



**DFDL IN THE LAO PDR**



*The preeminent firm in the Mekong Region and the one of the go-to firms for finance work. They have a wealth of experience in the Mekong Region and are both very responsive and commercial."*

Chambers Asia-Pacific 2022

DFDL was established in the Lao PDR in 1994. Based on **28 years of experience** in the jurisdiction, our Lao office has the knowledge and insights to assist clients to navigate the complexities of this emerging market and to provide commercially-focused advice.

Operating through our team of **9 experienced local lawyers and foreign advisers** based in Vientiane, DFDL provides a full range of legal and tax services.

**CORE EXPERTISE**

- BANKING, FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY
- ENERGY, MINING & INFRASTRUCTURE
- COMPLIANCE & INVESTIGATIONS
- REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION
- CORPORATE, MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS
- RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY
- EMPLOYMENT & LABOR
- TAXATION

**DEAL SNAPSHOT**

- The **Tropical Asia Forest Fund's** acquisition of a concessionary tree plantation.
- Advised an **international O&M company** on transfer of employees, and procedures and associated risks in transferring employees.
- Sale of **MMG Limited** equity interest in MMG Laos Holdings Limited to Chifeng Jilong Gold Mining Co., Limited.
- An **ASEAN-based investment fund** on its onshore acquisition of a stake in a leading Lao PDR health and education services.
- Advised **Lender** syndicates and **Sponsors** on development and financing of domestic and cross-border energy projects.
- A **hydro company** in relation to a 1,272MW seven-cascade hydropower project, advising on project company share transfers, review and negotiation of project documents, project permitting matters.
- A **consortium of banks** on its provisions of various products and services through electronic banking in Lao PDR.
- Comprehensive revision of **the Law on Minerals** in the Lao PDR, based on detailed analysis of the existing regulatory environment and best practices in the mining sector from across the region.

**DFDL ACROSS SOUTHEAST ASIA**



- 9** COUNTRIES
- 12** OFFICES
- 150+** ADVISERS
- 8** PRACTICE GROUPS
- 5** INTERNATIONAL DESKS

**AWARDS & RANKINGS**

**IFLR1000 2022**  
Tier 1 – Project Development  
Tier 1 – Financial & Corporate

**IFLR1000 2022**  
Rising Star Partner (PD) – Kristy Newby  
Rising Star (PD) – Standre Bezuidenhout

**CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2022**  
Winner of Mekong Region Firm of the Year 2020 - 2021 (2nd Year Running)

**Band 1** – General Corporate Business Law  
**Band 1** – General Business Law – Kristy Newby  
**Band 3** – General Business Law – Senesakoune Sihanouvang

**LEGAL500 ASIA PACIFIC 2022**  
Leading Firm – Tier 1  
Leading Individual – Kristy Newby  
Recommended Lawyer – Standre Bezuidenhout

**ASIALAW PROFILES 2022**  
Outstanding – General business law  
Highly Recommended –  
Banking and financial services / Infrastructure  
Elite Practitioner (Corporate M&A) – Kristy Newby

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