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# EXPERIENCE SHEET: CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING & ENERGY

Julian acts for all stakeholders in projects including Developers, Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Consultants, and Governments. He is also regularly appointed as an arbitrator and mediator.

He has over 30 years' specialist experience of heavyweight international construction, engineering and energy disputes and arbitrations across Asia Pacific, Middle East and North Africa, and Europe.

Julian Cohen is recognised as one of the world's leading construction lawyers, and is ranked by legal directories as being one of Hong Kong's leading construction barristers (Doyle's Guide and The Legal 500) and a top arbitration practitioner (Who's Who Legal: China and Hong Kong).

## 1.1 Energy Projects

## Power projects:

- Multi-million USD dispute arising out of a solar powered power station in Egypt
- USD2 billion arbitrations involving expropriation of Indonesian geothermal power fields
- Multi-million USD arbitration arising out of construction of power station in Indonesia
- Multi-million USD disputes arising out of construction of two major electrical sub-stations in Dubai
- Multi-million GBP dispute over the construction of the Peterborough CCGT power station

- Multi-million GBP dispute over the construction of the Corby power station
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to electronic control systems in two major power stations
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to O&M of captive power station in Albania
- Discrete contractual advice in relation to multi-million USD disputes on hydro-electric power station in Pakistan/Kashmir
- Settlement negotiations in relation to defects claims in relation to a coal fired power station in Philippines
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to a coal fired power station in India.
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to a solar power project in Egypt.
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to a wind power project in Pakistan.

## Oil and gas projects:

- Multi-million GBP dispute over construction of North Sea Oil platform.
- Two multi-million USD disputes over construction of world's two largest Semi-Submersible Oil Rigs
- Multi-billion USD dispute concerning an oil pipeline and terminal facility in Abu Dhabi. multi-million USD dispute concerning construction of an oil terminal in U.A.E.
- Major oil and gas distributorship dispute in the U.A.E
- Acting as arbitrator in relation to multi-million USD disputes over oil refinery in Abu Dhabi
- Advising party in relation to multi-million USD disputes over construction and installation of off shore platform for Qatar
- Advising party in relation multi-million USD dispute in relation to petrochemical facility in Kuwait
- Acting as arbitrator in relation to multi-million USD disputes over oil facilities in Saudi Arabia

## 1.2 Infrastructure Projects including

#### Rail Projects:

- Lead counsel representing Diaphragm Wall sub-contractor in front of an independent Commission of Inquiry concerning the Hung Hom Mass Transit Railway station in Hong Kong.
- Multi-million GBP dispute in relation to procurement of Eurostar High speed trains in England,
   France and Belgium

- Multi-million USD disputes over construction of major railway station in Kuala Lumpur
- Discrete advice in relation to disputes over construction of Taiwan High Speed Rail
- Several multi-million USD disputes over construction of Mass Transit Railway projects in HK
- Multi-million USD dispute over construction of Mass Railway Transit project in Singapore
- Multi-million USD dispute over construction of a monorail system in the U.A.E.
- Acting as arbitrator in relation to multi–million USD disputes over project management services for a light railway system in Asia
- Discrete advice in relation to multi-million USD dispute over cancelled rail project in Philippines

## **Road Projects:**

- Several multi-million USD disputes arising out of construction of major road projects in Hong Kong.
- Two multi-million USD disputes arising out of construction of highways in the U.A.E
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to construction of roads in Fiji
- Multi-million USD disputes in relation to roads in Botswana
- Multi-million GBP dispute in relation to A23 in England
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- Disputes under franchise agreement for toll road in Indonesia
- Multi-million USD disputes for toll road in Philippines
- Multi-million USD dispute over major road project in Dubai

#### Tunnel, Bridge and Canal Projects:

- Multi-billion GBP disputes on construction of the Channel Tunnel
- Advice regarding Western Harbour Tunnel in Hong Kong
- Multi-million USD dispute over design of Ting Kau bridge in Hong Kong
- Multi-million USD dispute concerning the excavation of a canal in the Middle East.

