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Practice area: **Cross-border Investment & Finance, International Construction & Projects**

Mr. Zhong LI specializes in cross-border investment and M&A transactions. Mr. Li has advised many corporate clients in overseas investment, M&A transactions, and overseas construction and finance transactions. Mr. Li has also served as the outside legal counsel for many state-owned enterprises. Through his extensive career, Mr. Li has developed a deep understanding of both the water supply and energy industries.

Representative Matters

- Advised on Gezhouba Group's investment in cement industry (by setting up JV) in Myanmar
- Advised on Yangquan Coal Industry Group's 20-year-supply contract of 2.6 million tons of ethane with America Ethane Company and related investment
- Advised Shandong Lidao Company on establishing a fishery industrial park in Fujii
- Advised TBEA on its 100 MW solar energy EPC + O&M project in Pakistan
- Advised China Development Bank on its financing transactions in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan
- Advised BBKA Group on its investment in agricultural chemical industry and Export-Import Bank of China's related financing project in Brazil
- Acted as the outside legal counsel for China Yangtze Power projects (including investments in Hong Kong) including contract review, cross-border investment legal procedure counselling, etc
- Advised on Three Gorges Group's acquisition of more than 20 pumped-storage hydroelectric power stations
- Advised on Three Gorges Group's share acquisition of Sichuan Energy Investment, including due diligence investigations, drafting, share transfer, etc
- Advised on Three Gorges Group's acquisition of solar energy transactions in Greece
- Advised on maritime transfer matters in China Huaneng Group's acquisition of a Shanghai company and a Hong Kong shipping company
- Represented many corporate clients in overseas investments and M&A transactions: Three Gorges Group, Huaneng Group, Sound Environment, XCMG, Zongshen Motor, Sailhero Environmental Protection, Anhui Fengyuan, Datsing Bio-Tech and others. The countries/regions of investment involved in these investments include the United States, Brazil, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and more
- Handled more than a dozen investments and M&A transactions in the fields of water supply and energy; these include the state-owned equity transfer project of Tianjin Waterwork Group, the equity transfer project of Nanjing Northern City sewage treatment plant, the state-owned equity transfer project of Changzhou Water Group, the state-owned equity transfer project of Xiangfan Water Group, the equity transfer project of Chongqing Changshou Industrial, the equity transfer project of Harbin Sunshine Harbin Sunshine Cogeneration Co., Ltd., the power plant acquisition project of Chengdu Sanwayao, and other projects
- Acted as the outside legal counsel for a great number of companies, such as Three Gorges Group, Water Business Doctor, Furui Steel, and China Institute of Aerospace Standardization

Education Background

- Bachelor of Engineering, Hohai University (1990)
- LL.M in International Business Law, King's College London (2003)
- English Law and EU Law Training Certificate, SOAS University of London (2002)

Professional Qualifications

- Bar admission in P.R. China

Professional Background

- Before joining DeHeng, Mr. Li practiced with Veolia Energy Asia (Dalkia Asia), Veolia Water China, a leading law firm in Beijing, Atkin Chambers in London, and in Slaughter & May's London and Hong Kong offices.