

CAPABILITIES

MINING

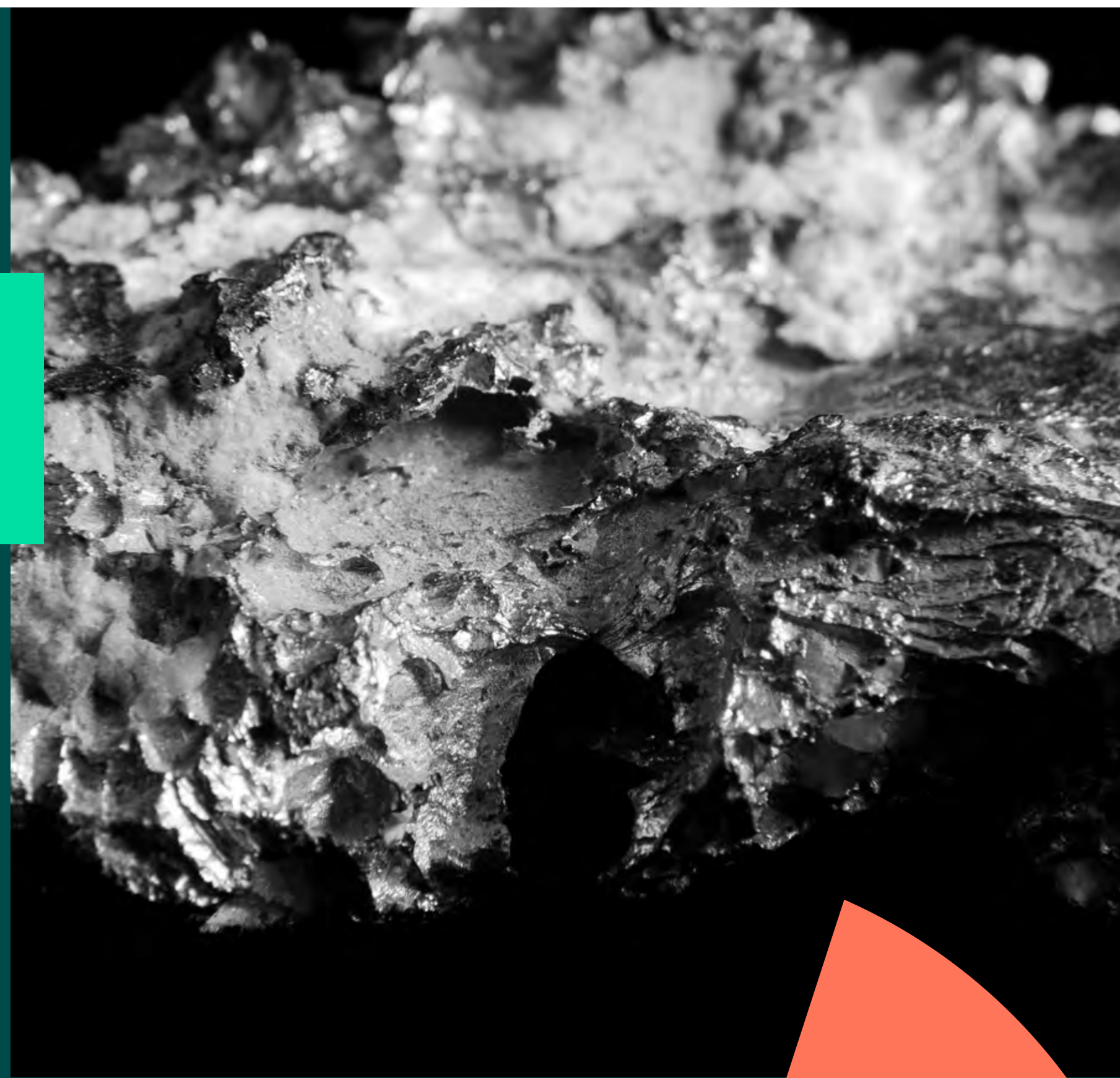
We provide comprehensive legal solutions fashioned for the mining sector, addressing all operational phases of projects within the industry. Our extensive network of contacts in both traditional and emerging mining regions allows us to effectively support our clients' diverse business needs. We focus on delivering customized services that ensure compliance, mitigate risks, and enhance operational efficiency, empowering our clients to succeed in a highly competitive landscape



