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LEGAFIN LAW ASSOCIATES LLP



Introduction

LEGAFIN Law Associates LLP is a full service law firm established in the year 2014-15. Our aim is to provide clear, concise, and practical advice based on an in-depth knowledge of the legal, regulatory, and commercial environment within which our clients operate and a full understanding of their overall business objectives. Our practice is structured to offer an appropriate combination of legal, dispute resolution and transactional expertise in a timely and effective manner. We aim to add value at all stages of a project, from its initiation, through its planning right up to its execution. We bring with us adequate experience enabling us to assist our clients on all legal issues arising from the stage of proposal/tendering, bid preparation, evaluation, risk analysis, contract documentation, contract performance/execution, indirect taxation, contract closure, besides managing the legal affairs relating to contract management, litigation, dispute resolution, regulatory matters and compliances. We create and implement innovative and effective methods of providing cost-effective, quality legal representation and services to our clients in various spheres.

We have a team having varied experience in civil, criminal and alternate dispute resolution. We have been involved in advising and representing our clients in the field of Infrastructure & Construction such as road construction projects, hydel power projects, oil & gas exploration projects, railways infrastructure projects etc. In addition to the aforesaid we have represented our clients in large stake commercial matters involving Insurance Law, Company Law, Insolvency Law, Competition Law, Intellectual Property, Maritime Law, Property Law etc before the arbitral tribunals (both domestic and international), High Courts, and Supreme Court of India. In addition, we have been involved in advising our clients on varied aspects relating to the afore stated fields including contractual, transactional, and general & corporate law. We bring with us extensive experience in handling disputes arising out of varied aspects of criminal law at all forums. In addition, our criminal law practice includes white-collar crimes, money laundering etc.

OUR APPROACH

Our core values embrace operating to the highest professional standards and building supportive and strong relationships with clients and we fully appreciate the professional and ethical responsibilities. We believe it is important to build long term relationships with our clients in order to anticipate the legal and regulatory implications of commercial opportunities and to resolve problems and disputes affecting our client's businesses at an early stage. We are acutely conscious that legal services need to be timely and efficient and are experienced in drafting, negotiating, organising and managing transactions with light time -scales.

OUR EXPERIENCE AND AREAS OF PRACTICE

In-depth knowledge and understanding of various streams of law and industry sectors which enables our legal team to understand the intricacies of any transaction/deal and provide innovative solutions to complex contractual, legal, and business issues. In-house ability to provide litigation, arbitration as well as corporate advisory services and criminal law support leads to an expedited and cost-effective solution for clients who need not engage separate counsel.



Practice Areas and Nature of Services



Infrastructure

Our practise covers a variety of sub-sectors to include transport (roads, railways, airports, ports) water and wastage (desalination projects, water and waste treatment plans). Specifically, we work on major infrastructure project financings, mergers and acquisitions of social infrastructure assets and companies, privatisations, structuring and establishing funds to invest in social infrastructure, advising on partnership models, ownership arrangements and unit trusts, negotiating appropriate contractual framework.

Dispute Resolution

We handle Conciliation, Litigation and Arbitration across various industries. We provide assistance in the resolution of Civil, Commercial and Constitutional Law disputes through litigation in the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts in India and several other courts and tribunals (including NCLT, NCLAT, National Green Tribunal, Debt Recovery Tribunals) and conduct arbitrations, mediations and negotiations on behalf of clients. We assist clients in determining a dispute resolution strategy and also in advising them on litigation risks involved in their matters, endeavouring to safeguard and promote their best interests. Our practice also involves appearing before specialised tribunals and courts for banking matters, insurance, insolvency, intellectual property and regular property matters. We also assist clients in drafting necessary pleadings and statements, liaising with specialized counsel and regularly attending hearings in various courts along with specialised counsel. We assist in multi-jurisdictional arbitration matters governed by various rules including those of the ICC, UNCITRAL, Singapore Court of International Arbitration and London Court of International Arbitration. We also assist in arbitration proceedings seated within and outside India governed by Indian law.



Oil & Gas

With extensive practise in the hydrocarbon sector, we advise clients on corporate, regulatory and legal aspects through all stages (including the tendering, bid preparation/ evaluation, negotiations, documentation, execution, financing (equity and debt), closure and dispute resolution) in upstream, mid and downstream areas. These include setting up grass root refineries projects, refineries expansion projects, upstream transactions;

marketing, storage and research and development covering varied range of transactions including technology transfers, construction, services and supply, production sharing, farm-in/farm-out/ joint bidding arrangements, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, research and development contracts, project financing and software contracts.

