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Minter Ellison continues to grow its pioneering Mongolian practice

One new partner; two additional locally qualified lawyers

Ulaanbaatar, MONGOLIA: Leading Asia Pacific law firm MinterEllison has appointed a second partner on the ground in Mongolia to support client demand, including from foreign investors and lenders in the mining, infrastructure and services sectors.

Sebastian Rosholt, a cross border M&A and energy & resources sector specialist, has been promoted to the partnership and joins resident partner Elisabeth (Lis) Ellis in Ulaanbaatar. Mr Rosholt joined Minter Ellison in Sydney in 2008 (from South African law firm Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys) and transferred to the firm's office in Mongolia in February 2014.

Additionally, Ms **Mandy Bayarbat** and Ms **Amarjargal Batchuluun** have recently qualified as lawyers licensed to advise on Mongolian law, having successfully passed their admission exams, and are now Associates.

Ulaanbaatar Managing Partner **Lis Ellis** said the promotions reflect the depth of talent in the local office and firm's confidence in market opportunities going forward.

"With 2 Australian-qualified partners and 10 lawyers and legal graduates, MinterEllison is now one of the largest international firms with a permanent presence on the ground in Mongolia. We're working with many of the significant foreign investors and lenders in mining, infrastructure and services here, and while confidence is still guarded, there is absolutely no doubt that there will be a wave of new investment into Mongolia.

"The resources are here. The development of Phase II of Oyu Tolgoi is going ahead. The Government is committed to progress major projects. And its privatisation plan present real opportunities for foreign businesses.

Ms Ellis said the appointment of a second local partner demonstrates MinterEllison's confidence in this market and the firm's absolute commitment to having senior experienced lawyers on the ground to add value to clients.

"Sebastian has advised on a number of significant M&A transactions and has assisted a large number of foreign investors with the structuring and restructuring of their businesses. His international and cross-border transactional expertise is an invaluable commodity – our clients benefit from his ability to draw on that expertise to help them find solutions in the Mongolian legal context ."

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