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Curriculum Vitae

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1. Personal Details

Name: Edward Sunna

Title: Chief Legal Officer

Company: Meraas Holding LLC

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Title: General Legal Advisor

Company: Engineer's Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum 'EO'

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2. Areas of Practice

Arbitration, Construction, Construction Disputes, Engineering, Utilities, Real Estate Development, Real Estate Disputes, Infrastructure, Banking, Projects, Commercial and Insurance Law

3. Relevant admission and membership details

Admitted as a Legal Practitioner in the state of New South Wales, Australia 1998

Admitted to practice as a Barrister in the High Court of Australia 1999

Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and Adjudicator with the Queensland Government Building Services Office 2004

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) & Chartered Arbitrator

Panelled arbitrator with the following Centres: ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, SIAC and AJCCCA

4. Academic Qualifications / Education

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Bachelor of Arts (Majors in Political Science and Industrial Relations)

University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
Bachelor of Laws with Second Class Honours

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
Certificate in Adjudication- Accredited adjudicator

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
Accelerated Fellowship Program- Chartered Arbitrator

5. Current Employment, Academic and Consultancy Positions

5.1. Primary Positions

May 2008 to Date

5.1.1 Chief Legal Officer at **Meraas Holding LLC**;

Meraas Holding LLC is a Dubai based holding entity; with its shareholder the Engineer's Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan. Meraas Holding is the corporate entity that holds various business subsidiaries. Namely, *Meraas Capital LLC* – a sovereign equity fund with assets locally and internationally, with a value of over USD \$500m under management. *Meraas Development LLC* – a Master Developer of mixed use communities. *Meraas Malls and Hospitality LLC* – a developer of hotels, retail strips and provider of hotel management services locally. *Meraas Estates LLC* – an asset and facilities management entity with over 4000 properties currently under management, and Meraas Leisure and Entertainment LLC- a developer of tourism projects, family entertainment centres and theme parks including its majority ownership in publicly listed Dubai Parks and Resorts PJSC.

5.1.2 General Legal Advisor at **the Engineer's Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum 'EO'**.

The EO is the private establishment of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum ("HH"), which is responsible for the private developments of HH, Royal events,

equestrian events, infrastructure and Asset Procurement and Management. It has in excess of 5,000 employees across Dubai.

5.2 Advisory and Academic Positions

March 2009 to January 2013

5.2.1 Part-time Senior Lecturer at **Heriot Watt University**

A Scottish University with a Dubai campus based in Academic City. The Built School offers courses from Bachelors to Master level in all areas related to property, construction and facility management.

Department of the Built School: Lecturer in the Masters program author of the International Property Law and Planning course, lecturer in the Construction and Contracts Management program.

August 2007 to Date

5.2.2 Senior Lecturer and Advisor to the **Real Estate Regulatory Agency's** Dubai Real Estate Institute, author of the publication 'Legal Concepts in Real Estate and the Law'.

The Real Estate Regulator Agency ("RERA") is the government regulatory agency empowered to regulate the real estate and construction market in Dubai: broker activities, developers, trust accounts and owner association regulation, off plan developments and leasing. Publications, Articles and Speaking Events

6. Regional Work History

6.0 Work history and relevant private practice experience

November 2006 to April 2008 – Al Tamimi & Company

Prior to moving in house, I was the Head of the Construction and Engineering Department at the largest regional Gulf Law firm, Al Tamimi & Company with offices in the UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah), Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar.

I have in excess of 15 years PQE and over 20 years' experience in legal practice. My experience covers a range of disciplines including construction & engineering, banking & finance, capital markets, real estate development, utilities, infrastructure, JVs, takeovers and major projects. On the transactional side my experience entails drafting, negotiating, advising and structuring contracts such as PPP type projects, development agreements including master development agreements, scheme documents, sale purchase agreements, facilities management documents, insurance and leasing agreements.

7. Dispute Resolution: Recent Arbitration Appointments and Representation

Arbitral Institution/	Dispute Type	Value	Position
ICC	Termination SPA	USD 60m	Acted for Claimant
DIAC	Payment of Services	Aed 3.9m	Acted for Respondent
AJCCCA	Termination of Construction Contract	Aed 2.7m	Acted for Claimant
DIAC	Payment of Services	USD 3m	Acted for Respondent
Ad Hoc	Ground conditions & Variation claim	Aed 120m	Acted for Respondent
LCIA	Partnering Construction Dispute	Aed 141m	Acted for Claimant
DIAC	EOT and Defects	USD 15M	Sole Arbitrator
SIAC	Damages for Delay	USD 1.5m	Sole Arbitrator
DIFC-LCIA	Contract Jurisdiction Dispute	Aed 1.2m	Sole Arbitrator
DIAC	Termination of SPA	Aed 730k	Co-Arbitrator
ICC	Lump sum contract variation claim	Aed 22m	Sole Arbitrator
SIAC	Consultant Services	USD 4.2m	Tribunal Chairperson
LCIA	Specific performance under SPA & damages	Aed 6m	Sole Arbitrator
DIAC	Termination of SPA	Aed 1.9m	Sole Arbitrator
SIAC	EOT and Variations	USD 7.8m	Tribunal Chairperson

Building and Securities Act legislation

Certified adjudicator in Queensland, Singapore and Malaysia – conducted in excess of 70 adjudications under legislative schemes since 2006.

Dispute Adjudication Board

FIDIC standard Dispute Adjudication Board (“DAB”) experience in the Middle East Region:

DAB Chairperson	Infrastructure development - 9 claims adjudicated, total value Aed 94m for the period from 2012 to 2015
DAB Chairperson	Mixed use development - 4 claims adjudicated, total value Aed 61m for the period from 2013 to 2014.
DAB Chairperson	Tower development – 1 claim adjudicated for EOT total claim value 12m from 2011 to 2012

8. Publications and Speaking Events

Publication	Issue	Title
Brief Magazine	July 2007	New Build Contract
Arabian Business	May 2007	Keeping Parties out of Court
Law Update	April 2007	FIDIC in the Middle East
Gulf Construction	June 2007	Construction negotiations
Brief Magazine	March 2008	Green Construction
RERA	January 2011	Legal Concepts in Real Estate
RERA	October 2012	Legal Concepts in Asset Management

Event	Role	Date
Construction Risk Management Seminar	Speaker on Claims Management. <i>Half day event</i>	March 2007
Abu Dhabi Government Contracts Seminar Abu Dhabi Municipality	Main Speaker to Govt. <i>Full day event</i>	June 2007
In-House Client Seminars	Half days, sole speaker. Audience of 150 to 200 attendees	October 2007
United States seminar on UAE Construction in conjunction with Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald LLP –Washington	Main speaker <i>Full day event</i>	November 2007
Dubai Real Estate Institute	Strata Law program	April 2008
Society of Construction Lawyers	Abu Dhabi Conference	April 2008
Moving Buildings Middle East Conference in Abu Dhabi	Lecturer on facilities Management	November 2008
Arab League Urban Development Conference	Speaker	March 2011
Dubai International Arbitration Submit	Speaker	February 2014
International Bar Association –Government Contracting Submit	Speaker	March 2014
