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About Lian

Lian Yok Tan is a partner in the Singapore office and advises on complex cross-border transactions across energy, infrastructure, natural resources sectors.

Her practice focuses on corporate/M&A, oil, liquified natural gas (LNG), gas, energy trading, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) documentation and mining transactions, including construction, project development and financing in various jurisdictions globally.

She has advised on power plants, LNG and gas infrastructure, upstream and downstream oil and gas projects, renewable energy, mining and energy trading transactions, including construction, financing, offtake, acquisitions and disposals.

With more than 30 years of experience advising multinational energy companies, national oil companies, traders, utilities and investors, Lian has been consistently praised by clients for her responsiveness, attention to detail and ability to provide practical and effective legal solutions. Clients describe her in Chambers and Partners as "hard-working, with an ultra-fast response, is easy to reach and always provides thorough yet easy-to-understand legal advice", "really helpful and responsive in addressing our queries and has initiative", "great understanding of the matters", "detail-oriented, very commercial and hands-on" and "helpful legal solutions and risk mitigation".

Experience

Renewables

- Advising British International Investment (BII), the UK's development finance institution (DFI) and impact investor, of its joint investment with Idemitsu Kosan, into Skye Renewables Energy Pte Ltd. (Skye), a Southeast Asia-focused renewable energy platform.
- Advised on Service Level Agreement for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging services (installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance services for EV chargers).
- Advising an American Multinational Company (MNC) in connection with its proposed bundled and unbundled energy attributes purchase framework agreement with PLN, Indonesian state utility.

- Advising an international oil company on its activities that are intended to form the basis for carbon capture, carbon credit extraction and carbon trading framework in Indonesia.
- Advising a US MNC in connection with its proposed corporate power purchase agreement from a Vietnamese solar power plant project.
- Advising a multinational technology corporation in connection with its proposed corporate power purchase agreement from a solar power plant to be built in Singapore by Sembcorp Solar Singapore.
- Advising a multinational company in relation to its proposed Direct Power Purchase Agreement (DPPA) arrangement in Vietnam.
- Advising SPHP (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. (a joint venture company owned by ISDN Holdings (SGX:I07), eREX Co. Ltd. (TYO:9517) and Cambodian company, Asia Energy Power Co. Ltd) on the construction contract for an 80MW hydropower plant and a large-scale water storage capacity in Pursat Province, Cambodia.
- Advising a technology solutions company on its project to build, operate and supply energy storage facilities and services in the Philippines. The facilities will store power generated by a solar power plant on-site and will be built using Chinese-made equipment.
- Advising on proposed corporate purchase of renewal energy in Singapore, including a proposed virtual solar power purchase agreement with a solar energy provider.
- Advising a US multinational corporation in connection with its proposed joint purchase with a US tech giant of environmental attributes from a Vietnamese solar power plant project.
- Acting for a subsidiary of ISDN Holdings Limited (SGX:I07) on its engineering, procurement and construction contracts for mini hydropower plants in Indonesia with Chinese contractors, and financing from Sinosure.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

- Advised LNG Trader on its:
    - Long-term LNG Sales and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with a Chinese state-owned multinational conglomerate.
    - LNG MSPA with Osaka Gas Energy Supply and Trading Pte. Ltd. (OGEST), China National Technical Imp. & Exp. (CNTIC), Shell, Cheniere Marketing International LLP, JERA Global Markets, Mercuria Energy Trading S.A., Vitol Asia Pte Ltd, BP, Woodside, QELM, RWE, Uniper and Adnoc.
    - Facility Agreement (Uncommitted) with The Bank of East Asia, Limited, Singapore Branch.
    - ISDA Master Agreement and Confirmations with Citibank, EDF Trading, Macquarie Bank and ICBC Standard Bank.
- Advising an Asian buyer in connection with price review clauses and other issues under its LNG SPA with TotalEnergies.
- Advising an NOC in connection with its LNG cargo scheduling dispute with a major LNG trader under its LNG MSPA.
- Advising Taiwan Power on its long-term LNG purchases for its two 1,300MW CGT LNG/gas-to-power plant projects in Taichung. The LNG will be delivered to Taiwan Power's LNG receiving terminal in Taichung.