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Corporate Law



We are engaged in rendering comprehensive corporate legal services to a broad spectrum of clients, starting from start-ups and extending to multinational corporations. We possess well versed and deep experience advising clients on various corporate matters pertaining to formation, governance, and compliance, and ensuring that our clients are meeting all pertinent legal obligations and industry best practices. The firm represents clients in mergers, acquisitions, and other business combinations, with the end-to-end legal support encompassing due diligence, structuring, negotiation strategies, and regulatory approvals.

Criminal Law Practice

With a specialized team of Lawyers, obtaining mastery in their craft, The team at Legafin has wide experience in handling a wide spectrum of criminal, cases including many high-profile cases relating to National Security Act, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotic Substances Act, Prevention of Corruption Act, Economic Offences and offenses under Indian Penal Code etc.



Insurance Law



Legafin Law Associates LLP handles a broad range of insurance law services for both domestic and international insurers and policyholders. We draft and review policies to ensure that the insurance contract reflects the proper risks profile of our clients while complying with the relevant, regulatory environment. With achieved excellence in claims management, providing our clients with effective representation in pre-litigation and litigation matters, we also advise on treaty structures, claims handling, and regulatory compliance issues related to reinsurance. We also represent clients in a variety of insurance-related disputes, including but not limited to coverage interpretation, bad faith claims, and subrogation.



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Rail Transportation

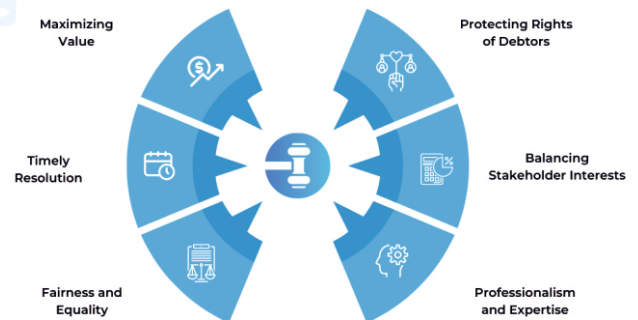
Our Transportation practice offers a depth of knowledge in the railroad industry gained from representing railroad clients, including Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) and Indian Railway Construction International Limited (IRCON). With a deep understanding of the unique challenges and regulatory requirements of the railway industry, we provide strategic legal solutions to facilitate smooth operations and resolve conflicts efficiently.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law

The partners at the Firm have deep expertise in Financing, Restructuring, and Project Advisory, and have successfully navigated the complexities of restructuring, both in advisory and dispute resolution, under the IBC and beyond. This expertise allows us to deliver effective solutions to the challenging issues that arise during the insolvency resolution process.

We are known for our experience in the practice of insolvency and bankruptcy laws, with particular regard to acting for both creditors and debtors. The team has successfully represented various clients in complicated insolvency proceedings. In this respect, our services include insolvency advisory, assisting companies in

Key Objectives and Principles of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law



developing restructuring plans, and exploring insolvency options. We have a niche in representing creditors to maximize recoveries through vigorous litigation and negotiation. Strategic advice is provided to companies facing financial distress.



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Maritime and Admiralty Law

Maritime law is one of the practice area of Legafin Law Associates LLP, having acted for clients in the shipping industry. We are geared to handle arbitrations and litigations related to ship finance, oil spills, towage contracts, insurance issues, liens and mortgages on the ship, charter parties and bills of lading, and marine claims and disputes.

