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Position Partner

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Qualifications

Eric Diamantis is a graduate of the Ecoles des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), a leading French business school, and also has a degree of the Paris Institute of Political Sciences (Sciences Po).

Language capabilities

Eric Diamantis speaks French, English, Macedonian, Italian and Spanish and has a good understanding of German, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian and Portuguese.

Previous experience

Clyde & Co LLP (Paris)

Project, Energy and Infrastructure | Partner | 2014 – 2021

Watson, Farley & Williams LLP (Paris)

Project, Energy and Arbitration | Partner | 2009 – 2014

Armfelt (Paris)

Project, Arbitration | Partner | 2006 – 2009

Moquet Borde (Paris)

Project, Real Estate | Partner | 2002 – 2006

Mignard Teitgen Grisoni (Paris)

Project, M&A | Partner | 1998 - 2002

Project, M&A | Associate | 1996 - 1998

Gide Loyrette Nouel (Paris)

Tax and public law | Associate | 1994 - 1996

Resume

Eric is a founding partner of Diamantis & Partners, based in Paris. He focuses his practice on regulated industries and has significant experience in the oil& gas and power sectors. In addition to projects and arbitration, Eric practices as a mergers and acquisitions lawyer and has advised principals in international/cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

Illustrative experience

Energy

Oil & gas

- Advising an Indonesian oil major in the acquisition and/or selling of petroleum interests in Africa (Algeria, Senegal, Gabon, Guinea, Chad)
- Advising an Indonesian oil major in the negotiation of several deep offshore PSCs in Gabon
- Advising an Indonesian oil major in relation with Gabonese, Congolese, OHADA and WAEMU regulatory matters
- Advising an Indonesian oil major in relation with corporate law matters in Niger
- Advising Madagascan oil company in connection with the renewal of exploration permits
- Advising an oil and gas, upstream exploration company in relation with the purchase of an offshore oil and gas asset portfolio in Namibia and Juan de Nova
- Advising an Emirati gas company in relation with the acquisition of assets in Libya
- Advising an Emirati gas company in relation with the sale of assets in Malawi
- Advising a Japanese company active in the trade and investment in relation with the acquisition of a portfolio of oil and gas assets
- Advising a German company active in the oil and gas sector in relation with the acquisition of oil and gas assets from a major French oil and gas company
- Advising a German company active in the oil and gas sector in relation with its commercial activities in France and other French regulatory matters
- Advising an Anglo-Swiss commodity trading, brokerage and extraction company and a German gas company in the granting of their respective gas supply license in France
- Advising a French oil major in relation with the negotiating and drafting of LNG supply and bunkering agreements
- Advising several trading companies in relation with the reorganization of their oil and gas trading activities in Europe in relation with Brexit
- Advising a French major company in relation with the structuring of its LNG sale operations in Europe
- Advising a French major player in energy research and training in relation with the acquisition of a controlling interest in an energy company
- Advising a French major player in energy research and training in relation with the establishment of a divestment strategy for its non-core participations
- Advising a Chinese oil and gas company in relation with a refinery project in Chad
- Advising a Swiss contractor active in the oil and gas sector in relation with an oil refinery extension project in Egypt and in the audit of a refinery in Bulgaria
- Advising a Nigerian law firm on the drafting of a contract for the purchase and reprocessing of natural gas in Nigeria
- Advising two German gas companies in the negotiation of long-term gas purchase contracts
- Advising a German gas company in relation with the Algeria-Italy Galsi gas pipeline project
- Advising the government of Chad on the exploitation of its oil and gas resources and for the realization and the financing of the Chad-Cameroon pipeline
- Advising several trading companies regarding the supply of petroleum products in Mauritania
- Advising one of the world's largest independent traders of oil and gas products in connection with the supply of petroleum products in Senegal
- Advising an oil and gas company in relation with the management of a fuel supply contract to EDG

- Advising a French airline company in relation with its energy supply strategy
- Advising a Libyan oil and gas company in relation with its international law status