#### Airports projects

- Discrete contractual issues in relation to multibillion USD disputes arising out of the construction of two new airports in the Middle East
- Multi-billion HKD disputes arising out of construction of new HK International Airport

- Various disputes arising out of construction of airport related facilities at new HK
   International Airport
- Dispute in relation to the supply and installation of lighting systems for the taxiways at HK international airport
- Advising main contractor with regards to disputes over the construction, and potential termination of, a new international airport in Africa.

#### Maritime port projects:

- Multi-billion HKD disputes arising out of the construction of a new shipping port (CT9) in Hong Kong.
- Enforcement issues in relation to disputes over construction of a shipping port in Thailand

#### 1.3 **Building Developments including:**

#### Residential developments

- Investment and restructuring issues in the World Development in Dubai
- Multi-billion US disputes over a series of residential developments and tower blocks in Dubai including defects claims
- USD multi-million arbitration concerning a major international residential development including power and road facilities in Shanghai including defects claims
- Multi-million USD arbitration in relation to a major luxury residential development in Hong Kong including several tower blocks, town house and luxury club house facilities including defects issues
- Multi-million USD dispute in relation to design and construction of labour accommodation blocks in U.A.E.
- Defects disputes in connection with a luxury residential development comprising of several tower blocks in the UAE.
- Multi-million USD claim against architect for professional negligence over GFA usage for HK residential development
- Multi-million HKD dispute against architect for professional negligence over Government approvals and permits for HK residential development
- Multi-million HKD dispute for the Final Account on a HK residential development
- Acting as sole arbitrator in Multi-million HKD dispute concerning piling works for a residential development between main contractor and sub-contractor.

## Commercial development projects

- Disputes in relation to major Grade A commercial development in Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Disputes in relation to defective cladding on parts of IFC2 commercial development in Hong Kong
- Disputes in relation to construction of an international shopping facility in the Middle East
- Disputes in relation to contractual issues in relation to specialist sub contract package for the Burj Khalif tower in Dubai
- Advising various contractors in relation to suspended / terminated commercial developments is Dubai
- Disputes in relation to defective design and construction of 23 multi-storey car parks in the U.A.E.
- Multi-million USD dispute over construction of a television studio facility in Iran
- · Acting as arbitrator in a multi-million USD dispute in relation to a development in Qatar

#### Hotel developments

- Acting for bondsman in a multi-million USD dispute concerning an abortive Hong Kong hotel development
- Advising developer of a major international airport hotel in relation to claims arising out of reduction in size of hotel development due to encroachment of airport runway safety envelope.
- Multi-million USD arbitration in relation to design and fit out of a hotel in Dubai
- Multi-million USD arbitration in relation to final account for construction for hotel in Hong Kong

#### **Educational facilities**

- Disputes in in relation to the renovation and extension of university facilities in Hong Kong
- Arbitration in relation to construction of educational college in Dubai
- Arbitration in relation to defective design and construction of a school in Dubai

#### 1.4 Water and sewage projects including:

- Multi-million US\$ dispute on part of Yellow River project in PRC
- Multi-million US\$ arbitration concerning the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme in Hong Kong

- Contractual issues concerning the design and construction of a desalination plant in Middle Fast
- Acting for designer of an underground reservoir in multi-million GBP dispute over design and defects

## 1.5 Process plant projects including:

- Multi-million USD arbitration concerning construction of a petro-chemical process plant in PRC
- Multi-million USD arbitration over a concrete process plant in Vietnam
- Multi-million USD major process plant dispute in Oman
- Multi-million USD dispute on a process plant / factory in Bangladesh
- Multi-million USD dispute on a process plant in Saudi Arabia
- Multi-million USD dispute on a process plant in Turkey
- Multi-million USD dispute on a combined mining and process plant in Brazil
- Multi-million USD dispute on a combined mining and process plant in Turkey
- Multi-million USD dispute concerning construction of a petro-chemical process plant in Saudi Arabia
- Enforcement in Hong Kong of a CIETAC arbitration award arising out of the construction of an petrochemical plant in the PRC.

## 1.6 Environmental and reclamation issues, including:

- Acting for the Developer in a claim against Hong Kong Government for compensation for damage flowing from high profile and major land settlement problems in Tseung Kwun O
- Acting for the contractor in a high profile environmental appeal in Hong Kong.
- Multi-million USD dispute in relation to dredging and reclamation work
- Acting for land fill operator in Hong Kong relation to health and safety issues and contractual issues

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