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Olympic-Size Investments: Business Opportunities and Legal Framework

21–23 February 2011 Sofitel Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sessions include:

- Procurement and construction
- Energy challenges of creating an efficient and sustainable energy model for an Olympic city
- The services sector moved by major sport-hosting events
- The quest for optimising the dispute resolution process in major sport-hosting events
- Taxation challenges and incentives of structuring projects
- Taxation customs/importing and exporting
- The challenges of financing infrastructure for major events
- Capital markets: going public with infrastructure projects in Brazil
- Environment legacy to the future

Who should attend?

Brazilian and international lawyers both in private practice and in-house counsel, government officials, law professors, business executives at investment management firms, company representatives, sports federation leaders, bankers, academics, economists and politicians.

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Monday 21 February

1200 – 1700 Registration at Sofitel Copacabana Hotel

1400 – 1700 Visit to the Maracanã Stadium (Transport will be provided)

Ticket US\$ 25

1900 – 2200 Welcome dinner cordially offered by the city of Rio de Janeiro and hosted by Mr Eduardo Paes, Mayor of the city of Rio de Janeiro at the City Palace (Palácio da Cidade) (Transport will be provided)

Tuesday 22 February

0800 – 1700 Registration at Sofitel Copacabana Hotel

0845 – 0900 Welcome remarks from the IBA 2009/2010 President Fernando Peláez-Pier Hoet Peláez Castillo & Duque, Caracas

0900 – 0915 Directive remarks from the conference Co-Chairs Gilberto Giusti Hendrik Haag

0915 – 1000 **Opening address** Eduardo Paes *Mayor of the city of Rio de Janeiro*

1000 – 1115 Procurement and construction

This panel will discuss the role of the legal professional during the progress of the investments and the legal structure surrounding the construction issues during a country's preparation for a major event such as the Olympic Games and/or the World Cup, events that can generate profits of millions of dollars to the host country. The work of lawyers must be focused on accomplishing contracts and resolving any possible conflicts that may arise. The panel will approach a more practical point of view, establishing the steps that a country needs to take in order to succeed in hosting these major events.

Session Co-Chairs

Horacio Bernardes Neto Xavier Bernardes Bragança Sociedade de Advogados, São Paulo; Vice-Chair, IBA Bar Issues Commission Mark Lane Pinsent Masons, London; Co-Chair, IBA International Construction Projects Committee

Speakers

Rodrigo Bueno Construtora Norberto Odebrecht SA, São Paulo Todd Crider Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York Roberto Hernández García COMAD SC, Mexico City; Co-Chair, IBA International Construction Projects Committee José Luis Vittor McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Houston Diego Muñoz Tamayo Muñoz Tamayo & Asociados, Bogota

1115 – 1145 Coffee break

1145 – 1300

Energy – challenges of creating an efficient and sustainable energy model for an Olympic city

This panel will discuss issues that affect the future of energy in light of the challenges that Brazil faces as host of world class sport events: re-thinking energy policies; developing and implementing renewable energies; the challenges of Pre-salt exploration; the role of energy companies; the development of energy projects from the legal perspective.

Session Co-Chairs

Brian Bradshaw Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Houston; Vice-Chair, IBA Oil and Gas Law Committee

Daniela Ribeiro Vieira Rezende Barbosa e Guerreiro Advogados, Rio de Janeiro

Speakers

Carlos de María y Campos Galicia Abogados, Mexico City Jaime Herrera Posse Herrera & Ruiz, Bogota; Co-Chair, IBA Latin American Regional Forum

Helder Queiroz Economy Institute of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro

Fernando Quicios Dorado Perez-LLorca, Madrid

David Zylbersztajn DZ Negócios com Energia, Rio de Janeiro

1300 - 1430 Lunch

1430 - 1545

The services sector moved by major sport-hosting events

This panel will provide participants with in-depth information from players who have expertise in the major sports events sector. Some of the issues that will be brought before the panel for discussion include key sensitivities that are likely to have a significant impact on business, as well as key success factors within the control of sector operators which should be followed.

