

Success Story

Sarie-Eldin & Partners - Legal Advisors

Sarie-Eldin & Partners –Legal Advisors acted as a sole Egyptian Counsel for the OCI N.V. , a publicly traded company listed on Amsterdam EuroNext , in relation to its USD 9.0 billion exchange offer to acquire the outstanding capital of Egypt's Orascom Construction Industries S.A.E., a company listed on the Egyptian Exchange and London Stock Exchange. The offering included the GDRs listed and traded on the LSE and the ADRs listed on New York Stock exchange.



The working team of Sarie-Eldin & Partners comprised Dr. Hani Sarie-Eldin, Managing Partner and Founder of Sarie-Eldin & Partners, Mr. Motaz ElDreny, Partner, and Mr. Ahmed Farahat, Associate.

International legal counsel working on the transaction included Allen & Overy and Debevoise & Plimpton. The deal was financially backed by Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

This transaction has resulted in the Egyptian construction and fertilizer section of Orascom Construction Industries S.A.E. securing \$2bn in investments, including \$1bn from US investors led by Gates' holding company, Cascade Investment.

Allen & Overy advised OCI NV on the transaction with a team led by its Middle East head of corporate law. The team also comprised an Abu Dhabi corporate partner, two Amsterdam corporate partners, a London capital markets partner and the US head of Mergers & Acquisitions.

There were many challenges faced due to the complexity of this international transaction.

This deal was awarded by the IFLR1000 - the world's leading international financial law firms guide, to be the "Deal of the Year" in the Mergers & acquisition field of expertise for the IFLR's seventh Middle East Awards for 2013. This nomination has been officially revealed at the end of October 2013 during a lavish ceremony. In the impressive surrounds of the Burj Khalifa, Dubai, UAE, the region's finest lawyers gathered at this gala dinner to celebrate the legal innovation for which the Middle East is renowned.