Power

- Advising a French energy company in relation with the assignment of its assets in China
- Advising a French energy company in the buyout of its shareholder in a joint company in Maghreb
- Advising a French energy company in relation with the organization of its governance in India
- Advising a middle east investor in the setup of joint venture with a French energy company
- Advising a group of investors in taking a strategic participation in the energy big data and IOT platform efficiency
- Advising a group of investor in the taking of a strategic participation in a solar development company and in the development of projects in Oman, Morocco and Egypt
- Advised a group of investors in the taking of a strategic participation in an UK electricity supply infrastructure developer
- Advising company providing smart energy solutions in relation with the structuring of its shareholding
- Advising a French oil major company in the acquisition process of a French smart grid operator
- Advising one the largest players firmly active in the global power transmission and infrastructure EPC space in relation with a power transmission and power generation project in Mauritania
- Advising one the largest players firmly active in the global power transmission and infrastructure EPC space in relation with a power transmission project in Armenia
- Advising one the largest players firmly active in the global power transmission and infrastructure EPC space in relation with a power transmission project in Tanzania
- Advising one of the Africa's largest power infrastructure service provider in relation with hydro power construction projects in the DRC
- Advising a Philippine public company active in the development of electrical infrastructure projects in relation with the setup of a power plant to be supplied with LNG in Papua New Guinea
- Advising an Emirati clean energy company in a solar rooftop project in the United Arab Emirates
- Advising a major French oil and gas company in relation with solar projects in the Ivory Coast and in Ghana
- Advising a major French oil and gas company in relation with the drafting of an international treaty
- Advising a French major oil company in relation with two solar projects in Nigeria
- Advising a French energy company in a scaling solar tender in Senegal and in relation with their operations in Burundi (Ivory Coast, Burundi, Uzbekistan)
- Advising a Swiss regional electricity utility in relation with the acquisition and financing of multiple solar and wind energy companies in France
- Advising Swiss investors in relation with the acquisition of renewable energy assets portfolios in France
- Advised an Italian company specialized in oil exploration and drilling in relation with onshore and offshore energy projects in France
- Advised a French investor in relation with the sale of a portfolio of wind farms in Romania
- Advising a Lebanese clean energy company in relation with the development of a wind farm project in Lebanon

- Advising a Moroccan clean energy developer for the feasibility study for the development of several solar power plants in Nigeria and in the negotiations of the power purchase agreements
- Advising a Moroccan clean energy developer in the negotiation of a concession and a power purchase agreement with the competent authorities of Ivory Coast
- Advising a French and Dutch DFI in the financing of a solar power project in Kenya
- Advising a Turkish energy company in the setting up and financing of a solar power project in Benin
- Advising an investor in the 140 million euro financing of a developer of wind farms in Eastern Europe

Other sectors

- Advising a Swiss investor and developer of container terminals on the financing and construction of a new cargo terminal in Lomé and in relation with the sale of a 50% interest and in negotiating the JV agreements
- Advising a Swiss investor and developer of container terminals in the financing and construction of a new cargo terminal at Fos sur Mer
- Advising a Swiss investor and developer of container terminals in the set-up of a joint venture to build, finance and operate the Fos XXL cargo terminal in France
- Advising an EPC Contractor in relation with a port project in Libya
- Advising a French company specialised in the transport sector, mainly railways in relation with a tender for the supply of rolling stock in Egypt
- Advising a Canadian railway company in the set-up of a joint venture in the maintenance sector
- Advising a Canadian railway company on the financing of a rail transport project in Marseille
- Advising a Canadian railway company in connection with a tender for the supply of rolling stock in Morocco
- Advising an African international organization with respect to the interconnection of railway networks between Benin, Togo, Niger and Burkina Faso
- Advising a French company specialised in electrical and electromechanical wiring in the sale of its interest in the Mauritanian telecom operator
- Advising a French construction materials company in relation with trade guarantees and currency transfer issues in Mauritania
- Advising a French bank in relation with the set-up of a 80 Million USD facility to a Saudi investor
- Advising a Canadian mining company in relation with a gold mining project in Mauritania
- Advising a mining company on the financing of a mining company in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Advising Forte Energy in relation with the acquisition and financing of a Mauritanian mining company
- Advising one of the largest plant-based consumer packaged goods company in the world in relation with corporate and tax matters in the Ivory Coast
- Advising a Polish chemical company in the negotiation of a phosphate sales contract in Senegal
- Advising a Polish chemical company in connection with the acquisition of a mining company in Senegal
- Advising a Chinese state-owned enterprise, mainly in the fields of mining, in connection with the supply of iron ore from Mauritania
- Advising a French construction materials company in relation with trade guarantees and currency transfer issues in Mauritania
- Advising a major construction company in relation with Iran sanction issues

