

MYANMAR

DFDL provides a full range of legal and tax services to foreign and local investors operating in Myanmar. Our team of over 20 experienced local lawyers and foreign advisers in Yangon and Naypyidaw provide efficient, effective and practical legal services at an international standard, coupled with personal, in-depth knowledge of the local environment.

Founded in 1995, DFDL is one of the oldest foreign legal and tax firms in Myanmar and best placed to advise Asian and international companies on their investments in Myanmar. DFDL is the first leading international law firm specialized in emerging markets with a regional legal and tax expertise developed throughout the Mekong region, with a dedicated focus on Southeast Asia and beyond.

With a regional team of nearly 300 staff, including 140 lawyers and advisers, working closely together within a fast-growing network of 11 offices, DFDL provides personalized and cost-effective legal, tax and consulting services and solutions with expertise in:

Energy, Mining and Infrastructure

Mergers and Acquisition

Taxation

Real Estate and Construction

Corporate and Commercial

Employment and Labor

Since its foundation, DFDL has acquired an outstanding reputation for providing seamlessly integrated and solutions-oriented legal and tax services to establish, structure and protect our client's business interests. DFDL is also actively involved, in tandem with international development agencies and local jurisdiction stakeholders, in developing the legal and regulatory environment of the emerging markets in which we operate.

ABOUT MYANMAR

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a jewel that has remained in the shadows for decades, is now opening to the world revealing astonishing natural beauty, an unparalleled cultural heritage and a wealth of natural resources.

With a civilization more than 2,500-year-old and a current population of over 50 million, Myanmar is the largest country by geographical area in mainland Southeast Asia. Myanmar borders China, the Lao PDR, Thailand, Bangladesh and India. The Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea define its seaward periphery.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources, containing petroleum, natural gas, timber, tin, zinc, copper and precious stones. The economy relies heavily on the export of natural gas, agricultural products, marine and forestry products, and textiles. Its most important trade partners are Thailand, China, Japan, Singapore, and India.

The nation's proven gas reserves doubled in the past decade to 570 billion cubic meters, equivalent to almost a fifth of Australia's, according to the BP Statistical Review.

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EXPERTISE

OUR EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

- Project finance;
- Corporate secretarial;
- Trademark search, registration and defense;
- Company liquidation;
- Labor advice and negotiation;
- Real estate due diligence;
- Hotel licensing;
- Advice on mineral and infrastructure concessions;
- Employment and labor;

- Tax planning;
- Visa and stay permit assistance;
- Litigation supervision;
- Providing a local registered address;
- Local agent registration and termination;
- Trade and customs advice;
- Currency and remittance advice; and
- Assistance on ship arrests.

EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Major energy joint ventures and power projects;
- Restructuring and ongoing regulatory challenges of a hotel and resort complexes;
- Contracts involving existing hard minerals projects;
- Aircraft leasing involving multiple aircraft;
- Restructuring cellular telecommunications projects;
- Myanmar portion of a multi-national satellite services project;
- On-going regulatory work for a major pharmaceutical and medical care company; and
- Solving regulatory challenges for large agricultural projects.

AWARDS AND RANKINGS

- 2017 International Financial Law Review National Law Firm of the Year – Myanmar 5th Consecutive Year
- 2018 Chambers Asia Pacific Band 1 General Business
- 2018 The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Tier 1 Projects (including Energy)
- **2018 IFLR1000** Tier 1 Financial and Corporate

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