



Ogier advises Etablissements Maurel et Prom SA in completed £61.7 million acquisition of Wentworth Resources

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Ogier has provided Jersey legal advice to Etablissements Maurel et Prom SA (**M&P**), a French independent oil and gas company listed on Euronext Paris, on its successful £61.7 million acquisition of Wentworth Resources PLC.

Wentworth is an independent Tanzania-focused natural gas production company. Advising alongside Herbert Smith Freehills in London, Paris and Johannesburg, the acquisition was implemented by way of a Jersey scheme of arrangement.

As a result of the completed transaction, M&P's working interest in the Mnazi Bay asset has increased from 48.06% to 80%, while Tanzania Petroleum Development Cooperation (TPDC) holds the remaining 20%. TPDC, as per the agreement signed with M&P, will now have one month to exercise its call option to increase its stake from 20% to 40%. The resulting working interests in the asset would then be 60% for M&P and 40% for TPDC.

Corporate partners Simon Dinning and Alexander Curry, senior associate Chloe Watson-Hill and associate Alex Vibert advised on the corporate aspects of the deal, and partner James Angus and senior associate Ralph-Spencer Tucker, from Ogier's Dispute Resolution team, advised on the elements involving Jersey's Royal Court.

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