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Biographies of speakers

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<p>Mr Andrew Goddard QC specialises in international arbitration, particularly in the context of commercial disputes concerning major infrastructure and energy contracts, and IT projects. Andrew is “a creative thinker” and “very analytical” (Chambers and Partners), and is strategic in his approach to the prosecution and resolution of disputes.</p> <p>He seeks to enhance the arbitral process by increased party collaboration, where sensible to do so, and early identification of the real issues, thereby improving efficiency and, crucially, his client’s outcomes. He has acted as counsel in numerous disputes arbitrated under the auspices of HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, LMAA and, in respect of Investor-State disputes, ICSID. Andrew also regularly acts as arbitrator in infrastructure-related disputes.</p>	
<p>Ms Jessica Stephens QC is a commercial silk practising from 4 Pump Court in London. Jessica specialises in construction, engineering and related professional negligence disputes. She appears in both international and domestic litigation and arbitration and has experience of all standard form construction and engineering contracts (including JCT, NEC, FIDIC) and PFI/PPP disputes. Jessica has significant experience in international arbitration (LCIA, ICC and LMAA) concerning a variety of subject matters including offshore energy and infrastructure projects in the Far East, Middle East, and Africa.</p>	
<p>Mr Colin Jesse is a civil engineer who has managed a range of civil engineering and consulting businesses during his fifty years in the construction industry in Hong Kong and internationally. He moved to HK in 1979 to work on the construction of Discovery Bay and subsequently on a series of major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong and South East Asia.</p> <p>Colin established Leighton Bruckner foundations and contributed to the development of a number of innovative foundation engineering techniques which are now the norm in HK. He then set up the Evans and Peck consultancy which specialises in project management; collaborative project contractual mechanisms; alliances and dispute resolution.</p> <p>In addition to his native English, Colin is a Cantonese speaker. He was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Contracting Association Piling Committee (HKCA) from 1989-92; A past member of the Construction Industry Council and has had extensive involvement as an Expert in a number of major Hong Kong arbitrations, mediations and high court actions.</p>	

Mr Tom Henderson is the Asia Region Leader and a Principal of Golder Associates and has been based in Hong Kong since 1992. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, with close to 40 years' professional experience involving spells as a client, consultant, contractor and academic. He has principally worked in multidisciplinary client and contractor-based project teams, managing or advising on the planning, design and construction of major mass transit railway and infrastructure projects. He has worked on over 40 major urban underground road and rail projects, in locations as diverse as London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Bangkok, Algeria, Nepal, Johannesburg, Malaysia, Taiwan and Montreal. He has also worked in the offshore petroleum industry and has carried out research at the University of Oxford, England.

Tom has specialized in geotechnical engineering and has been the author and/or an advisor on the interpretation of Geotechnical Baseline Reports (GBRs) on a number of major projects where changed ground conditions have been the subject of contractual claims or formal disputes. He has also appeared as an expert witness as part of mediations, arbitrations and/or inquiries related to ground conditions. More recently, Tom has been engaged as an independent advisor by client or Alliance-type contract management teams on the identification and management of ground condition risk on major projects involving significant underground construction in an urban environment.