- Advising Taiwan Power on its long-term LNG purchases for its LNG/gas-to-power plant project in Hsieh-Ho. The LNG will be delivered to an FSRU (with a 170,000-cubic-metre capacity) pending development of the onshore LNG receiving terminal.
- Advising on purchase of LNG and reselling LNG in ISO containers to international and domestic buyers and equity investments by potential investors in the project.
- Advising a national oil company in relation to declaration of force majeure on an LNG vessel chartered by its buyer of LNG that it purchased from and to be supplied by Cheniere Energy's Corpus Christi US LNG export terminal.
- Advising ExxonMobil on its long-term sale of LNG produced from Rovuma, Mozambique Area 4.
- Advising ExxonMobil on its long-term LNG sale to Zhejiang Provincial Energy Group.
- Advising an international oil company on US and EU antitrust issues pursuant to its long-term sale of LNG.
- Advising a national oil company on its long-term LNG sale and purchase agreement with Mozambique LNG1 Company for supplies of LNG from Mozambique Area 1.
- Advising CPC Corporation (Taiwan) on its proposed 20-year long-term 0.8 million tonnes per annum LNG purchase from seller, GDF Suez, of LNG tolled by Sempra in connection with the Cameron Project in the US.
- Advising a national oil company on its proposed long-term LNG purchase in connection with the Cameron Project in the US.
- Advising a national oil company on its FOB LNG SPA and related agreement with Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC, for supply of LNG from Corpus Christi Bay in the US.
- Advising a national oil company on its proposed investment into the US$1 billion LNG receiving terminal project in Batangas, Philippines, developed by First Gen Corporation and Tokyo Gas.
- Advising a national oil company on its FOB LNG SPA with Diamond Gas for supply of LNG from the Cameron LNG terminal in the US.
- Advising CNOOC on the charter of a floating storage unit (FSU) vessel, Haiyang Shiyou 301, as floating storage of LNG and part of the facilities to supply gas into a power plant in Bali, Indonesia.
- Advising Shizuoka Gas in relation to its LNG gas-up, cool-down and top-up services agreement for its Shimizu LNG receiving terminal.
- Advising Ministry of Mines & Energy of an Asian country on its first-ever LNG import licences. Our work involved drafting of a licence to import LNG (covering LNG import, LNG terminal, LNG storage and LNG regasification), licence to distribute gas (covering natural gas transportation and distribution) and licence to purchase gas (covering purchase of natural gas and supply of natural gas to city gas network, power plants and other buyers of natural gas).
- Advising a leading full-service investment bank on its proposed establishment of an LNG shipping business with a Japanese trading house and on its proposed expansion into the LNG trading business, including setting up LNG trading hubs in Singapore, London and other cities.
- Advising LNG trader on its letter of undertaking to be issued in connection its purchase of LNG from a Chinese national oil company and trader.
- Advising LNG trader on its LNG MSPA with China Gas International.
- Advising on the pro forma long-term LNG master sale and purchase agreement for an Asian state-owned utility company.

- Advising a US oil trader on the financing of international sale and purchase of LNG.
- Advising a Chinese provincial gas and LNG company on its ISDA master agreement with Macquarie in connection with the roll out of its hedging programme.
- Advising an NOC in relation to its intention to early terminate its LNG SPA with a US supplier.
- Advising a subsidiary of one of China's largest gas suppliers on its long-term LNG purchase agreement.