Our team offers practical and industry-specific advice rooted in the commercial realities of the mining sector. From the initial project phases through divestment or mine closure, we deliver comprehensive legal solutions that encompass daily operational challenges, complex transactions, and international disputes. Our extensive experience includes support for feasibility studies, financial structuring, and tax optimization, as well as project construction, supply chain management, and environmental licensing. We also provide guidance on indigenous rights issues, regulatory approvals, concessions, risk allocation, and meticulous contractual documentation, ensuring our clients navigate the complexities of the mining industry with confidence and success

OUR TAKE ON INDUSTRY TRENDS

The mining sector has long been a cornerstone of Brazil's development, occupying a central part in both the Brazilian and global economies today. Currently, mining contributes approximately 4% to Brazil's GDP, with the country recognized as a major exporter of essential minerals such as iron, manganese, tantalum, niobium, and bauxite.



In light of the global push for decarbonization – a key aspect of the current energy transition – there is an increasing demand for minerals needed for technologies such as solar, wind power, and batteries. This growing consumption signals investment opportunities as countries seek to prevent future supply bottlenecks that could impede the energy transition.

Worldwide, many minerals are deemed critical or strategic for the energy transition. Brazil's National Mining Plan 2030 designates "strategic minerals" under MME Resolution No. 2, dated July 18, 2021, which identifies minerals that are crucial for high-tech applications and necessary for maintaining economic stability. These categories include resources heavily reliant on imports, those critical for advanced technology, and minerals that provide a comparative advantage by generating trade surplus. Similar classifications are utilized by the United States and the European Union and are updated regularly.

Regardless of the classification system in use, the forecast indicates a significant increase in demand for a variety of minerals – potentially tripling by 2050. Brazil's expansive territory and geological diversity foster a promising outlook for new mineral discoveries. The International Energy Agency highlights Latin America as the most attractive region for foreign investment and production expansion, due to its substantial reserves and discovery potential. Within this landscape, Brazil emerges as the standout nation, positioning itself as a global hotspot for all stakeholders in the mining sector.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Rich reserves with high potential
- Surge in mineral demand
- Adoption of friendshoring and nearshoring
- Promotion of mineral processing initiatives
- Integrated frameworks with Canada

CHALLENGES

- Stringent environmental and sustainability standards
- Evolving regulatory landscape
- Challenges in investment financing
- Complex tax regime
- Legal restrictions on access to rural areas

MACROTRENDS

- Powershoring and friendshoring
- Accelerated investments in energy transition
- Green mining initiatives
- Technological advancements
- Supportive public policies

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- ▼ Leadership in acquiring mining companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange

We advised on the full acquisition of outstanding common shares of companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and all of their mining assets in Brazil
- ▼ Active advisory in acquiring participating interests in multiple mining companies and investing in mining projects in Brazil

We provided advisory services for the purchase and sale of participating interests in domestic mining companies, drafted leasing agreements for mineral exploration in various regions of Brazil, and established joint ventures and commercial partnerships among companies holding mining assets
- ▼ Outstanding administrative role and regulatory consultancy with the regulator

We advised clients in successful discussions with the Brazilian National Mining Agency (ANM) on mining rights transfer processes and administrative sanction proceedings, as well as in developing positions and reviewing rules and regulations
- ▼ Unique expertise in seabed mining and deep-sea mining prospects

We have been involved in the analysis of pioneering mineral exploration projects in international waters, advising clients on strategic issues, from obtaining licenses and authorizations to assessing environmental impacts and economic feasibility. Our in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities in this innovative sector highlights its potential to transform the supply of essential mineral resources, such as rare metals and critical elements, for the global energy transition
- ▼ Environmental feasibility assessment for mining in the Amazon

We advised a client on the legal-environmental assessment of the feasibility and associated risks of underground mining within a Conservation Unit in the Amazon
- ▼ Ongoing advisory for major mining companies

We support our clients on multiple fronts related to their operations, including strategic consulting and stakeholder negotiations, drafting legal opinions and advisories, addressing issues related to NORM storage, defending against administrative and judicial proceedings, and crisis management for various environmental incidents (solid waste, particulate emissions, etc.)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

A cross-sector and multidisciplinary team specialized in the sector

A range of technical professionals dedicated to supporting the daily operations of the sector



- | Commercial Contracts
- | Corporate/M&A
- | Environmental
- | Government Affairs
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- | Government Regulation
- | Labor
- | Litigation and Arbitration
- | Project Finance
- | Real Estate
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- | Regulatory, Policy Issues, and Compliance
- | Tax
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