

# **Norton Rose Group expands across Canada, Latin America and Kazakhstan**

Creating one of the world's leading energy  
and mining practices



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2900 lawyers  
43 offices  
6 continents  
1 vision

We are delighted to announce that, on 1 January 2012, leading Canadian law firm Macleod Dixon will join Norton Rose Group. As a result of this merger, Norton Rose Group will expand in Canada and acquire a strong presence in Latin America and in Kazakhstan in Central Asia, reinforcing our market-leading capabilities in energy, mining and commodities and enhancing the service we provide to our clients worldwide.

## Increased resources in Canada

Macleod Dixon's origins date back almost 100 years in Calgary, an important international energy market. The firm is consistently top-ranked in energy, mining and natural resources. *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* honoured the firm with the 2010 Global Mining Law Firm of the Year award and, in 2011, Macleod Dixon was named Law Firm of the Year by the World National Oil Companies Congress.

In Canada, we will, from January, be ranked among the top three legal practices, with close to 700 lawyers based in Calgary, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Québec. We will also be one of the few Canadian practices to have a significant presence in Canada's three main markets of Calgary, Toronto and Montréal. Our expanded Canadian practice will operate under the name of Norton Rose Canada.

## Expansion into Latin America

In Latin America, the Group will, as a result of Macleod Dixon joining us, expand into two important new markets – Venezuela and Colombia. With 50 lawyers, the Caracas office is one of the largest legal practices in Venezuela and

is top ranked for energy, dispute resolution and employment and labour. The Bogotá office, established in 2010, has 12 lawyers and is developing a leading reputation for its mining expertise in Colombia.

## Expansion in Kazakhstan

In Kazakhstan, the Group will be joined by Macleod Dixon's well-established Almaty team, which specialises in energy and natural resources. This team, which has 13 lawyers, will complement our existing energy and mining practice and provide highly experienced, on-the-ground expertise.

## Joining forces in Moscow

We will also expand our existing Moscow office with the addition of Macleod Dixon's Moscow-based team, which will considerably enhance our energy and mining practice in Russia.

## Creating a world-leading practice in energy and mining

The merger will significantly increase our resources across key industry sectors, particularly in energy, infrastructure, mining and commodities. Macleod Dixon is a market leader in energy and mining law. From January, Norton Rose Group will have more than 200 energy lawyers and more than 200 mining lawyers worldwide, operating in most of the world's key emerging markets and creating one of the world's leading energy and mining practices.

The Group's increased resources and strength and breadth of geographic coverage will enhance its principal areas of practice: corporate, banking, litigation and dispute resolution, intellectual property, antitrust, competition and regulatory, real estate, tax and employment and labour.

## A top five international legal practice

From 2012, Norton Rose Group will be one of the world's five largest international legal practices, with more than 2,900 lawyers in 43 offices throughout Europe, Asia Pacific, Canada, Africa, Central Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

## One vision

The enlargement of Norton Rose Group constitutes a significant step towards realising the Group's aim of becoming one of the world's leading providers of legal services with offices in the world's principal business and financial centres, as well as in emerging markets.

The ambition for the Group remains unchanged: to provide the highest quality legal advice to clients, wherever they are in the world. Our approach will continue to be directed by our business principles of "Quality, Unity and Integrity", which are at the heart of our dealings with clients and staff.

“This is another exciting move for the Group and constitutes a significant step towards realising our global ambition of becoming one of the world’s leading providers of legal services. This merger delivers real strength in energy and mining in Canada, Latin America and Kazakhstan”.



*Left to right:*  
Peter Martyr, Group Chief Executive, Norton Rose Group  
W. H. (Bill) Tuer, Managing Partner, Macleod Dixon  
John Coleman, Managing Partner, Norton Rose OR

## Awards and accolades

### MacLeod Dixon

Law Firm of the Year, *World National Oil Companies Congress* 2011

Band 1 – Energy and Natural Resources: Latin America, *Chambers Global* 2011

Global Mining Law Firm of the Year, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* 2010

### Norton Rose OR

Band 1 – International Trade/WTO, *Chambers Global* 2011

Leading Canadian firm, *Global Arbitration Review* 2011

Only leading Canadian law firm in Life Sciences – Regulatory, *Practical Law Company Life Sciences Handbook* 2011

### Norton Rose Group

Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year, *Legal Business* 2011

Law Firm of the Year, *The Lawyer Awards* 2011

Top 20 Global Elite Brand Leader *sharplegal Global Elite Brand Index* 2011



\* associate office  
 \*\* office opens January 2012

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## Worldwide resources — 2900 lawyers, 43 offices

Abu Dhabi • Almaty • Amsterdam • Athens • Bahrain • Bangkok • Beijing • Bogotá • Brisbane • Brussels • Calgary • Canberra • Cape Town • Caracas • Casablanca • Dar es Salaam\* • Dubai • Durban • Frankfurt • Hamburg • Ho Chi Minh City\* • Hong Kong • Jakarta\* • Johannesburg • London • Melbourne • Milan • Montréal • Moscow • Munich • Ottawa • Paris • Perth • Piraeus • Prague • Québec • Rome • Shanghai • Singapore • Sydney • Tokyo • Toronto • Warsaw \*Associate office

## Worldwide expertise

Acquisition finance	Equity capital markets	Private equity
Alternative dispute resolution	Financial institutions	Projects and project finance
Antitrust, competition and regulatory	Financial services and markets	Rail
Asset finance	Fast moving consumer goods	Real estate
Asset-based lending	Green economy	Regulatory and public law
Asset management	Infrastructure	Restructuring and insolvency
Aviation	Insurance	Retail and brands
Banking and finance	Intellectual property	Roads
Business ethics and anti-corruption	International arbitration	Securities, regulation and enforcement
Capital markets	Investment funds	Securitisation
Cleantech	Islamic finance	Shipping
Climate change	Litigation and dispute resolution	Structured trade and commodity finance
Commodities	Mergers and acquisitions	Tax
Communications, media and technology	Mining	Technology
Construction and engineering	Nuclear	Telecommunications
Corporate	Occupational health, safety and security	Tourism and hospitality
Debt capital markets	Oil and gas	Transport
Derivatives	Outsourcing	US corporate finance
Employee benefits and executive compensation	Pensions	Water
Employment and labour	Pharmaceuticals and life sciences	WTO and international trade
Energy	Ports	
Environment, safety and planning	PFI/PPP	
	Power	

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