Oil and Gas

- Advising Pertamina in relation to its purchase of participating interest in Masela gas field, from which gas will be exported as LNG, and is a project of national strategic importance for Indonesia.
- Advising Pertamina in relation to its purchase of participating interest in West Qurna-1, a super oil field in Iraq.
- Advised oil trader on its proposed trade credit insurance with Merkel.
- Advised an oil trader on its demurrage and other claims in connection with its gasoline trades.
- Advised on contract and other tender documents for EPCC work and services for PTTEP's Arthit Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project in Thailand.
- Advised on EPCC contract and other tender documents for wellhead platforms and host tie-ins for Petronas and PTTEP joint venture company in the Malaysia-Thailand Joint Development Area.
- Advised on contract and other tender documents for EPC and installation work and services for wellhead platforms of Brunei Shell.
- Advised on contract and other tender documents for EPC work and services for Aung Sinkha fields in in Myanmar for PTTEP.
- Advised on contract and other tender documents for EPC and installation work and services for PTTEP's Zawtika Phases 1E and 1F wellhead platforms associated pipelines, and brownfield modifications of oil production facilities located in Myanmar.
- Advising GOGC on its proposed joint operating agreement with Block Energy plc where multiple PSCs (being XIC, XIK, XIM, XIN, XIQ and Didi Lilo) are unitized into a single enlarged PSC, XIQ.
- Advising client on its proposed acquisition of Participating Interest in 2 licences (Rosebank field (UK's largest undeveloped oil and gas field) & Blackrock field) in UK Continental Shelf from Equinor.
- Advising client on its proposed acquisition of Sinochem's 40% stake in the Peregrino oil fields in the Campos Basin, Brazil.
- Advising client on its proposed sale of petroleum products to Mercuria through a tender process.
- Advising trading client on its proposed framework agreement and sale and purchase of petroleum products with Trafigura.
- Advising on trade sanctions in connection with supply of goods for the Novorossiysk offshore terminal of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium Russia.
- Advising trader on its proposed gasoline blending project in Singapore.
- Advising on the legal implications of purchasing oil products with Russian origins under current EU, UK, US and Singapore trade sanctions against Russia.

- Advising a trading company on its proposed supplier held stock structure for trading and supplying of petroleum products.
- Advising an oil & gas trader on its plan to expand its biofuel trading activities in the region. Work involves regulatory advice in connection with the import /export, storage, and sale of biofuels, and any trade sanctions.
- Advising an oil & gas trader on its plan to expand its trading office in Singapore. Work involves Singapore regulatory advice on various issues, including licensing requirements for physical trading contracts and derivatives, data privacy and protection, criminal liabilities for non-compliance, anti-money laundering regulations.
- Advising on purchase of crude oil (Nile Blend) under a government to government barter trade program, including on US and EU trade sanctions.v
- Advised a national oil company in connection with claims (including competing claims from bank creditors of Hin Leong Trading) and counterclaims against Hin Leong Trading, an oil trader then undergoing judicial management in Singapore with debts in excess of US$3 billion.
- Advised a national oil company on its proposed acquisition of participating interests valued in excess of US$1 billion in two Nigerian hydrocarbon fields offered for sale by Total.
- Advising CNOOC in connection with its divestment from Malacca Strait Production Sharing Contract.
- Advising a national oil company in relation an arbitration against its upstream oil and gas joint venture partner.
- Advising on proposed leveraged buyout of company with indirect ownership of vessels providing offshore oil and gas exploration and production services in Nigeria.
- Advising subsidiary of Yinson Holdings Berhad (KLSE:YINSON) on its deployment of FPSO Abigail-Joseph to the Anyala & Madu fields in Block OML 83 & 85, offshore Nigeria.
- Advising on the proposed development of an oil refinery in Sapugaskanda, Sri Lanka, and the associated downstream infrastructure.
- Advising Overseas Petroleum and Investment Africa Corporation on procurement laws of Taiwan and maintenance, repair, operation of oil production agreements in Chad.
- Advising a consortium led by Russia's RT Global Resources, the subsidiary of Russian state corporation, Rostec, in relation to a request for proposal (RFP) for the financing, development and operation of a US$4 billion oil refinery in Uganda.
- Advising on the proposed acquisition of the entire share capital of a company existing under the laws of Bermuda, which is the contractor under a Production Sharing Contract for an onshore block in Indonesia.
- Advising on Myanmar’s form of production sharing contracts for development of onshore and offshore oil and gas fields.
- Acting for M3nergy Berhad (KLSE:M3NERGY) on its acquisition of 25% participating interest in production sharing contracts and its joint operating agreement with Petronas Carigali and SapuraKencana in connection with Blocks SB331 and SB332 onshore Sabah.