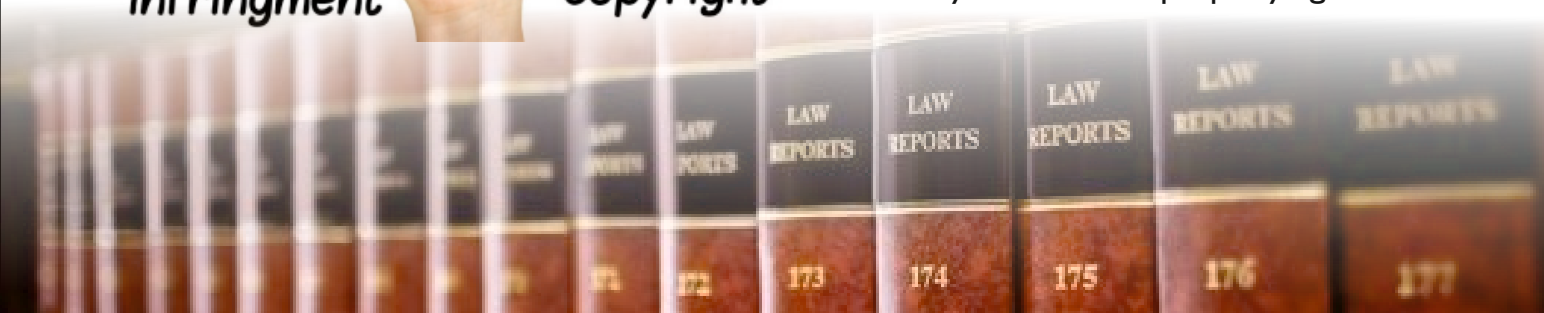
Property Law

Our team at Legafin Law Associates LLP has an established practice in the law of property, advising on various real estate transactions and representing a broad range of clients in litigation or disputes arising from the same. With services ranging from real estate transactions and property development to disputes related to real estate, we are geared to handle disputes in all aspects of property law such as property purchases, sales, leasing and litigation etc.



Intellectual Property

Legafin Law Associates LLP provides fully integrated services in the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights: trademark and copyright protection, licensing, and technology transfer. We bring with us adequate experience in the field of intellectual property, particularly intellectual property litigation, representing clients in infringement suits and disputes relating to the validity of intellectual property rights.



Our Team



Ms. Laxmi Chauhan

Managing Partner

Ms. Chauhan is the Managing Partner of her firm, bringing nearly two decades of successful litigation experience as she has handled all aspects of litigation. She is recognized as a leading dispute resolution lawyer and possesses comprehensive expertise in commercial dispute resolution. Known for her well-thought-out legal strategies and meticulous attention to detail, Ms. Chauhan primarily focuses on Civil Law, Criminal Law, Corporate Commercial Laws, Construction Laws, Insurance Laws, Negotiable Instrument Laws, and Arbitration.

She has played an instrumental role in shaping the Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism and has served on the Executive Body of the Delhi High Court Bar Association for six years. Additionally, she is a trained mediator from Samadhan, Delhi High Court, and has attended various mediation training programs and summits, including those organized by the American Bar Association and the Asia Pacific International Mediation Summit. Ms. Chauhan provides mediation services for cases in the Delhi High Court as well as for private companies, public sector undertakings, and government organizations.

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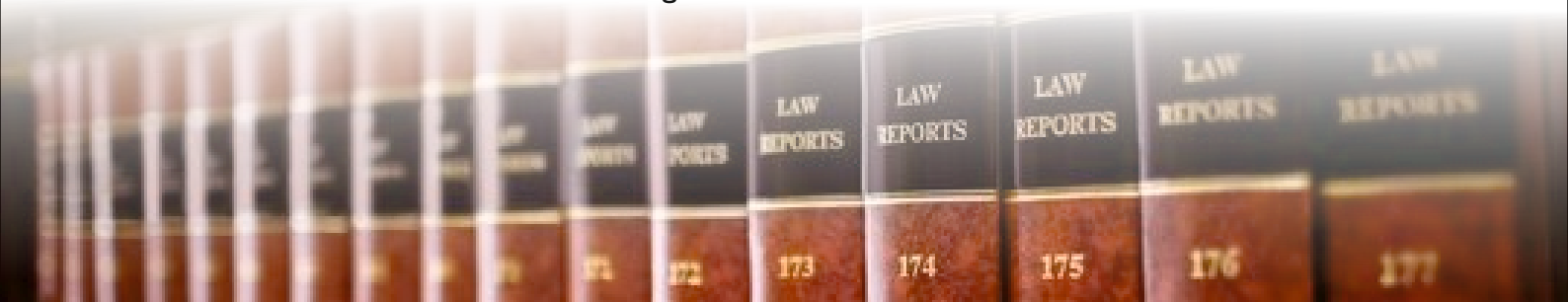
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Mr. Lalit Chauhan

