation and Aboriginal engagement, and negotiated and drafted agreements with Aboriginal groups, including project support agreements or impact benefit agreements.

We work with our clients to provide construction and infrastructure solutions for mine development projects, including road, rail, port and housing arrangements as well as energy infrastructure, such as renewable-energy production and transmission.

We regularly advise on all aspects of tendering, negotiating and drafting of project-related contracts, including EPC/EPCM, construction, civil works, rail, road, infrastructure, supply, lease as well as Aboriginal contracting.

We also assist clients with respect to domestic and international corporate taxation matters for entities operating in the resource industry as well as dispute resolution and arbitration.

The Firm’s expertise and proven experience allow us to provide our clients with the timely, practical and strategic advice while facilitating their mandates and assisting them in realizing their business objectives.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Galore Creek Mining Company

(GCMC) with the legal requirements of the harmonized federal-provincial environmental assessment process. GCMC is advancing the development of the proposed Galore Creek mine, a large proposed gold mine in northwestern British Columbia.

Seabridge Gold Inc.

with legal requirements of the environmental assessment process for pursuing development of one of the largest proposed gold-copper mines in northern B.C. Working with Seabridge to create a strategy for aboriginal engagement has been integral to this advice.

Matamec Explorations Inc.

with the creation of a joint venture with Ressources Québec inc. in relation to the Kipawa heavy rare earths deposit.

A major mining company providing assistance and advice in relation to a major investigation conducted by Environment Canada and defence of prosecutions under the *Fisheries Act* (Canada) and the *Metal Mine Effluent Regulation* (Canada).

A Canadian gold company in relation to establishing a qualifying environmental trust as financial assurance for mine closure liabilities.

A Canadian gold mining company regarding its existing and anticipated agreements with Aboriginal communities in the vicinity of its operating mine in Ontario.

A mining company in negotiating and preparing port access and tug-boat and pilotage services agreements.

A major mining company in preparing joint venture and mine management agreements with respect to a mining project in Newfoundland and Labrador.

A major U.S. mining company in the purchase of its partners' interests in a Canadian iron ore mining joint venture.

A multinational mining company in negotiating a long-term railway transportation agreement with respect to a mine currently under development.

**Redfern Resources/
Chieftain Metals**
on environmental assessment, permitting and regulatory investigations in connection with the redevelopment of the Tulsequah Chief mine project in northwest British Columbia, including representing both companies in respect of a judicial challenge of its environmental assessment certificate and *Fisheries Act* approvals in relation to endangered caribou.

A Canadian gold company in the purchase of numerous mining rights and associated royalty arrangements.

A major mining company providing advice, representation and defence of a prosecution under federal and provincial environmental legislation with respect to a spill at a mineral processing facility.

A Canadian gold company with assistance in relation to negotiating agreements related to the import and export of hazardous waste and assistance in conducting due diligence on the supplier of services.



LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

When complex and high-stakes mining disputes arise, industry clients retain Blakes. Our experienced Mining Litigation & Dispute Resolution team has represented Canadian and international mining clients worldwide on nearly every issue imaginable, representing them at every stage of their disputes, from risk evaluation through litigation and enforcement in Canadian courts at all levels, before domestic and international arbitration panels, at the negotiating table, and before government agencies and tribunals.

Handling diverse claims involving a wide array of resources and minerals across Canada, the U.S., Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia and the Middle East, we have represented clients in disputes regarding mine ownership, control, exploration, development and operations, joint venture partners, shareholders and customers, Aboriginal rights, environmental and regulatory matters, construction issues, and take-over bids and proxy contests in securities commissions across Canada. We have also arbitrated disputes on behalf of clients on an ad hoc basis, as well as under the supervision of international arbitration institutions such as the International Chamber of Commerce, the London Court of International Arbitration and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. Beyond resolving disputes, we work closely with our clients to devise effective risk-management strategies to avoid disputes and limit their exposure to litigation. We have also represented mining clients involved in take-over bids or proxy contests in securities commissions across Canada.

Consistently ranked at the top of the league tables for mining transactions in Canada and globally, Blakes also has one of Canada's largest, most powerful and successful litigation and dispute resolution practices, enabling us to offer extraordinary depth and breadth of industry knowledge, practice expertise and litigation experience in each of our offices around the globe.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Counsel to a large U.S. mining producer in an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration with a Korean customer arising under an off-take agreement.

Counsel to a large mining producer in pursuing an ICC arbitration against an Asian customer before a three-person tribunal.

Counsel to a mining producer in Newfoundland and Labrador in an ad hoc arbitration involving a long-term lease

Counsel in an ICC arbitration and successful settlement negotiations in a dispute between Canadian and Panamanian companies in connection with a coal mine in Colombia.