- Advising a national oil company on its proposed US$2 billion acquisition of participating interest in the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli oil fields in Azerbaijan and other assets, including interest in the 1,768-kilometre Baku-Tibilisi-Cheyhan (BTC) crude oil pipeline connecting Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan and Ceyhan, a port on the south-eastern Mediterranean coast of Turkey, via Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia.
- Advising on the proposed acquisition of one of the world's largest petrochemical refineries, Jurong Aromatics Corporation (JAC), in Singapore, during the receivership of JAC.
- Advising on the proposed acquisition of pipe laying vessel, Lewek Constellation, from a subsidiary of EMAS Chiyoda Subsea, during its US Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.
- Advised a national oil company on its proposed purchase of Shell's 17% participating interest in the Mukhaiznah production sharing contract in Oman.
- Advising SK Gas in connection with its joint venture with Mitsui & Co, Bangladeshi East Coast Group and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation to develop LPG import and bottling terminal in Maheshkhali, Bangladesh.
- Advising Pertamina on the development of proposed US$8 billion integrated refinery and petrochemical plant (with processing capacity of up to 350,000 barrels per day of crude oil and of around 2.5 million of naphtha, respectively) in Balongan, Indonesia.
- Advising Pertamina on its US$5 billion refinery development master plan (RDMP) for Balikpapan refinery in Indonesia, which involves upgrading and modernisation of the 260,000-b/d refinery.
- Advising on the proposed acquisition of shares in a publicly listed company focused on oil and gas exploration and production in Indonesia.
- Advising a shipyard on its EPC contracts for the fabrication of drill ships for deployment into Brazilian deepwater, including issues related to the potential insolvency of the buyer.
- Advising China Offshore Oil Engineering Co. Ltd (COOEC) (SHA:600583) in connection with its EPC contract for the fabrication of FPSOs P-67 & P-70 for deployment to Brazilian deepwater.
- Advising an Asian shipyard on sanctions rules imposed by the US and the EU against Russia in connection with the shipyard's supply of a dock and floating crane to an affiliate of Russian entities that are blocked by these sanctions and on the supply and construction contract between the parties.
- Advising a subsidiary of M3nergy Berhad (KLSE:M3NERGY) in connection with supply and construction of topsides/modules of its floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel, Ratu Nusantara, to be deployed to Bukit Tua field development project in Indonesia.
- Advising Overseas Petroleum and Investment Africa Corporation on procurement laws of Taiwan and the maintenance, repair and operation of oil production agreements for its project in Chad.
- Advising on ISDA master agreement and short form and long form confirmations involving the following dealers: ANZ, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, BP Singapore, Citibank, CTBC Bank, DBS Bank, EDF Trading, Engie Global Markets, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Freepoint, Goldman Sachs International, Grandeur, ICBC Standard Bank, Intesa Sanpaolo, JP Morgan, Macquarie Bank, Mercuria Energy Trading, Mitsui Bussan Commodities, Morgan Stanley, Natixis, PTT International Trading, RWE, Shell International Eastern Trading Company, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited, TOTSA TotalEnergies Trading SA and TOTSA Total Oil Trading SA.
- Advising on the proposed acquisition of 25% of shares in a Thai petroleum products sales and marketing company.

- Advising a national oil company on the proposed joint venture in the sales and marketing of petroleum products in the Philippines.
- Advising on the proposed entry of clients into the Singapore bunkering industry, including the bunkering licence regime in Singapore, and the acquisition of bunkering vessels or equity in bunkering licence holders.

