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Allens Arthur Robinson (**Allens**) is an international law firm with 15 offices in Australia, South East Asia and China. We have over 800 lawyers including 196 partners. We have been providing legal services for clients in Australia for more than 180 years and in the Asia region for more than 30 years.

Allens has lawyers based in Bangkok, Beijing, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Phnom Penh, Port Moresby, Shanghai, Singapore and in all major Australian capitals. We also have a regular secondees based in Japan and extensive experience in the Philippines and Korea. As part of our expansion into Asia, we formed a strategic alliance with leading Malaysian law firm Raja Darryl & Loh.

Our Korean practice

Allens works closely with leading Korean law firm Shin & Kim. Allens Senior Associate Michael Chang was seconded to Shin & Kim's office in Seoul for several years. As a result of our close alliance with Shin & Kim, and our extensive experience working on Korean projects, Allens is recognised as one of the foreign law firms with significant experience in Korea.

As one of the largest law firms in Korea, Shin & Kim has around 140 professional staff, including lawyers, tax accountants and patent attorneys. The firm's practice covers a wide range of legal areas, such as corporate, mergers and acquisitions, projects & energy, securities, banking & finance, fair trade and monopoly, bankruptcy, international trade, real estate, labour, tax, intellectual property and litigation.

Shin & Kim has been named a leading firm in Korea in *Asia Pacific Legal 500 2008-09* and *Chambers Asia 2009*. They have been recommended for their work in the areas of: Anti-trust & Competition, Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Corporate and M&A, Dispute Resolution, Employment, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Projects & Energy, Real Estate, Tax and TMT.



Our experience in Korea

Korean tollroads – Worked with Shin & Kim on advising Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund (**MKIF**) in connection with numerous road infrastructure projects in Korea, including its non-recourse investment in the 82 kilometre Daegu-Busan expressway tollroad in South Korea. The project is being constructed on a Build-Transfer-Operate basis. It is a dual two lane road which includes 105 bridges and 13 tunnels. We have also advised MKIF in relation to its investment in the US\$774 million Yongin-Seoul toll road project (including all aspects of the design and construction contract) and its investment in the US\$1.4 billion Seoul-Chuncheon toll road project.

Acquisition of majority interest in Taiwan Broadcasting Corporation – Advised Macquarie Korea Opportunity Fund (MKOF), a Korea-based fund in relation to its acquisition of a majority interest in the Taiwan Broadcasting Corporation, a Taiwanese cable television and broadband company.

Mining project – Acting for a major Korean bank in relation to a substantial loan for the development and construction of a major mining project to extract stone for use in the construction of roads, infrastructure and buildings in Cambodia.

Secured financing – Advising Korean lenders in connection with an US\$27 million financing secured by a Cambodian registered vessel, and other financiers of transactions secured by Cambodian assets, including preparing security documents and advising on the validity and enforceability of proposed financing arrangements

Property and hospitality development – Advising POSCO E&C in connection with the financing of a major hotel investment in Cambodia, including advising on project structure, contractual arrangements, security interests and property law issues and acting for Intercontinental Hotels in relation to the construction, fitout and management of a five-star hotel in Cambodia; and acting for Daewoo Capital Corporation on its proposed lending arrangements in connection with a major property development in Cambodia.

Expressway and Subway – Advised MKIF in connection with the Suseok-Hopyung Expressway Project and the Seoul Subway Number 9, a 3-track subway currently under construction, which will provide an express service to commuters.

Machang bridge – Advised MKIF in connection with its investment in the US\$300 million Machang Bridge Project under construction in South Korea. The bridge joins the cities Masan and Changwon. The Machang Bridge is the first greenfields project developed by MKIF under the *Private Participation in Infrastructure Act*.

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