

## StatoilHydro



### Choice of law clauses and their limitations

# Enforcing foreign arbitral awards in Russia:

Restrictions due to company law, legal capacity and other issues of public policy

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| Company law                       | (i) subst.<br>rules<br>(30 cts) | (ii)confli<br>ct rules<br>(30 cts) |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |                                 |                                   |       |
|                                   |                                 | (iii)<br>arbitr.<br>(30 cts)       |                                 |                                   |                                 |  |                                 |                                   |       |
| Administrativ<br>e<br>Regulations | All three perspectives (60 cts) |                                    | All three perspectives (60 cts) |                                   |                                 |  |                                 |                                   | 3     |
| Property                          |                                 |                                    | (i) subst.<br>rules<br>(30 cts) | (ii)conflict<br>rules<br>(30 cts) |                                 |  |                                 |                                   |       |
|                                   |                                 |                                    |                                 | (iii) arbitr.<br>(30 cts)         |                                 |  |                                 |                                   | 7     |
| Insolvency                        |                                 |                                    |                                 |                                   | (i) subst.<br>rules<br>(30 cts) | (ii)con<br>flict<br>rules<br>(30<br>cts) |                                 |                                   |       |
|                                   |                                 |                                    |                                 |                                   |                                 | (iii)<br>arbitr.<br>(30<br>cts)          |                                 |                                   |       |
| Contract law                      |                                 |                                    |                                 |                                   | All three perspectives (60 cts) |  |                                 |                                   |       |
| Competition law                   |                                 |                                    |                                 |                                   |                                 |  | (i) subst.<br>rules<br>(30 cts) | (ii)conflict<br>rules<br>(30 cts) |       |
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| Labour law                        |                                 |                                    |                                 |                                   |                                 |  | All three perspect              |                                   |       |
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- 9.00 Welcome
  Prof. Kristin Normann, Advokatfirma Selmer DA
  Prof. Giuditta Cordero Moss, UiO
- 9.15 Enforcing foreign arbitral awards in Russia Prof. Boris Karabelnikov Moscow school of social and economic sciences

Attorney at law Jørgen Stubberud, UiO

- 10.00 Break
- 10.15 Telenor's experience of foreign arbitral awards and Russian law Attorney at law Morten Foss, Telenor ASA
  - Prof. Giuditta Cordero Moss, UiO

    Practical steps to ensure that the award is enforceable in Russia

Impact of local law on foreign awards: Yara, Dreth and western courts

- 11.40 Discussion
- 12.15 Lunch



## **New York Convention**

#### Article II

1. Each Contracting State shall recognize an agreement in writing under which the parties undertake to submit to arbitration all or any differences which have arisen or which may arise between them in respect of a defined legal relationship, whether contractual or not, concerning a subject matter capable of settlement by arbitration.

#### CONVENTION

## ON THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS

#### Article V

- 1. Recognition and enforcement of the award may be refused, at the request of the party against whom it is invoked, only if that party furnishes to the competent authority where the recognition and enforcement is sought, proof that:
- (a) The parties to the agreement referred to in article II were, under the law applicable to them, under some incapacity, or the said agreement is not valid under the law to which the parties have subjected it or, failing any indication thereon, under the law of the country where the award was made; or
- (b) The party against whom the award is invoked was not given proper notice of the appointment of the arbitrator or of the arbitration proceedings or was otherwise unable to present his case; or
- (c) The award deals with a difference not contemplated by or not falling within the terms of the submission to arbitration, or it contains decisions on matters beyond the scope of the submission to arbitration, provided that, if the decisions on matters submitted to arbitration can be separated from those not so submitted, that part of the award which contains

decisions on matters submitted to arbitration may be recognized and enforced; or

- (d) The composition of the arbitral authority or the arbitral procedure was not in accordance with the agreement of the parties, or, failing such agreement, was not in accordance with the law of the country where the arbitration took place; or
- (e) The award has not yet become binding on the parties, or has been set aside or suspended by a competent authority of the country in which, or under the law of which, that award was made.
- 2. Recognition and enforcement of an arbitral award may also be refused if the competent authority in the country where recognition and enforcement is sought finds that:
- (a) The subject matter of the difference is not capable of settlement by arbitration under the law of that country; or
- (b) The recognition or enforcement of the award would be contrary to the public policy of that country.



## State of Ukraine v Norsk Hydro ASA, Svea Hovrätt, 17.12.2007, T 3108-06,

Swedish award

Bound under Swedish law

Swedish court

No arb agr under Ukrainian law

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Gov. Law: Swedish

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Bound under Swedish law

Not bound under Ukrainian law

# Dallah Real Estate & Tourism Holding Co v Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan [2008] EWHC 1901 (Comm)



Bound under English law

High court

No arb agr under French/Pakistani law

DRETH

Gov. Law: English(?)

Pakistan

Bound under English law

Not bound under Pakistani law