Senior Partner

Mr. Chauhan is the Senior Partner of the Firm and an Advocate with an experience of over 26 years. Mr. Chauhan has practiced in the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts and Trial Courts involving civil, corporate and criminal cases. Further, he has extensively appeared before arbitral tribunals (both domestic and international) in high-stake matters under the Indian Arbitration Act, 1940 as well as the current Act in the last 20 years in domestic and international setups. In infrastructure and Oil and Gas arbitrations he has appeared in several high stake domestic as well International Arbitrations end to end for companies like Reliance Industries, Tata Projects Ltd, Mitsui, Sumitomo, Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd. etc. Further, Mr. Chauhan has also appeared in several high stake domestic as well International Arbitrations involving oil & gas and infrastructure projects. Some of the notable ones are international arbitrations on behalf of Reliance Industries relating to Panna Mukta Tapti gas field, Krishna Godavari oil and gas fields (KG-D6) as well as Gas Migration case relating to PMT gas fields against ONGC, international arbitrations on behalf of Tata Projects Ltd etc. relating to BF3 Project of Bokaro Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India, international arbitration cases involving Dedicated Freight Corridors Ltd. etc.



Our Team



Mr. Ritesh Issac

Associate Partner

Mr. Ritesh Isaac is a lawyer practicing at the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, other High Courts of India, NCLAT, NCLT and Debt Recovery Courts. He has a practice of 22 years specializing in advising energy, construction, infrastructure and joint venture disputes, operational disputes; across jurisdictions. He has been representing and advising clients (both foreign and international) in different industries (Petroleum, Education, Information Technology, Hospitality, Real Estate and FMCG) on a varied range of legal and corporate aspects concerning their respective businesses. He has extensive experience in business negotiations, documentation and routinely advise clients in structuring and handling transactions of varied natures through all stages, as also on dispute resolution including arbitration and litigation.



Ms. Mrinal Mazumdar

Associate Partner

Ms. Mazumdar is a lawyer with practice experience of nineteen years. Ms. Mazumdar is an Advocate on Record of Supreme Court of India and has extensive experience of handling litigation pertaining to constitution, taxation, IPR, commercial disputes and civil matters in the Supreme Court. Ms. Mazumdar has handled corporate litigations in Competition Commission of India, Consumer Fora, National Green Tribunal, Mining Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal etc. Over the period, Ms. Mazumdar has represented clients such as leading aviation company, cement manufacturing companies, pharmaceutical company, steel manufacturing company etc. Ms. Mazumdar also has extensive experience of handling litigation pertaining to airline industry covering issues related to employment (for flight and ground crew), consumer litigation, competition law violation, tax evasions, regulatory issues etc.



Mr. Manish Yadav

Principal Associate

Mr. Manish Yadav in his career span of about 12 years as a lawyer, has handled various litigations before Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts, Tribunals and Commissions in matters involving civil, commercial, taxation, insurance, real estate, constitutional, service, mining, environment, succession, and criminal law. His past empanelment with various corporations and Government authorities has predisposed him with a diversified career graph including litigation matters, legal strategies, advising clients on business models and negotiating on commercial transactions. He has played an instrumental role in litigations involving SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, determination of jurisdiction of Arbitral Tribunal, Ultra Vires of Mining Regulations and Nidhi Companies Rules, Anti-Doping in Sports. He has a strong pursuit for civil, real estate, mining and Constitutional Law and has routinely advised and appeared for various Institutions, Individuals and Corporations across a broad range of contentious disputes, in both a representative and advisory capacity, through formal court or arbitral proceedings.



Our Team



Anith Johnson

Senior Associate

Mr. Anith Johnson is an advocate with nearly five years of experience practicing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, District Courts, and Tribunals. He specializes in Criminal Law, Civil Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Arbitration, and Commercial Advisory. Mr. Johnson primarily handles cases related to Commercial Arbitration, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Anti-Corruption Laws, conducting criminal trials, matrimonial disputes. He has undertaken and assisted in significant criminal trials and commercial suits before various Courts in Delhi.



Jasmine Chauhan

Associate

Jasmine Chauhan is an Advocate based in New Delhi with about 3 years of experience in litigation in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, various High Courts and Trial Courts. She has been involved in representing clients in fields of Infrastructure & Construction such as road construction, hydel projects, oil & gas, railways-freights corridors etc. Insurance Law, Company Law, Insolvency Law, Competition Law, Property Law and Criminal Law.



