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Simpson Thacher Adds Energy and Infrastructure Partner in Los Angeles

Los Angeles and New York—April 8, 2024—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Javad Asghari has joined the Firm's Los Angeles office as an Energy and Infrastructure Partner.

"Our Firm serves clients across the entire energy and infrastructure spectrum, from conception to completion," said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher's Executive Committee. "Javad's extensive greenfield and brownfield expertise in project development and finance perfectly complements our existing global offerings and bolsters our position as a comprehensive resource for clients navigating the evolving energy and infrastructure landscape. We are pleased to welcome him to Simpson Thacher."

Javad's practice focuses on major energy and infrastructure projects in the Americas and around the globe. In the last three years, he has advised on the acquisition or disposition of more than 85 energy projects totaling more than 14 GW. In addition to mergers and acquisitions, he has a particular focus on project development, including advising on joint venture, governance and commercial agreements with respect to the development of renewable and conventional power generation; transmission and distribution projects; upstream, midstream and downstream petroleum and renewable hydrocarbon projects; LNG projects; and electrical vehicle infrastructure developments. His clients include developers and private equity funds involved in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

"Javad's strength in early stage and full-lifecycle projects, including on key corporate, commercial and operational contracts, enhances our ability to guide clients through all aspects of their businesses and investments. Javad's arrival further deepens our team's capacity to deliver comprehensive advice tailored to the evolving needs of the infrastructure sector," said Eli Hunt, Co-Head of the Firm's Energy and Infrastructure Practice. "This also marks the latest step in the Firm's expansion of its energy and infrastructure-focused capabilities, following the recent addition of partners and associates in Houston, London, New York and São Paulo."

Javad's arrival follows the Firm's recent announcement that Paul Hibbert and Emma Serginson will join as Partners in London to focus on financing and credit matters across the infrastructure sector, among other areas. In late 2023, the Firm also welcomed Partners Katy Lukaszewski and Gabriel Silva, who have exceptional corporate transactional experience across the oil and gas and digital infrastructure sectors, respectively.

Tom Wuchenich, who leads Simpson Thacher's Los Angeles office, noted, "Javad's addition is the latest step in the continued growth of our Los Angeles office, which also recently welcomed M&A entertainment, media and tech powerhouse David Hernand, as we continue to deepen our bench on the West Coast across practice areas."

"I have always admired Simpson Thacher's sophisticated Energy and Infrastructure Practice, which is active in the full lifecycle of leading infrastructure funds, who entrust the Firm with their most highprofile transactions. I am excited to bring to bear the full capability of the Firm's energy and infrastructure expertise to benefit my clients," said Javad. "I look forward to joining this top-of-the-line team."

Simpson Thacher's Energy and Infrastructure Practice advises many of the industry's leading players around the world, ranging from energy and infrastructure companies to financial sponsors, banks and investors active in the sector. The Firm provides innovative solutions to address clients' changing needs amidst shifting markets, as well as deep insight into the highly regulated and competitive energy and infrastructure environment. Recognized as a leading energy and infrastructure advisor, Simpson Thacher also guides sophisticated sponsors in the formation of cutting-edge energy and infrastructure funds, and in related investments. Built over nearly three decades, the Los Angeles office has been entrusted by clients to handle their most significant private equity fundraisings, mergers and acquisitions, and capital markets transactions, as well as their most critical consumer class actions, securities litigation and other complex legal disputes.

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