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EDUCATION

McGill University, BA, 2007, with distinction

Queen's University, MBA, 2010, dean's list

Queen's University, JD, 2011, dean's honour list

BAR ADMISSIONS

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Chris Doucet delivers pragmatic, focused and timely advice to companies on a range of securities, M&A and capital markets transactions, as well as practiced guidance on a variety of corporate governance and commercial matters.

Chris brings his approach to a wide array of industries. In addition to the global mining and metals sector (including exploration, development and extraction), Chris serves clients in technology, infrastructure, agribusiness, financial services, real estate, fintech and other businesses. He frequently advises public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions (such as takeover bids, asset purchase/sale transactions, special situations, plans of arrangement, reverse take-overs and other business combinations), corporate finance transactions (such as initial public offerings, follow-on treasury and secondary public offerings, rights offerings, private placements of equity and debt securities, option, royalty and streaming transactions). In addition, Chris provides counsel to public issuers, on regulatory and compliance issues, including continuous disclosure, securities regulatory, stock exchange and governance obligations.

Experience:

- **Adventus Mining Corporation** in its C\$200-million acquisition by Silvercorp Metals by way of plan of arrangement.
- **Duke Capital Limited** in its investment in and restructuring of Creo Tech Industrial Group Inc.
- **POET Technologies** in a series of financings totaling over \$135 million, including private placements, public offerings and "at the market" offerings through financing partners including Rodman & Renshaw, Cormark Securities Inc., IBK Capital, Craig-Hallum Capital Group LLC and Maxim Group LLC.
- **Morrison Hershfield Group Inc.** with the private company arrangement in its sale to Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- **Skyline Clean Energy Fund**, in its \$52-million offering of Series A obligation bonds

through Scotia Capital Markets.

- The underwriters of **Ivanhoe Electric Inc.** led by BMO Capital Markets, J.P. Morgan and Jefferies Securities Inc. in a series of equity financings totaling over US\$353 million, including Ivanhoe's US\$169 million cross-border initial public offering.
- **SolGold plc** in its \$150-million (£97.6 million) acquisition of Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc. by plan of arrangement.
- **i-80 Gold Corp.** in its acquisition of the Lone Tree and Buffalo Mountain mineral projects from affiliates of Barrick Gold Corp. and Newmont Corporation and related acquisition and development financings totaling up to over US\$325 million, including equity private placements, and convertible debt and precious metals streams with affiliates of Orion Mine Finance.
- The agents and underwriters of **Electra Battery Materials Corporation** including BMO Capital Markets, CIBC World Markets and Cantor Fitzgerald Canada in a series of equity and convertible note offerings and follow on public and private equity offerings (including on an "at-the-market" basis) totaling over \$120 million.
- **Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation**, in its \$465-million offering of Series I bonds through RBC Capital Markets.
- **Solgold plc**, in a series of international financings totaling over US\$275 million, including strategic investments by Jiangxi Copper Company, BHP Billiton and Valuestone Advisors, a royalty investment by Osisko Gold Royalties and equity placements underwritten by Peel Hunt LLP, Cantor Fitzgerald Canada Limited, Cormark Securities Inc. and H&P Advisory.
- **Adventus Mining Corporation** in its US\$235 million project financing package with Wheaton Precious Metals and Trafigura Pte Ltd., including precious metals stream, senior debt and offtake financing following completion of Adventus' joint venture with Salazar Resources Inc.
- **i-80 Gold Corp.** in its \$190 million (US\$150 million) acquisition of Ruby Hill Mining Company, LLC.
- **Premier Gold Mines Limited**, in its \$612-million acquisition by Equinox Gold Inc. pursuant to a plan of arrangement.
- **i-80 Gold Corp.**, in its spin-out from Premier Gold Mines Limited, including related equity financings totaling over \$95 million.
- **Cantor Fitzgerald Canada**, together with a syndicate of underwriters, in a series of equity financings of **Seabridge Gold Inc.** totaling over US\$240 million, including underwritten and "at the market" public offerings and flow-through private placements.
- **Optiva Inc.**, in its \$120-million (US\$90-million) high yield debt financing partially brokered by CIBC World Markets Inc. in connection with Optiva's preferred share refinancing with Maple Rock Capital Partners Inc. and EdgePoint Investment Group Inc.
- **Premier Gold Mines Limited**, in the US\$300-million acquisition by Orion Mine Finance of a 50% interest in Greenstone Gold Mines LP's Hardrock Project from Centerra

Gold Inc.