Nikita Chauhan

Associate

Ms. Nikita Chauhan has extensive experience in litigation as well as domestic & international arbitration matters pertaining and arising out of infrastructure & construction projects such as road construction, railway freight corridors, hydel power, oil & gas etc. Ms. Chauhan has also assisted in rendering of opinions and advisory to various public sector undertakings, government bodies and corporate clients. She regularly appears before various Courts, Tribunals & Commissions and has successfully represented & defended her clients in disputes arising from commercial & contractual claims, insurance claims, breach of negotiable instruments, land acquisitions matters, government tenders, debarment/blacklisting and service matters.



Ankita Niranjana

Associate

Ms. Ankita Niranjana has an experience of over 3 years. Her primary area of practice includes commercial & contractual disputes insurance claims, disputes arising out of negotiable instruments and service matters. She regularly appears before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, various District Courts, Tribunals & Commissions.

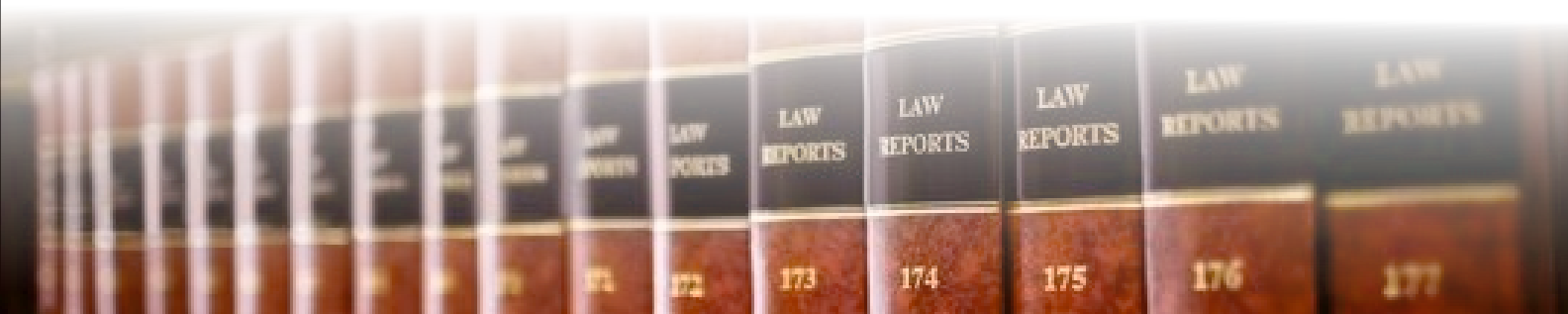


Arbitration Cases handled by the firm & the partners

- i. **Patel Engineering vs State of Arunachal Pradesh:** BOOT Contract for construction of Gongri Hydro Electric Project of a Contract value of 2282 crores. Defending the State of Arunachal Pradesh in case of termination of contract.
- ii. **HCC vs ISPRL (Padur):** EPC Contract for construction of strategic underground crude oil storage caverns of contract value of 374 crores. Defending Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited against delay & prolongation claims of over 141 crores.
- iii. **Madhucon vs NHAI (1st Ref.):** EPC Contract for road construction of a contract value of 396.95 crores. Defending National Highway Authority of India against claim of over 104 crores.
- iv. **Madhucon vs NHAI (2nd Ref.):** EPC Contract for road construction of a contract value of 396.95 crores. Defending National Highway Authority of India against claim of over 418 crores.
- v. **ISPRL vs SKEC KCT JV (Mangalore Project):** EPC Contract for construction of strategic underground crude oil storage caverns of contract value of 403 crores. Defending Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited against delay & prolongation claims of over 240 crores.
- vi. **ISPRL vs SKEC KCT JV (Padur Project):** EPC Contract for construction of strategic underground crude oil storage caverns of contract value of 403 crores. Defending Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited against delay & prolongation claims of over 83 crores.
- vii. **Man Industries vs GAIL:** Erection & supply of a section of Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline of a contract value of over 125 crores. Defending GAIL against various claims comprising delays, imposition of liquidated damages, etc.
- viii. **Ksheeraabd vs NHIDCL:** EPC Contract for road construction of Changtongya-Longleng Road, Nagaland with a contract value of 128 crores. Defended National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited against contract termination and consequential claims.
- ix. **M/s Highways Engineering Consultant vs NHDICL & Anr.:** Contract for supervision of construction and upgradation of NH-7 with a contract value of 10 crores. Defended National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited against contract termination and backlisting order.
- x. **Datta & Datta Associates vs NHAI:** Contract for Consultancy Services, Planning, design and supervision of construction of NHAI's building. Defended National Highway Authority of India against claim of over 2 crores.
