Hernández & Cía expands mining partnership

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Juan Pablo Macassi

Peruvian firm Hernández & Cía has strengthened its mining and environmental law offering by promoting one of its lawyers to partner.

On 19 February, the **Highly Recommended** outfit announced the promotion of Juan Pablo Macassi to its senior ranks. With this move, the firm counts a total of 26 partners.

Macassi boasts over a decade's worth of experience working in the mining and natural resources sectors. First joining Hernández & Cía as a senior associate back in 2018, his work within the mining sector specialises in developing new projects in the exploration and exploitation phase, as well as regulatory and environmental matters related to mining activity. The newly minted partner spent just over 10 years at Lima-based outfit Osterling Abogados before moving to Hernández & Cía.

Managing partner Juan Luis Hernández, explains that "Macassi's appointment is specially designed to robust even further our mining and environment areas, having now four partners [in the natural resources group] enhances our 360-degree scope."

Macassi says that he looks forward to taking on the role. "Our mining and environmental area is one of the strongest in the country, and my appointment is a demonstration of the firm's confidence in my work and also in the development of the sector," he says.

"Hernández & Cía will continue to be the ideal platform to further develop my career," he concludes.

In Peru, Hernández & Cía is commended for its work in a broad range of practice areas – including mining and metals, corporate and M&A, tax, trade and litigation. Back in June, it **bolstered** its regulatory partnership by poaching a senior associate from fellow Highly Recommended firm Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Peru). This came just weeks after it **nabbed** six disputes lawyers from Elite outfit Estudio Echecopar.

Recent deals have seen Hernández & Cía advise clients across the oil and gas, private equity and sovereign finance areas. In February, US liquefied natural gas (LNG) company MidOcean Energy **turned** to the firm to acquire a stake in Peru LNG from South Korean energy business SK Earthon, in a deal worth US$257 million. Just a month earlier, it **helped** local investor Andino to list shares on the Paris Stock Exchange by launching a share swap and voluntary tender offer. It also **guided** the Republic of Peru in a sustainable bond issuance worth US$2.5 billion in June.

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