

SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The Ritz Carlton, Manama, Bahrain – Sunday 23 November 2008

INTRODUCTION The London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) is one of the world's premier international arbitration institutions, renowned not only for its arbitration administration services but also for its conferences and symposia. In February 2008, the LCIA entered into a historic association with DIFC, Dubai, to form the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre, bringing the LCIA to the forefront in the Gulf Region in a joint venture with one of the Region's most dynamic financial Free Zones. We are delighted, therefore, to be putting on a symposium in another of the Region's leading economies, Bahrain, and we very much hope that readers will be encouraged to participate.

SYMPOSIUM FORMAT An effective system of arbitration, whether pursuant to commercial contracts or investment treaties, has long been recognised as a vital element in the promotion of trade, foreign investment and, ultimately, international relations. The symposium is designed to be interactive and to provide an opportunity for delegates to share news and views on developments in the field of international commercial arbitration and ADR. At the beginning of each working session, the panel Chairmen will give brief presentations on the topics indicated below, following which delegates will be invited, and encouraged, to participate in a free-flowing discussion of the issues raised. Delegates will also be invited to submit their own topics in advance, so that these may also be debated.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Arbitrators, in-house counsel, practitioners, academics and members of the local and international business community interested in, and affected by, current developments and best practice in the field of international arbitration.

REGISTRATION FEE The delegate's registration fee of £450 has been **discounted to £350** for all registrants based in the Gulf region.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Jan Paulsson *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris; President, LCIA Court and Member, LCIA Board*

SYMPOSIUM CO-CHAIRS AND SESSION SUBJECTS

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT: *The agreement to arbitrate; the type of arbitration; rules; and seat*

Peter Leaver QC One Essex Court, London; Chairman, LCIA Board and Member, LCIA Court

Dr Hassan Ali Radhi Hassan Radhi & Associates, Manama;
Councillor, LCIA Arab Users' Council and Member, LCIA Court

THE TRIBUNAL: *Training, selection and appointment of arbitrators; conflicts of interest; challenges*

Dr Karim Hafez Hafez, Cairo; Vice President, LCIA Arab Users' Council and Member, LCIA Court

Adrian Winstanley LCIA Director General and Member, LCIA Court and Board

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE IN CONDUCTING AN ARBITRATION: *Avoiding delays and how to do things better*

Reza Mohtashami Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Paris

Maria Theresa Trofaier CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna

JUDICIAL INTERVENTION AND THE ROLE OF LOCAL COURTS:

Support, not interference; interim measures; challenges and enforcement of Awards

Essam Al Tamimi Al Tamimi & Company, Dubai; President, LCIA Arab Users' Council

Hamid Gharavi Salans, Paris; Member LCIA Court

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