- xi. **Lalit Pipes & Pipes Limited vs GAIL:** Contract for procurement of long radius bends for Barauni-Guwahati Pipeline Project with a Contract value of over 6 crores. Defended GAIL against termination of contract and consequential claims.
- xii. **M/s Fibcom India Limited vs GAIL India Limited:** Contract for upgradation of telecom systems along Mehsona-Vadodara of a contract price of over 16 crores. Defended GAIL against delay claims.
- xiii. **M/s L&T India vs SAIL:** Contract setting up Coal & Coke Handling Plant and Pipe Conveyors (Package 01B) at IISCO Steel Plant, Burnpur (West Bengal) of contract value of 579 crores. Prepared & prosecuted claims on behalf of L&T of over 2 crores.
- xiv. **Orissa Steel Expressway Pvt. Ltd. vs NHAI:** Concession Agreement with respect to design and construction of a 4/2 lane highway Rimuli-Roxy-Rajamunda section of NH 215. Prepared & prosecuted claims on behalf of Orissa Steel Expressway Pvt. Ltd. of over 945 crores.
- xv. **Tata Projects Ltd. & Danieli Chorus BV JV vs SAIL:** EPC Contract for setting up of 1 x 4060 Cu M. Blast Furnace No. 5 (Package No. 010) under 4.2 Mtpa Crude Steel Expansion Project at the Rourkela Steel Plant of SAIL of contract value of 1217 crores plus 73 million euro. Prepared & prosecuted claims on behalf of Tata Projects & Danieli Chorus BV JV.
- xvi. **Associate Builders Corporation Ltd. vs National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.:** Contract for setting up of Loharinag Pala Hydroelectric Project (4 x 150 MW) on the River Bhagirathi in Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand of contract. Prepared & prosecuted claims on behalf of ABC Limited of over 67 crores.
- xvii. **Hindustan Construction Corporation Ltd. vs IRCON:** Contract for Construction of Civil Works in Zone-IV (Km 142 To 152) Laole-Qazigund section Of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla New BG Railway Line Project of contract value of 169 crores. Prepared & prosecuted claims on behalf of HCC of over 100 crores.

Indicative list of clients represented by our partners

- Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporate of India Limited (DFCCIL)
- Steel Authority India Limited (SAIL)
- IRCON International Limited
- GAIL (India) Limited
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
- Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL)
- National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation of India (NHIDCL)
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- Deendayal Port Authority (Formerly Kandla Port Trust)
- Yogi Construction Co.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- National Insurance Company (NIC)
- United India Insurance Company (UIIC)
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- Tata Projects Ltd.
- Aditya Birla Group
- Welspun Ltd.
- ICICI Bank
- IL&FS
- Maeda Corporation Japan Ltd.
- Larsen & Toubro Ltd.
- Nicholas Piramal (I) Ltd
- National Bank of Fujaira
- Emirates Bank
- Today Homes Ltd.
- Hindustan Construction Corporation Ltd.
- Natpa Jhakri Construction Co. Ltd.
- Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
- Aithent Technologies Ltd
- SSI Software Services International Ltd.
- SBI Capital Services Ltd.
- Vareli Silk Mills
- LML
- United Breweries Ltd
- Federation of Sugar Industries
- HFCL
- German Remedies Ltd.
- Roche Products (I) Ltd
- J&K Bank
- Hindustan Lever Ltd.
- Rolta India Ltd.
- Chowgule Shipping Co. Ltd.
- Ambalal Sarabhai Ltd
- Varelli & Garden Silk Mills
- Arvind Mills Ltd
- Thiroo Arooran Sugars Ltd.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
- Dhariwal Industries Ltd.
- Puri Constructions Limited.
- Oriental Power Cables Ltd.
- Perfect Machine Tools Ltd.





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