



16-09-2020

Re: Criminal Prosecution Against State Gas Limited/Directors

Dear Shareholders,

Further to the Company's announcement of 20 April 2020, the Board is now able to advise shareholders that the criminal prosecution brought in Italy against certain Directors and senior management of State Gas Limited in relation to their attempt wrongfully to deprive the Company of its interest in the Reid's Dome gas field in Queensland, Australia has been officially endorsed by the Italian penal authorities and is being actively taken forward by them. The Company has been advised that the evidence is clear and that the prosecution is likely to be successful.

The Company now awaits a date for the criminal trial and will advise shareholders of that date as soon as it is known.

The management

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 11:47:39 Central European Summer Time

Oggetto: RE: URGENT - Information about act

Data: mercoledì 9 settembre 2020 04:50:04 Ora legale dell'Europa centrale

Da: PIL <PIL@ag.gov.au>

A: Studio Legale

Our records indicate that documents have been personally served on Lucy SNELLING.

However, we have been advised that Greg BAYNTON does **not** work at the provided address. Further, Ms Snelling declined to assist in provided which office or address he worked at.

Are you able to provide any alternative business or residential address for service to be attempted on Greg BAYNTON?

Kind regards,

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*Corte di Appello
di Salerno*



UFFICIALI GIUDIZIARI PRESSO IL TRIBUNALE DI SALERNO

In data 5 Marzo 2020 l'Associazione di Avvocati "Studio Giustizia srl" nelle persone di Cupersito-Terranova iscritta presso il Consiglio dell'Ordine di Salerno, chiedono che si proceda alla notificazione dell'atto nei confronti di:

State Gas Limited
Head Office Level 8
46 Edward Street Brisbane, QLD 4000
Lucy Snelling (Chief Executive Officer)
Greg Baynton (Executive Director & Founder)

Atto di diffida penale mediante Ufficiale Giudiziario dell'Autorità Centrale di Brisbane – Australia ai sensi del Regolamento UE 1393/07 ai sensi della Convenzione dell'Aja 1965.

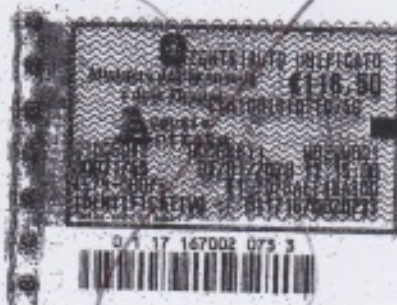
Atto composto da N. 5 pagine e N. 8 allegati.

Si comunica che le ricevute di avvenuta notifica e le comunicazioni saranno effettuate sulla seguente mail:

avvocati.associati.sa@tim.it



4/3/2020 ore 13:40



For the kind attention of:

State Gas Limited
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Lucy Snelling
Chief Executive Officer

Greg Baynton
Executive Director & Founder

Notice to Desist

Object:

Appellant:

**DOME PETROELUM RESOURCES PLC : DENANTES Bruno; GOODRICH Mike; GARRET Terry;
OWEN John; STEELE Ivan.**

and

Respondent:

STATE GAS LIMITED: SNELLING Lucy; BAYNTON Greg.

The undersigned lawyer, in the name and on behalf Bruno Denantes, Mike Goodrich, Terry Garret, John Owen, Ivan Steele membership of DOME PETROELUM RESOURCES PLC based in Via Michele Conforti 4, Salerno (Italy).

After reading of the documents relating to the disagreement between the party in a lawsuit:

- It is clearly recognized from the documentation in my possession there is a case that the Italian Criminal Legislator and the Sovrastal Authorities of International Law have fully implemented in the contractual relations, in fact the legal case of art. 640 of the Italian Penal Code, that is the punishment of the crime of fraud, inserting it among the crimes against the property through fraud, emphasizing the anti-juridical nature of the offending conduct as it is capable of causing damage to the same property of the "taxable person" in good faith, in such a way unjustified and fraudulent.
- The Whole Discipline of art. 640 Penal Code it is inspired by the respect of the will of the subjects to freely determine themselves into the choices of economic nature *without suffering illegal distortions in the volition process*. After all, this constitutional approach is mentioned into

the international treaties in the Vienna Convention of 1980, aimed at safeguarding full personal freedom in all its aspects (without neglecting the development of the human person), is also based on civil law. In fact, the punishment ratio of the fraud is identified by the doctrine in the patrimonial interest of the individual, from the civil law of contracts and also, according to part of the jurisprudence, in the public interest in order that *freedom is not affected of the consent of the contracting parties, having the good faith to preside over the constitution, regulation and dissolution of the legal relations of an asset nature and not be violated by the implementation of artifices and deception*. In international context based on the principle of solidarity, it was necessary to pursue the conduct referred to in art. 640 of the Penal Code, in order to strengthen the value and reliability of contracts and not to negate an essential guarantee of any negotiation, which is undoubtedly the freedom of determination *and above all not to protect the triumph of abuse of power on the intellectual personality of others*. In this sense, then, the heritage property should be considered functional for the development of the personality and, in the light of the guiding principles of the Constitutional Charter, priority should be given to personality development needs (ex art. 2 of the Constitution) in relation to the legal protection of individual economic positions. It is easy to understand, then, how the particular case in question can be defined as multi-offensive, and its interpretation requires that social developments can be taken into account, since, it is said, the artifices and deceptions put in place must be suitable to achieve the misdemeanor in question, in fact from the documentation in my possession such suitability is present in the cause of my assistance against DOME PETROLEUM RESOURCES PLC. Therefore, it should be noted that in International Law this crime is classified as a crime against property.

