



DFDL in the Lao PDR



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DFDL provides a full range of legal and tax services to investors entering or operating in the Lao PDR. Our team of experienced local lawyers and foreign legal and tax advisers is best placed to advise ASEAN and international companies on their investments in this country.

Founded in 1994, DFDL is one of the oldest legal and tax firms in the Lao PDR and has the experience and insights to assist clients navigate the complexities of this emerging market and to provide commercially-focused advice.

Core Expertise

- Banking, Finance & Technology
- Compliance & Investigations
- Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions
- Employment & Labor
- Energy, Mining & Infrastructure
- Real Estate & Construction
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Taxation & Accounting

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.

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- IFLR1000 2020**
Tier 1 – Projects Development
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Band 2: General Business Law - Kristy Newby
Expertise based abroad in Thailand: General Business Law - Audray Souche
- LEGAL500 ASIA PACIFIC 2020**
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Leading Individuals – Kristy Newby
Next Generation Lawyers – Senesakoune Sihanoung
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