Mining and Metals

- Advising Chalco (SSE: 601600) on its prepayment arrangement for purchase of coking coal from Erdenes Tavan Tolgoi mines in Mongolia.
- Advising on PT Indonesia Chemical Alumina on its chemical grade alumina production facilities in Tayan, Kalimantan, Indonesia, including restructuring of the financing for the project and acquisition of intellectual property.
- Advising PT ANTAM NiTERRA HALTIM on its development, construction, ownership and operation of a ferronickel blast furnace smelting project to be built at East Halmahera, Maluku, Indonesia, with the capacity of producing 80,000 metric tonnes of ferronickel per year.
- Advising ANTAM (ASX:ATM; IDX:ANTM) on its investment in PT Nusantara Halmahera Minerals, a joint venture between ANTAM and Newcrest Mining (ASX:NCM) and operates the Gosowong gold mines in Indonesia.
- Advising ANTAM (ASX:ATM; IDX:ANTM) on its acquisition of 20% of shares held by Showa Denko K.K. (TYO: 4004) in PT Indonesia Chemical Alumina, which developed, owns and operates chemical grade alumina production facilities in Tayan, Kalimantan, Indonesia, and restructuring of the financing for the project and acquisition of intellectual property.
- Advising a subsidiary of PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk (IDX: MDKA) on construction contracts for its Tujuh Bukit gold and copper mine in Java, Indonesia, which is partially funded from its US$130 million project financing by a syndicate of banks comprising HSBC (Singapore, Hong Kong and Jakarta), BNP Paribas (Singapore and Paris) and Société Générale (Hong Kong and Paris).
- Advising PT Feni Haltim, a subsidiary of ANTAM (ASX:ATM; IDX:ANTM), on its proposed US$1.6 billion development, construction and operation, as well as limited recourse financing, of a ferronickel smelter and ancillary facilities, including coal-fired and diesel-fired power plants, in East Halmahera, Maluku, Indonesia.

Infrastructure

- Advising a supplier of equipment for installation on vessels under construction at Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines (HHIC Phil)’s shipyard in the Philippines in connection with HHIC Phil's bankruptcy filings, which was the largest bankruptcy in the Philippines, with unpaid loan obligations amounting to US$412 million.
- Advising Chinese state-owned shipping firm, COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited (COSCO) and Lianyungang Port Holdings Group Co., Ltd (Lianyungang), on the acquisition of 49% in SEZ Khorgos-Eastern Gateway project, a dry port project in the Khorgos-East Gate Special Economic Zone logistics area, at the border of China and Kazakhstan, with the national railway company of Kazakhstan, Temir Zholy. The project is part of China’s Belt Road Initiative.
- Advising Evoqua Water Technologies (NYSE:AQUA) on its US$110 million divestment of Memcor® membrane product line to DuPont (NYSE: DD).
- Advised MRT Corporation Berhad on the construction contract and financing for the US$7 billion 40-kilometre Line 3/Circle Line of Kuala Lumpur’s metro system.

- Advising Shanghai Keolis Public Transport Operation Management (Shenkai) Co., Ltd, a subsidiary of Keolis, in relation to the preparation of an operation and maintenance contract for Shanghai Pudong international airport light rail/rapid transit system.
- Advising on a co-investment opportunity in a water fund that invests into small-to-medium-sized water companies in Asia.
- Advising a tech giant providing on-demand cloud computing platforms and application programming interfaces (APIs) in relation to the localisation of its standard construction contracts for data centres in Singapore and Indonesia.
- Advising on purchase of land parcels in an industrial park in Indonesia to build a factory, and on utilities supply contracts.