- STRUCTURE OF THE CRIME OF FRAUD

With reference to the structure of the crime, then, the scam takes place in the context of the formation of an asset relationship, and represents a danger in the dynamic phase, imparting an unfairly advantageous direction for one of the parties and implementing an offense to the assets for the through an offense to the freedom of consent. The hidden danger in the dynamic phase of the legal relationship established between the parties is realized, in particular, through artifices and deceptions, which insinuating themselves into the soul of the passive subject push him to a new psychic representation of the relationship that does not conform to reality, such as to acquire a motivating efficacy.

The same terms "artifices" and "deception" are conceptually different and can exist alternatively; the artifice can be connected to the "mise en scène" and, that is, to a transformation of reality, aimed at making the non-existent "exist" or hide existence itself; in

the scam instead there would be an attack by the psyche of others, through a lying and ingenious activity, aimed to mislead.

- INDUCTION OF ERROR IN THE FRAUD CONTRACTUAL.

The concept of induction to error assumes the demonstration of the causal connection subsistent between induction to error, formation of the contract and unfair profit with the damage of others. In other words, in the case discussed here, the representatives of STATE GAS LIMITED must succumb to the Court since the above link is demonstrated by the basis on which the process is based, the will of the DOME was coerced by a false representation of the reality inherent in the "documents", which were produced to the adverse party (DOME) with the clear intent to contravene any simpler rule of regular behavior. The Article 1345 of the Italian Civil Code which was recognised into the Vienna Convention, provides that when the reason that leads one part to stipulate the contract to the detriment of the other part is unlawful, the same contract must be CANCELED and the damage suffered is quantified for the purpose of a just compensation.

- UNFAIR PROFIT AND DAMAGE TO OTHERS

Another particularly qualifying aspect of the figure of the contractual fraud, is represented by the same concept of unjust profit with damage to others. The unfair profit would exist even in the presence of subsequent utility, in other words, there would be the unlawful conduct punishable by way of contractual fraud pursuant to art. 640 of the Italian Penal Code, even in the case of future positives effects of the contract object of artifices and deception, provided, obviously, the future advantage was in any case predicted and desired by the agent as a consequence of his conduct. In the case in which we are engaged, the Society STATE GAS, in fact, will benefit in the future thanks to the unlawful conduct of all the advantages provided for by a contract "undermined" by contractual fraud which involves an effective and unjust "deminutio patrimonies" against the contractor.

- CIVILISTIC PROFILES WITH REFERENCE TO THE DEFINED PRELIMINARY

Finally, the figure in question of contractual fraud is based on the emails of the last month of November 2018 (present in the documents) exchanged between the parties in which the representative legal of DOME confirms the will to possess the 40% of the JV. On the other hand, the STATE GAS has failure to comply with the offer accepted before. This exchange had a strong impact on the process of formation of the contractual will, implying an illegal legal purpose of the negotiation that is forming, as in the present case between DOME and STATE.

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In this type of crime, such as the present contractual fraud, the subject of the contract itself is not highlighted because it is not illegal, but the modality by which the contracting takes place concretely. In other words, according to this approach, international law wished to consider the particular invasiveness of certain conduct aimed at the conclusion of a contract as punishable by penalties. The behavioral disloyalty of the offender would be the very foundation of the incrimination, which only sanctions the scheme adopted for the conclusion and not the negotiation on the asset, which could be criminally lawful, if implemented in the correct manner.

As stated above, the contract formulated as a result of fraudulent behavior by one of the parties can be canceled, falling under the cases of lack of consent, pursuant to art. 1427 c.c.

Conclusions:

The membership of **DOME PETROELUM RESOURCES PLC** ask, through me the compliance, of the agreement to recognize the 40% involvement into the **PL 231 REIDS DOME GAS FIELD** due to the fact that the **DOME PETROELUM RESOURCES PLC** has paid 500.000€ for this announcement part.

It also ask to reimbursement of expenses of 500.000€ damage received -or the amount of money considered worthwhile the court - due to the loss of earnings resulting by the disqualification of **DOME PETROELUM RESOURCES PLC** into this project.

In the end, are requested also the legal costs.

Kind Regards.

Salerno, 05-03-2020

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