Session Co-Chairs

Daniel del Río Basham Ringe y Correa SC, Mexico City; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division

Moira Huggard-Caine TozziniFreire Advogados, São Paulo; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division

Speakers

Simon Cummins Odgers Berndtson, London Elvio Gaspar Brazilian Development Bank – BNDES, Rio de Janeiro

1545 – 1615 Coffee break

1615 – 1730

The quest for optimising the dispute resolution process in major sport-hosting events

The panel will debate the trends and best practices of resolving disputes in challenging environments with time-sensitive deadlines. Panellists will address issues related to arbitration, dispute boards, expert determination, mediation and electronic discovery on infrastructure projects for big international sports events. The experiences of Atlanta, Barcelona and the London Olympic Games will be discussed. The panel will also address the unique aspects of sports disputes and the potential use of a fast-track dispute resolution process in this area.

Session Co-Chairs

Júlio Cesar Bueno Pinheiro Neto Advogados, São Paulo; Vice-Chair, IBA Project Establishment Subcommittee Guido Tawil M&M Bomchil, Buenos Aires; Co-Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee

Speakers

Virginia Allan Uría & Menéndez, Madrid Jerry Brodsky Peckar & Abramson, Miami, FL Adrian Hughes QC Thirty Nine Essex Street Chamber, London Ank Santens White & Case LLP, New York David W Rivkin Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division

1900 – 2200

Cocktail reception offered by the Host Committee at late Clube do Rio de Janeiro (Transport will be provided)

Wednesday 23 February

0800 - 1800

Registration at Sofitel Copacabana Hotel

0900 - 0915

Reopening remarks from the Co-Chairs of the Latin American Regional Forum Jaime Herrera

Claudio Undurraga Prieto y Cía, Santiago

0915 – 1115

Taxation - double session

1. Challenges and incentives of structuring projects

The tax challenges of structuring projects, including: tax obstacles and tax incentives to be considered when contracting the construction and financing; the perspective of the investors.

Session Co-Chairs

Raquel Novais Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice Advogados, São Paulo Carola Van Den Bruinhorst Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam; Co-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee

Speakers

Glaucia Maria Lauletta Frascino Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados, São Paulo Elinore Richardson Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto, ON Sonia Velasco Cuatrecasas, Barcelona; Vice-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee

2. Customs/importing and exporting

• Mercosur and WTO

- The Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods CISG
- Customs issues within Mercosur

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Gustavo M Brigagão Ulhôa Canto Rezende e Guerra Advogados, Rio de Janeiro

Jaime Carey & Cia, Santiago; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division

Speakers

Alejandro Altamirano Altamirano & Asociados, Buenos Aires Maristela Basso Maristela Basso Advogados, São Paulo Lauro Gama Jr Binenbojm Gama & Carvalho Britto Advogados, Rio de Janeiro

1115 – 1145 Coffee break

1145 - 1300

The challenges of financing infrastructure for major events Recent experience in the financing of infrastructure - both stadia and urban infrastructure, such as airports, roads, telecommunications etc. in connection with recent stagings of the Olympic Games, the football World Cup and other major sporting events, the do's and don'ts, the differences of financing infrastructure in Latin America, the views from BNDES and from the private banking sector; how to get involved in infrastructure financing in Brazil, challenges to overcome and pitfalls to avoid.

Session Co-Chairs

Robert L Nelson Jr Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, San Francisco, CA and Abu Dhabi; Vice-Chair, IBA Project Finance Subcommittee Ricardo Veirano Veirano Advogados Associados, São Paulo; Secretary, IBA Latin American Regional Forum

Speakers

Antonio Felix de Araújo Cintra TozziniFreire Advogados, São Paulo Francisco Javier Illanes Cariola Diez Pérez-Cotapos, Santiago

1300 - 1430 Lunch

1430 - 1545

Capital markets: going public with infrastructure projects in Brazil

A roundtable with local and foreign capital markets specialists to discuss market opportunities and regulatory challenges relating to infrastructure projects in Brazil.

