

BLG Highlighted in Lexpert® Top 10 Deals and Business Decisions of 2017

Lexpert® Recognizes BLG in Representing Bedrock Industries and Sentry Investments Corp.

Toronto (February 7, 2018) — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) has been recognized in *Lexpert*®'s Top 10 Deals and Business Decisions of 2017.

BLG is recognized by *Lexpert*® for its involvement in three of the top 10 deals of 2017. BLG represented Bedrock Industries LLC, in its C\$500M acquisition of Stelco Inc. and the associated CCAA restructuring. BLG's team was led by Paul Simon (Corporate), who has since joined Stelco as General Counsel, and included Andrew Harrison, Sonia T. Mak and <u>James Fu</u> (Pensions and Benefits), Brian D. Mulroney (Labour and Employment), Bruce E. Fowler, <u>Shane B. Pearlman</u>, Victoria Everett and Evita Ferreira (Lending), <u>Subrata Bhattacharjee</u> and Gregory McLean (Foreign Investment and Competition), <u>Gabrielle Kramer</u> and Rick Coburn (Environmental), Daniel Lang and <u>Pamela L. Cross</u> (Tax), <u>Brennan M. Carroll</u>, and <u>Richard A. Manias</u> (Real Estate), and Laura Costen and <u>Andrew McLean</u> (Corporate).

BLG was also noted in the honourable mention of the amalgamation of PowerStream Holdings Inc., Enersource Holdings Inc. and Horizon Holdings Inc. to form Alectra Inc. BLG acted for Enersource in the transaction that resulted in one of the largest municipally-owned electricity utilities in Canada, serving approximately one million homes and businesses in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area. BLG's team was led by James R. Elder (Corporate), Mark Rodger and Linda L. Bertoldi (Electricity Markets) and included Bernadette Corpuz and Robert Eeuwes (Electricity Markets), and Stephen J. Fyfe and Daniel Lang (Tax).

In CI Financial Corp.'s acquisition of Sentry Investments Corp., Jeff Barnes (Securities and Capital Markets) acted for Sentry's Independent Directors in a deal valued at \$780 million in cash and stock, merging two of Canada's largest independent asset managers.

Lexpert® quotes Steve Suarez, partner in BLG's Tax Group, on one of the top 10 business decisions of 2017, BP Canada Energy v. Canada, 2017 FCA 61. The decision declined the Canada Revenue Agency's attempt to force taxpayers to provide the Agency with the very ammunition it needed to challenge tax returns.

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Lexpert® compiles its annual list of the previous year's top deals and business decisions through an extensive canvass of Canadian lawyers involved in related areas of practice.

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