Credentials

Education

- Cardiff University, LL.B. (Hons.), 1993

Admissions

- Singapore, 2011
- England and Wales, 2002
- New York, 2000

Memberships & Affiliations

- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), Specialist Mediators Panel
- Member, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
- Member, Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN)
- Member, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)'s Asia-Pacific Energy, Commodities and Developing Products Group; Energy, Commodities & Developing Products Group; and Sanctions Working Group

Recognitions

- *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Asia Pacific*: Ranked for Projects & Energy (International Firms), and for Energy & Natural Resources
- *IFLR1000*: Project Development, Highly Regarded for Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Financial Services
- International Dispute Resolution

Industries

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Infrastructure
- Life Sciences

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Carbon Trading in the LNG Sector: Legal Frameworks and Emerging Market Trends", World Gas Conference (Industry Insight Session on LNG, the Shortest Route to Achieve Carbon-Neutrality Goals) in Beijing, 20 May 2025.
- Panelist, "Achieving ESG: Business Case for Nature-Based Climate Solutions", The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, 23 August 2022.
- Speaker, "Sustainability Series: Opportunities and Challenges in the Procurement of Renewable Energy in South East Asia", Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed)'s Webinar, 17 February 2022.
- Panelist, World Hydrogen Asia, hosted by World Hydrogen Leaders, 12 May 2021.
- Panelist, "Examining barriers to female career advancement and building gender-equal organisations", Women in Leadership – Advance & Thrive, Singapore, 14 January 2020.
- Panelist, "2019 a Major Year of FIDs? The Evolving Supplies and LNG Business Models", Gas Asia Summit, Singapore, 31 October 2019.
- Speaker, "Choppy Waters Ahead – Renegotiating Your Marine Fuel Contracts Before IMO 2020?" 5th LNG & Clean Marine Fuel Forum 2019, 13 September 2019.
- Speaker, "The more things change the more they stay the same: Rethinking LNG Contracts amidst rising commoditization", SKK MIGAS' 2019 Centres of Technical Excellence (COTEs) Programme, Gas Indonesia Summit and Exhibition 2019 (GASEX 2019), Jakarta, 31 July 2019.
- Speaker, "OBOR – Rise of China and its Significance to Legal Services", 5th Legal Forum Asia, Singapore, 16 May 2018.
- Contributor, Procuring Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Report 2018, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank.
- Speaker, "Incorporating Financing Packages in Your Procurement Strategies for Major Rail Projects", 5th International Rail Summit, Kuala Lumpur, 15-17 November 2017.
- Moderator, "Challenges and Opportunities for Small Scale LNG in Asia", IE Singapore's Gas Forum 2017, Singapore, 20 October 2017.

- Speaker, "Managing Risks in International Mining Projects – Trends in International Mining Projects & Steps to Mitigate Risks", China Mining Congress & Expo 2017, Tianjin, 23-25 September 2017.
- Speaker, "Managing Risks in International Oil & Gas Projects – Trends in International Oil & Gas Projects & Steps to Mitigate Risks", Deepwater & Modular Fabrication Technology 2017 presented by China Offshore Oil Engineering Co. Ltd (COOEC) and Fluor, Shenzhen, 21-22 September 2017.
- Speaker, "New Emissions Indicate Rise of LNG as Marine Fuel in Asia", Gas Indonesia Summit & Exhibition 2017, Jakarta, 12-14 July 2017.
- Speaker, "Singapore at the Centre: How the Little Red Dot could become Asia's first LNG trading hub", GASEX2016 Conference and Exhibition, Beijing, 21-23 September 2016.
- Author, "New emissions regulations indicate rise of LNG as marine fuel in Asia," Gastech News, 11 September 2016.
- Speaker, "Managing Risks – Swiber Case Study", Deepwater & Modular Fabrication Technology 2016 presented by China Offshore Oil Engineering Co. Ltd (COOEC) and Fluor, Qingdao, 20-21 August 2016.
- Panelist, "Closing the Investment Gap: Financing Energy and Environmental Targets", 2016 Pacific Energy Summit, Singapore, 22-24 June 2016.
- Speaker, "All Signs Point to Singapore: The Potential New Hub For Asia's Emerging LNG Trade?" LNG 18 conference, Perth, 11-15 April 2016.

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