Session Co-Chairs

Francisco Antunes Maciel Müssnich Barbosa Müssnich & Aragão Advogados, Rio de Janeiro Petra Zijp NautaDutilh NV Amsterdam; Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Capital Markets Forum

Speakers

Julian Chediak Motta Fernandes Rocha Advogados, Rio de Janeiro Nelson Eizirik Carvalhosa Eizirik e Motta Veiga Advogados, Rio de Janeiro Paul Schnell Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, New York Otavio Yazbek Brazilian Securities Commission - CVM, Rio de Janeiro

1545 – 1615 Coffee break

1615 – 1730

Environment – legacy to the future

This panel will analyse the need to develop the Olympic project with an environmentally friendly focus, trying to minimise the adverse impact of the urban transformation, infrastructures and landscaping in the host city. We will develop aspects such as the investments planned for the conservation of the environment to comply with environmental protection standards set by the International Olympic Committee, the necessary adjustments to existing environmental legislation needed to convert Rio de Janeiro into a 'green city', as well as the requirements of different infrastructure investments in order to be environmentally friendly. In so doing the Olympics will leave a lasting legacy for Rio de Janeiro and Brazil.

Session Co-Chairs

José Antonio Fichtner Andrade & Fichtner Advogados, Rio de Janeiro Eduardo Sanguinetti Sanguinetti Foderé Bragard Abogados, Montevideo; Senior Vice-Chair, Latin American Regional Forum

Speakers

Carlos Minc State Legislature of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro Gabriel R Macchiavello Rattagan Macchiavello Arocena & Peña Robirosa Abogados, Buenos Aires Pedro Teixeira ThyssenKrupp CSA, Rio de Janeiro

1730 – 1800 Final remarks from the conference Co-Chairs

2000 – 2300 Cocktail and closing party - Carnival show at City of Samba (Transport will be provided) Ticket US\$ 130 Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Legal Education For delegates from countries where CPD/CLE is mandatory,

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Information

Date

21-23 February 2011

Venue

Sofitel Copacabana Hotel Avenida Atlântica, 4240 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, RJ Tel: +55 (21) 2525 1232 or +55 (21) 2525 1200 Fax: +55 (21) 2525 1230 Website: www.sofitel.com

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(under 30 years)	US\$ 505	US\$ 1,150
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(full time)	US\$ 505	US\$ 1,150
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Corporate counsel	US\$ 650	US\$ 1,150
Ticket - Visit to		
the Maracanã Stadium	US\$ 25	US\$ 25
Ticket - Closing party	US\$ 130	US\$ 130
Guest fee	US\$ 165	US\$ 165

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Non-member*	US\$ 1,040	US\$ 1,280
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Fees include

Attendance at all working sessions on 22–23 February

• Conference materials, including any available speaker's papers submitted to the IBA before 8 February

 Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.int-bar.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference

Payment of registration fees

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Language

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- Lunches on 22 and 23 February
- Coffee during breaks
- Invitation to welcome dinner at the City Palace on 21 February
- Invitation to hosted cocktail reception at late Clube do Rio de Janeiro on 22 February

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List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by **14 February** at the latest.

Registration confirmation

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If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by **21** January, fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. We regret that no refunds can be made after this date.

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Classic – Single/Double: R\$ 535 (approximately US\$ 290) Deluxe – Single/Double: R\$ 620 (approximately US\$ 336)

Cancellation and no-show policy

Any cancellation made within 48 hours before arrival will incur a cancellation fee of one night charge.

Please note that any reservation at the Sofitel Copacabana Hotel made after 20 December 2010 will be subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at the special IBA rate. As a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the Sofitel Copacabana Hotel, availability cannot be guaranteed once the room block is full.

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Social programme

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Registration form

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The IBA Latin American Regional Forum

The Latin American Regional Forum covers all countries in Latin America as well as Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spanishspeaking areas of the Caribbean. The forum provides a focus for all activities in the region. It organises sessions at IBA conferences and in particular has been instrumental in ensuring that a Latin American perspective is addressed during relevant special sessions. The forum is closely affiliated with the **North American Regional Forum** as the regions are geographically proximate and share many issues.

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