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FIRM PROFILE

WELCOME TO LOA – ADVOGADOS ASSOCIADOS

LOA – Advogados Associados, is a multi-disciplinary Mozambican law firm headquartered in Maputo. It strives to provide bespoke quality legal services, which combine local knowledge with international best practice. The Managing Partner, Mr. Leopoldo de Amaral (former DLA Piper/SAL & Caldeira), is a seasoned lawyer with high knowledge in key commercial practice areas, having started his legal career in 1999.

Mr. de Amaral boast more than two decades of legal practice in South Africa and Mozambique to clients which include many multinational and national corporations, including leading power, mining and oil and gas companies as well as other foreign investors, international banks and many diplomatic missions and international NGOs.

As a leading extractive industry legal expert, Mr. de Amaral was instrumental in the drafting and enactment of the 2014 Petroleum and Mining Laws in Mozambique and the respective regulations representing the industry. He has provided inputs on the 2020 initiated reform of the PPP Law and the maritime transportation legislation and on the ever ongoing local content bill which initiated in 2015.

Although Mr. de Amaral is particularly recognized for his activity in the field of energy and natural resources, his expertise covers the full range of legal disciplines including corporate, commercial, banking, employment, immigration and international law.

LOA – Advogados Associados lawyers are fluent in English as well as Portuguese.



MISSION AND VALUES

Mission

LOA Advogados' mission is to assist clients achieve their business goals, with professionalism and in accordance with the law.

Values

LOA Advogados' values consist of provision of bespoke high quality legal services underpinned by the rule of law and ethics.



MANAGING PARTNER

Leopoldo de Amaral



A former DLA Piper/SAL & Caldeira partner in charge of the Energy & Natural Resources Practice Group in Mozambique, Leopoldo de Amaral is a LLB graduate from Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique and LLM from University of Pretoria (South Africa). Trained in Mining and Petroleum International Law and Contracts by Wits University (South Africa). Joined SAL & Caldeira Advogados in 1999. Before that he worked with Raposo Pereira and Carlos Cauio, the pioneers of legal private practice in Mozambique.

He boasts an extensive professional experience in consulting for public and private entities in Mozambique and South Africa and was involved in major power generation, mining and oil and gas projects in Mozambique, providing legal services to sponsors/developers and operators and, in other cases, supporting lenders. Before he re-joined SAL & Caldeira Advogados in 2013, where he worked previously as Senior Associate, he worked for some years as a programme manager for the Soros Open Society Foundation Southern Africa, based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is a lawyer admitted to the Mozambique Bar Association and licensed trade mark agent. He is also a former international law and oil and gas law lecturer.