

# News Release

## **MAJOR PROJECTS PARTNER JOINS THE TOKYO OFFICE OF BAKER & MCKENZIE**

Tokyo, 3 July 2006 - Baker & McKenzie GJJ Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Law office (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) announced today that David Z. Vance joined the Tokyo Major Projects & Project Finance Practice Group. He comes to the Firm from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Singapore.

David Vance has extensive experience in infrastructure project development, finance and M&A and restructuring in Asia for multinational developers and financial institutions and has played a key role in a number of high-profile projects in the region.

“We welcome David to the Firm. His experience in South and Southeast Asian projects in particular will enhance our capabilities to serve the growing needs of our clients in Asia and beyond.” said Paul Davis, Baker & McKenzie Partner in the Major Projects & Project Finance Practice Group, and Member of the Management Committee of Baker & McKenzie Tokyo.

Mr. Vance earned his J.D., cum laude from the University of Texas School of Law. He earned his A.B. from Stanford University. He has published a number of articles and speaks often at conferences focusing on energy, restructuring and international boundary disputes.

Baker & McKenzie’s Major Projects & Project Finance Practice Group has one of the world’s strongest project finance capabilities and includes more than 220 international lawyers in the world’s energy capitals focusing on oil & gas, power, petrochemicals, water/wastewater and natural resources projects. The Firm is consistently recognized by top industry publications including Dealogic and Petroleum Economist as a global leader in project finance advising on many award-winning deals.

In addition, Petroleum Economist ranks Baker & McKenzie among the most knowledgeable international law firms in energy and oil and gas.

“I am looking forward to bringing my practice to Baker & McKenzie and continuing to build the Firm’s capabilities. Baker & McKenzie’s global reach and broad range of services will help me better serve clients,” said Mr. Vance.

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