Counsel to a Canadian public mining company in an arbitration and related court proceedings regarding a gold mine in Spain.

Counsel in an UNCITRAL model law arbitration relating to failure of major equipment at a mine site and involving claims in excess of C\$200-million.

Counsel to shareholders of a Canadian public mining company in court and security commission litigation relating to a successful contest for control of the company's board of directors.

Counsel to a global mining company in securities litigation relating to its bid to take over a Canadian potash company.

Counsel to a large U.S. mining company in securities litigation relating to its bid to take over an Ontario-based public mining company.

ANTI-CORRUPTION & BRIBERY

Canadian businesses are coming under increasing scrutiny both at home and abroad to ensure that their domestic and foreign operations comply with anti-corruption and anti-bribery legislation. As a result, it is essential for Canadian businesses to have clear guidance regarding anti-corruption and anti-bribery regimes, establish and enforce effective anti-corruption policies and conduct appropriate and thorough due diligence when entering into transactions with businesses that operate in foreign operations.

In the face of increased enforcement of Canada's *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* (CFPOA), the potential for exposure to significant criminal and civil liability for rule violations and of possible significant reputational damage is realistic. Blakes has a well-recognized team that has provided advice to Canadian businesses operating abroad in all aspects of foreign anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

We regularly provide risk avoidance and compliance advice and have successfully defended clients charged with corruption and bribery of public officials. Additionally, in conjunction with our Business Crimes, Investigations, Compliance and Financial Services groups, we provide advice and analysis regarding Canadian laws and international agreements prohibiting bribery of public officials, possession of proceeds of bribery and laundering of proceeds of bribery.

Clients frequently engage us to review contract terms with foreign agents and joint venture partners and to conduct bribery and corruption due diligence investigations in merger and acquisition situations and internal investigation scenarios. They also regularly seek our advice on establishing and enforcing anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies and compliance programs and for guidance on interpretation of Canada's CFPOA.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Conducted a number of complex anti-corruption internal investigations for mining companies in South America, Central America, Africa, and Asia.

Co-ordinated a number of successful resolutions of anti-corruption investigations by Canadian and US authorities.

Development of global anti-corruption compliance programs for a number of international mining companies.

Conducted extensive anti-corruption due diligence for a number of international transactions, including on behalf of mining companies and financial institutions.

Developed and conducted global risk assessments for international mining companies.

INSOLVENCY

The Blakes Restructuring & Insolvency group advises distressed borrowers, subordinated and unsubordinated creditors, trustees, and investors seeking to buy in distressed circumstances. Companies in the mining sector emerging from restructuring also engage Blakes because of our extensive experience and skill in resolving post-restructuring issues, including corporate governance and leadership, financing, securities, trading, and accounting matters. Important aspects of our Restructuring & Insolvency practice include workouts and restructurings, debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing, security enforcement, acquisitions of businesses in financial difficulty, purchase and sale of the assets of financially distressed companies, insolvency professional retainers, and fraud loss and recovery.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

The debtor-in-possession and pre-petition lender syndicate in the cross-border proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA)/Chapter 11/Business Rescue Proceedings (South Africa) of **Great Basin Gold Ltd.**

New Pacific Metals Corp. the purchaser and secured lender, in the CCAA proceedings of Tagish Lake Gold Corp, a publicly traded company with respect to the purchase of shares of Tagish and debt in the amount of C\$30-million.

Ernst & Young Inc. the monitor in the CCAA proceedings in respect of Pine Valley Coal Ltd. with a total debt of C\$50-million.

Sandstorm Gold Ltd. the DIP lender under the restructuring proceedings of Colossus Minerals Inc. with a total debt of approximately C\$170-million.

Duff & Phelps Canada Restructuring Inc. the court-appointed receiver of United Silver Corporation, a publicly traded company with mining assets in the State of Idaho.

The Monitor in the CCAA proceedings in respect of Pine Valley Coal Ltd.

Anglo-Pacific Group, PLC one of the secured lenders, in the C\$43-million secured debt and in excess of C\$10-million unsecured debt of Northern Star Mining Corp and Jake Resources Inc.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. the court-appointed monitor in the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) proceedings of Timminco Limited and its affiliate Bécancour Silicon Inc. with respect to the sale of the business in a CCAA court-supervised auction sales process in the amount of approximately C\$30.8-million and liabilities of approximately C\$89-million.



STREAMING & ROYALTIES

We are frequently retained by major domestic and international mining companies to provide advice on royalty transactions, commodity streaming arrangements, and associated financings and acquisitions. Our clients rely on our extensive experience in successfully structuring, negotiating and documenting a wide variety of domestic and cross-border financing transactions in the mining industry.

SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Pretium Resources Inc.

in connection with its US\$540-million construction financing package with the Orion Mine Finance Group and Blackstone Tactical Opportunities, including a US\$350-million credit facility, a US\$150-million gold and silver stream agreement and a US \$40-million private placement of Pretium common shares.

A syndicate of underwriters

in connection with Silver Wheaton's US\$800-million offering of common shares used to fund the acquisition of an additional 25 per cent gold stream from Vale S.A.'s Salobo Mine, located in Brazil.

Sandstorm Gold Ltd.

in connection with the restructuring of the US\$75-million streaming transaction with Colossus Minerals Inc. and the Serra Pelada project.

Silverstone Resources Corp.

in connection with the US\$42-million silver-streaming arrangement from Lundin Mining Corporation's Neves-Corvo and Aljustrel mines.

Macquarie Bank Ltd.

in connection with the stream transaction involving Teranga Gold Corporation with Franco-Nevada Corporation, where the proceeds were used to repay US\$30-million of the US\$60-million credit facility with Macquarie Bank Limited.

Macquarie Bank Limited

in connection with the US\$30-million stream transaction with Carpathian Gold Inc. for its Riacho dos Machados gold project in Brazil.

Luna Gold Corp.

on its gold stream arrangement with Sandstorm Gold Limited for Aurizona Gold Mine.

Marlin Gold Mining Ltd.

in connection with the US\$15-million gold streaming arrangement with Golden Reign Resources Limited and its San Albino Gold Deposit, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua.

Sandstorm Gold Ltd.

in connection with its C\$28.3-million acquisition of Premier Royalty Inc.

Liberty Metals & Mining Holdings LLC, a subsidiary of Liberty Mutual Insurance, in connection with its purchase of a two per cent net smelter return royalty on Red Eagle Mining's Santa Rosa gold project.

Liberty Metals & Mining Holdings LLC

a subsidiary of Liberty Mutual Insurance, in connection with its purchase of a two per cent net smelter return royalty from True Gold Mining Inc. on the Karma gold project.

Silverstone Resources Corp.

in connection with its US\$37.5-million silver-streaming transaction with Sherwood Copper Corporation's Minto mine.

Queenstake Resources USA,

Inc. in connection with its US\$20-million forward gold purchase agreement to Deutsche Bank AG.

Veris Gold Corp.

in connection with its C\$120-million gold forward purchase transaction with a gold pre-payment to Deutsche Bank AG.

True Gold Mining Inc.

in connection with its US\$120-million financing from Franco-Nevada Corporation to complete construction of the Karma gold project.

Quadra FNX Mining Ltd.

in connection with the C\$262-million Gold Wheaton Gold Corp. streaming deal.

Silverstone Resources Corp. in connection with its C\$190-million sale to Silver Wheaton Corp.

Silverstone Resources Corp.

in connection with the US\$44-million streaming transaction with Capstone Mining Corporation's Cozamin Mine.

The underwriters in connection with the US\$625-million financing of **Silver Wheaton Corp.'s** acquisition of 25 per cent of the silver produced from Barrick Gold Corporation's Pascua-Lama gold-silver project.

“The ‘superior team’ at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP is held up by clients as ‘one of Canada’s best mining groups’ for its ‘thoughtful, timely and pragmatic advice’ and for its ability to ‘explain all applicable concepts in a clear and concise way.’”

The Legal 500 Canada 2015

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Members of our mining team are recognized in the most recent editions of the following ranking publications:

- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- *The Legal 500 Canada*
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada*
- *Who's Who Legal: Mining*
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada*
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*
- *The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers*
- *The Lexpert Guide to Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada for Mining*
- *The Lexpert Special Edition – Global Mining 2015*

ABOUT BLAKES

As one of Canada's top business law firms, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Blakes) provides exceptional legal services to leading businesses in Canada and around the world.

Thanks to our clients, Blakes was ranked as having the leading law firm brand in Acritas' Canadian Law Firm Index 2016. This is the second time we have received this recognition. Blakes also was named Canada Law Firm of the Year for the eighth consecutive year in the Who's Who Legal Awards 2016 and the top-ranked Canadian firm in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2016*. In 2015, we were named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers by Mediacorp Canada Inc. for the fifth time and selected as one of the most innovative law firms in the BTI Brand Elite.

Serving a diverse national and international client base, our integrated network of 11 offices worldwide provides clients with access to the Firm's full spectrum of capabilities in virtually every area of business law. Whether an issue is local or multi-jurisdictional, practice-area specific or interdisciplinary, Blakes handles transactions of all sizes and levels of complexity.

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