

Representative Legal Matters

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Examples of Ashish's recent experience include the following:

Technology and telecommunications disputes

- Acting for a leading global telecommunications service provider in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from a managed services agreement regarding the deployment and activation of licensed software on a virtual cloud-based environment. The arbitration is seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a major Indian telecommunications service provider in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from a reciprocal services agreement concerning the termination of voice calls as well as revenue-sharing of 3G and 4G roaming mobile services. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Advised a leading insurance provider in relation to claims arising out of a master services agreement regarding the use of cloud computing technology to be integrated into a one-stop web-based platform so as to offer small and medium-sized enterprises a range of insurance products.
- Advised a major technology investment company in relation to claims arising from a blockchain accelerator programme for the creation of a platform for democratising and tokenising academic research.

EV-related disputes

- Acting for a German engineering company in relation to claims in excess of EUR 100 million arising from a technology transfer agreement regarding the use of the technology to manufacture an array of electric vehicles in India for sale in the EU market. The arbitration is under the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce rules.
- Advising a major US supplier of PEM fuel cell technology in relation to claims in excess of USD 50 million arising from the sale and purchase agreement of automotive applications to be used in commercial fuel cell vehicles.

Joint venture and shareholder disputes

- Acting for a leading Japanese steel manufacturer in relation to claims in excess of USD 30 million arising from a joint venture agreement for the production and supply of galvanised steel sheets in Myanmar. The arbitration is seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.

- Acting for the founder of a leading Indian matchmaking technology platform in the Singapore courts regarding issues concerning the arbitrability of matters of minority oppression and mismanagement under Indian law regarding the joint venture in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore. The matter arises in the context of an anti-suit injunction pursued by the joint venture partner in the Singapore courts.
- Acted for a leading US construction and mining equipment company in relation to claims in excess of USD 25 million arising from a joint venture for the supply of mining equipment to a major coal project in India in an arbitration under the ICC Rules.
- Acted for a major Japanese aviation parts supplier in relation to claims in excess of EUR 15 million arising from a joint venture agreement for the transfer of technology for the production and sale of aviation parts and materials to various businesses in the Asia-Pacific region. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the ICC Rules.

Commodities disputes

- Acted for a UAE-based commodities trading group in four arbitrations in relation to claims in excess of USD 7 million arising from the contracts for the sale and purchase of kaoline and manganese to a Hong Kong based purchaser. The arbitrations were seated in London under the LME Arbitration Rules.
- Acted for a leading Indian commodities trader in five arbitrations in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from the repudiation of contracts for the sale of iron ore to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitrations were seated in Hong Kong under the HKIAC Rules.
- Acted for a major carbon black manufacturer based in India in relation to claims in excess of USD 5 million following the repudiation of an agreement for the supply of carbon black oil to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a state-owned Indonesian trading consortium in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million following the repudiation of contracts for the supply of coal to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a Thai coal distributor in relation to contractual breaches committed by an Indonesian coal vendor under a coal purchase and supply contract. The value of the dispute was in excess of USD 5 million and the arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.

Disputes concerning termination of commercial contracts

- Acted for a global software payment solution provider against its Indian distributor with respect to claims in excess of USD 15 million concerning contractual breaches and wrongful termination of a distributorship agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.

- Acted for the exclusive European agent of a global rubber trading company in relation to claims in excess of EUR 50 million following the termination of the exclusive agency agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a leading Hong Kong office stationery supplier in relation to claims made by its US and European distributors in excess of USD 100 million following the termination of a global distribution and supply agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a major Chinese printing and packaging manufacturer in relation to claims made against a leading German financial institution in excess of USD 20 million following the termination of the senior and convertible loan agreements. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong under the ICC Rules.
- Acted for a leading Indian software licensing company in relation to claims for unpaid fees and royalties in excess of USD 5 million following the termination of a licence agreement with a leading financial institution in Vietnam. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the ICC Rules.

Disputes concerning fraud and corruption

- Acted for a leading agricultural equipment company in relation to claims of approximately USD 10 million arising from the termination of a dealer agreement on account of the fraud and corruption committed by its agent in Indonesia. The consolidated arbitrations were seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Assisted in the conduct of an internal investigation for a Southeast Asia-based, publicly-traded, global manufacturer of marine and offshore integrated solutions into allegations of corrupt payments to government officials and others in Brazil, in connection with “Operation Car Wash” as well as advised on the restructuring of the corporate affairs of the group of companies.
- Acted for an international school company in relation to the enforcement of a SIAC arbitral award exceeding USD 60 million in addition to disputes concerning allegations of fraud and conspiracy levelled against a leading global private equity and asset management firm, which were dealt with and resolved by mediation under the SIMC Rules.

Licensing disputes

- Advised a US biotech company which produces oncology pharmaceutical products in relation to claims in excess of USD 5 million arising from the cancellation of a work order and termination of a master service agreement by a leading Indian contract research and manufacturing organisation.
- Advised a molecular diagnostics and life sciences company based in Singapore in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from a licence agreement with the research department of a leading UK university.



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Investment treaty disputes

- Advised and acted for a group of foreign investors in a claim in excess of USD 100 million against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the US - Egypt bilateral investment treaty for expropriation of foreign investment as a result of a number of governmental measures taken in the Egyptian cotton industry.
- Advised a German award-creditor as to the enforcement of an arbitral award in excess of EUR 30 million against the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to the Germany-Thailand bilateral investment treaty arbitration.
- Part of the legal team on behalf of the Indian state entities which defended claims in connection with the Dabhol power project in India that were pursued by foreign investors General Electric, Bechtel and Enron under the India-Mauritius bilateral investment treaty in excess of USD 4 billion in addition to commercial claims which were dealt with in an LCIA arbitration seated in London and shareholders' disputes which were dealt with in an ICC arbitration seated in New York.