- **Victoria Gold Corp.**, in a series of treasury and secondary offerings totaling over \$120 million, including underwritten public offerings led by BMO Capital Markets and flow-through private placements.
- **Katanga Mining Limited**, in its \$7.6-billion rights offering financing backstopped by Glencore to fund debt repayment to Glencore.
- **Calgary Glycol Facilities Corporation**, in its \$120-million offering of Series A amortizing obligation bonds through RBC Capital Markets.
- **Ascendant Resources Inc.**, in its sale of the El Mochito zinc-silver mine in west-central Honduras to Kirungu Corporation.
- **Just Cash**, with its investment transaction with Coinsquare Ltd.
- **Katanga Mining Limited**, in its settlement agreement with the Ontario Securities Commission following an investigation by staff of the Ontario Securities Commission into certain of Katanga's historical public disclosures.
- **The agents, trustee and bondholders**, in the \$660-million First Mortgage Bond Financing of the Bay-Wellington Tower.
- **POET Technologies Inc.**, in its sale of Singapore-based DenseLight Semiconductors to a consortium of private investors.
- **S.i. Systems Ltd.**, in its acquisition by Quad C Partners.
- **Klondex Mines Ltd.**, in its US\$462-million acquisition by Hecla Mining Company pursuant to a plan of arrangement.
- **Victoria Gold Corp.**, in its \$505-million series of equity, debt, royalty, offtake and equipment financing transactions with Osisko Gold Royalties, Orion Mine Finance and Caterpillar Financial Services Limited for construction of the Eagle Gold Project.
- **BMO Capital Markets**, together with a syndicate of underwriters, in the \$60-million equity financing of **Mandalay Resources Corporation**, including a bridge loan from CE Mining Fund III L.P.
- **Marimaca Copper Corp.**, in its \$47-million series of equity financing transactions with affiliates of Tembo Capital Management Ltd. and Greenstone Resources LP including a fully-backstopped rights offering.
- The agents and underwriters of **TMAC Resources Inc.** led by **BMO Capital Markets** and **CIBC World Markets Inc.** in a series of treasury and secondary offerings totaling over \$500 million, including the initial private placement financing of TMAC's acquisition of the Hope Bay gold project from Newmont Mining Corporation, strategic concurrent private financings by Resource Capital Fund VI L.P. and TMAC's \$155-million initial public offering.
- **Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation**, in its \$115-million offering of Series G amortizing obligation bonds through RBC Capital Markets.
- **Adventus Mining Corporation**, in its joint venture with Salazar Resources Ltd. in

respect of the Curipamba zinc-copper-gold project in west-central Ecuador.

- **Fuzhou Bonded Zone Hejili Equity Investment Limited Partnership**, in its US\$21-million equity investment in Hydrogenics Corporation.
- **Calgary Fuel Facilities Corporation Ltd.**, in its \$90-million offering of Series A amortizing obligation bonds through RBC Capital Markets.
- **Ascendant Resources Inc.**, in its acquisition of the El Mochito zinc-silver mine from Nyrstar N.V.
- The special committee of **Silver Bullion Trust** in SBT's conversion to an Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in partnership with Purpose Investments Inc.
- **Raymond James Ltd.**, together with a syndicate of agents, in the \$46-million equity financing of Itafos.
- **CIBC World Markets Inc.** and **Scotia Capital Inc.**, together with a syndicate of underwriters, in the \$1.15-billion convertible debt financing of **Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.** in connection with Algonquin's \$3.2-billion acquisition of the Empire District Electric Company.
- The special committees of **Central GoldTrust** and **Silver Bullion Trust**, in Sprott Asset Management's \$1-billion hostile takeover bid for all the outstanding units of Central GoldTrust.
- **Noront Resources Ltd.**, in its US\$27.5-million acquisition of certain chromite properties in the Ring of Fire mineral region in northern Ontario from Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.
- The underwriters of **Yamana Gold Inc.** led by **Canaccord Genuity Corp.** and **National Bank Financial Inc.**, in Yamana's \$300-million public equity financing.
- The Special Committee of **Central GoldTrust**, in its successful defense against a dissident unitholder proposal and subsequent proxy contest.
- The underwriters of **Pure Industrial Real Estate Trust (PIRET)**, led by **Canaccord Genuity Corp.**, **RBC Dominion Securities** and **BMO Nesbitt Burns**, in a series of equity financings of PIRET totalling over \$550-million.
- The underwriters of **Kirkland Lake Gold Inc.**, led by **National Bank Financial Inc.**, in Kirkland's \$35-million equity financing.
- **Glencore plc**, in its \$915-million sale of its 34% stake in Canadian Fertilizers Limited to CF Industries.
- The underwriters of **Transeastern Power Trust**, led by **Canaccord Genuity Corp.**, in Transeastern's initial public offering of trust units and convertible debentures.
- **Klondex Mines Ltd.**, in its US\$83-million acquisition of the Midas mine and mill complex in Nevada from Newmont Mining Corporation, and related acquisition financings.
- **Glencore plc**, in its \$6.1 billion acquisition of Viterro Inc. via plan of arrangement,

including the concurrent \$2.6 billion sale of certain assets of Viterro to Agrium Inc. and Richardson International Limited.