- Advising Tunisian family members in relation with EU sanctions issues
- Advising Libyan nationals in relation with UN sanction issues
- Advising a French bank with respect to several acquisitions in Mali and in several ex-Yugoslavia countries
- Advising the Crédit Agricole group in relation with the management of Emporiki bank in Greece
- Advising Jet Aviation and Swissport and CGS in relation with the interpretation of the EuroAirport international treaty
- Advising a French company specialising in the construction of aircraft with regards to the application of the Cap Town convention and aircraft equipment protocol
- Advising the Luxembourg State in relation with the ratification of the Cape Town Convention
- Advising a consortium in relation with a railway project between Benin, Togo Niger and Burkina Faso
- Advising French telecom company in relation with the adoption of various laws and EU regulation
- Advising a satellite operator in relation with the review and drafting of amendment of the new French space law

His illustrative litigation and arbitration experience includes, inter alia:

Arbitration

- Advising an EPC company in relation with a claim subject to UNCITRAL arbitration against an Armenian state-owned company
- Advising an EPC company in relation with a claim subject to ICC arbitration against a Rwandan State-owned company
- Advising a construction company in relation with a dispute with a French Industrial electricity company
- Advising a construction company in relation with a dispute with a US service provider to the oil and gas industry worldwide in Iraq
- Advising several Turkish companies in relation with construction contracts claims in Libya
- Advising the shareholder of a Hong Kong company in relation with a claim subject to ICSID jurisdiction
- Advising a port operator in relation with an ICSID arbitration
- Advising the government of Togo in relation with an ICC arbitration in the telecom sector
- Advising a UK company in relation with an expropriation dispute against the government of Cameroon
- Advising a Lebanese investor in relation with a complex and multijurisdictional expropriation claim against the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Advising an oil and gas company in relation with a farm out dispute subject to ICC jurisdiction
- Advising an oil trading company in an ICC arbitration
- Advising an oil trading company in a banking fraud dispute in Sierra Leone
- Advising the Mauritanian government in relation with ICSID proceedings in the mining sector
- Advising a Mauritanian mining company in relation with ICC arbitration proceedings
- Advising several Mauritanian entities in relation with an ICC arbitration
- Advising an oil and gas operator in relation with an expropriation dispute subject to ICSID jurisdiction
- Advising an UK company in an ICC arbitration regarding a dispute in Libya

- Advising a Swiss contractor in an ICC arbitration regarding a construction dispute in Equatorial Guinea
- Advising the shareholders of a Gabonese company in two ICC arbitrations against the state of Gabon
- Advising the government of Guinea in a diplomatic protection matter with the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Advising the government of Cameroon in relation with its land and maritime border dispute with Nigeria before the ICJ
- Advising a Gabonese company in a DIS arbitration regarding a commercial dispute in the health sector
- Advising a Moroccan real estate developer in an ICC arbitration regarding the termination of a joint development and funding agreement
- Advising a French media company in relation with an AAA arbitration dispute regarding the termination of a satellite distribution agreement
- Advising a media company in relation with a SIAC arbitration regarding sport media rights

Other disputes

- Advising a French company specialising in the telecommunications sector in challenging the 2 Billion Euros GSMR PPP tender process
- Advising a Canadian railway company in relation with technical disputes and with the termination of a light rail BOT contract in Caen (France)
- Advising a Canadian railway company in relation with the execution and novation of a rolling stock procurement contract in Nancy
- Advising Canadian railway company in relation with the settlement of a dispute regarding high speed train construction contracts
- Advising Canadian railway company in relation with the challenge by Alstom of the award of a 1.8 billion Euros bid
- Advising an affiliate of the largest Israeli industrial groups in relation with property dispute before the Congolese courts and in CCJA proceedings on a jurisdiction issue
- Advising Austrian Bank in relation with a real estate financing matter in Paris
- Advising French telecom company in relation with several contentious matters before the French courts
- Advising French telecom company in the settlement of a dispute and the dissolution of a JV
- Advising French telecom company in relation with a State aid claim
- Advising a satellite operator in relation with the challenge of a local subsidy program before the French courts
- Advising Swiss regional electricity utility in relation with several EPC disputes in the French solar energy sector
- Advising several private parties in property rights disputes before the ECHR
- Advising a Dutch company in relation with an fuel supply litigation in Senegal
- Advising a Dutch company in relation with a complex environmental litigation in the Ivory Coast
- Advising a construction company in relation with a dispute with Arcelor Mittal in Liberia
- Advising a Tunisian company in relation with the termination of aircraft leases entered into with an Egyptian company
- Advising a Greek shipowner in relation with the seizure and release of a ships in Guinea and in Morocco