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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION TEAM OF THE YEAR

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SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM

Karyl Nairn QC

VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH SUDAN

In a successful year, with a number of key arbitration wins including winning a \$1.2bn award on behalf of NTT DOCOMO, Japan's largest telecommunications company, against Tata and victory in a \$300m LCIA arbitration over a joint venture in the oil and gas industry in Russia and the Ukraine, the standout matter for this highly experienced disputes team was Skadden's victory for the government of the Republic

of South Sudan in its ICSID dispute with Sudapet Company. This involved the dismissal of more than \$1bn in claims that followed the country's secession from Sudan in 2011. Following this, Sudapet's claimed its investment in oil exploration and production operations in South Sudan was expropriated. The tribunal found that after secession, the rights of the Republic of Sudan were extinguished with respect to Sudapet's interests under the production sharing agreement.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

BAKER MCKENZIE

Ed Poulton

Advising Russian businessman Vitaly Smagin on the confirmation of a \$92m arbitration award against politician Ashot Yegiazaryan. This followed an LCIA case in which Smagin won a \$72m claim in a dispute over a stake in a shopping mall.

BOIES, SCHILLER & FLEXNER

Ken Beale

Successfully advising OPAP, the Greek sports betting company, in a €1bn LCIA arbitration against the Greek government. The claim related to an exclusive licence to operate video lottery terminals in Greece that had been awarded to OPAP in 2011.

CLEARY GOTTLIEB STEEN

& HAMILTON

Chris Moore

Defending Telecom Italia in what would have been one of the largest reported arbitration awards ever, a \$15bn ICC arbitration seated in Paris and governed by Brazilian law. The case focused on the allegation that Telecom Italia had deceived and coerced the claimants into agreeing a settlement agreement to an earlier dispute in 2005.

THREE CROWNS

Gaëtan Verhoosel

A successful arbitration claim on behalf of several South African nationals and trusts, as well as their Lesotho companies, against the

Kingdom of Lesotho concerning mining rights. After unsuccessfully pursuing legal claims in the local courts of Lesotho and South Africa, the clients turned to an SADC Tribunal seeking compensation for expropriation.

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES

Jamie Maples

Successfully representing Jinpeng Group in a global dispute with Peak Hotels & Resorts concerning a failure to repay a \$35m loan and the subsequent misappropriation of the funds by a fraudster. Weil made a novel application for Jinpeng to have two proceedings merged into one, the first time this had been done under HKIAC rules.



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