



Dear Members and contacts,

The BLBG kindly invites you to its next Lunch & Talk:

Date

30th of April 2010 at 12.00 till 2.30 PM

Market Overview: Indonesia + Case study by BEKAERT

by Mr Hans Vriens, Managing Partner, Vriens & Partners Pte Ltd

By Pieter L. de Ridder, Partner Asia Pacific Loyens&Loeff

and by Tony Harjadi; Bekaert Singapore Pte. Ltd.

What you will learn:

- Political and economic overview.
- Should Indonesia be included as a BRIC-country?
- Will Indonesia finally fulfil its economic potential?
- How stable is the Indonesian democracy?
- The role of and the space for foreign investors.
- Which sectors are opening up and which are closing its doors to foreign investors?
- Latest views on Indonesian market accessibility and investment climate and economical situation (import rights and laws, as well as FTA status)
- Answers to your questions on the Indonesian market
- Latest update on the tax situation for foreign companies investing in Indonesia taking into account the recent tax regulations issued in November 2009
- A practical company testimonial by BEKAERT on setting up and running a company in Indonesia:
 - a. approach and experience during the initial project set up in 1996 – 1997 (legal establishment, permits and licenses, location search, shareholders and tax) - learning points and pitfalls
 - b. Organizational issues – recruitment & operational set up
 - c. Recent experiences – import and export (duties, procedures, etc.)

This is an excellent opportunity to combine a learning experience with a lunch and networking!

Location

Restaurant OSO, 46 Bukit Pasoh Rd, www.oso.sg, Tel: 63278378

Room Azzelia, valet service and parking available behind the restaurant.

Participation fee

BLBG members 40 SGD

Non BLBG members 70 SGD

This includes a starter, a main and a dessert of the daily lunch special as well as waters, soft drinks, coffee or tea. Wines or beers are NOT included; if you wish it can be ordered and settled individually!

Registration

1. Please register, before Monday 26st of April at the latest, by sending back the attached participants list, with the required contact details to:
info@blbg.org.sg
2. Send your cheque, addressed to BLAS, to:
Mr Bing Houw Tan, Qbian, 10, Raeburn Park #01-04, Singapore 088702. Please mention: Lunch&Talk Indonesia, as well as your name.

Cancellations must be in written and received 48h before the event. No shows will be billed.

Profile of the speaker: Hans Vriens

Hans is one of the foremost experts on Asia. He has lived and worked in the region for the last 19 years. He has been counsel to clients on many of the most sensitive issues in Asia during this time. A regular commentator on Asia issues, he is often asked to provide background briefings to visiting executives to help them better understand political, economic, cultural and business developments in the region. He is able to provide a unique and frank analysis thanks to the many research and consultancy projects he has led for MNCs and governments around Asia over the last 11 years.

Prior to establishing V&P, Hans was Vice Chairman, Asia at APCO Worldwide overseeing the expansion of the firm in Southeast Asia. Before this he established and served as MD of the Indonesia practice for six years. A lawyer and former Asia correspondent Hans has lived in Asia since 1990.

He graduated from law school in civil and constitutional law at Groningen University in the Netherlands. Mr. Vriens did post-graduate studies in Italy at the Bologna Center of the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, and did stints at the Universities of Grenoble in France, and Krakow in Poland.

Hans currently serves on the Board of Governors of the European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and was the founding chairman of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore. His family lived in the Netherlands Dutch Indies for several generations until the handover of Papua to the United Nations in 1962.

Profile of the speaker: Mr Pieter de Ridder

Raised in Singapore during the formation years of modern Singapore (60's and early 70's), secondary schooling and university in the Netherlands, graduated as a tax lawyer in 1985, a few years of working as a tax adviser in The Netherlands, followed by a secondment to Jakarta where I spent three years as an Indonesia tax expert with PW. I then got transferred to Hong Kong for three years, where I did my China and Vietnam tax training with PW and worked in the Greater China Tax Group of PW. Those were the years when the Big 4 Accounting Firms were training their people to establish their China practices. Many of my former colleagues are now senior tax partners in China. I joined my current firm in 1995 and became a tax partner in 1998. I moved to Singapore in December 1995 and have been based here as a regional tax expert ever since. My work concentrates on assisting multinationals with their investments in Asia, and I am one of the few real regional tax experts around. With my team in Singapore, and supported by our colleagues in our Tokyo and Dubai offices, we work closely together with local tax and legal experts in the various countries in Asia, in order to ensure that our clients get the most tax efficient solution for their investment needs. I am a member of the Board of Editors of the Asia Pacific Tax Bulletin, a board member of the Singapore branch of the International Fiscal Association and a vice chair of the tax committee of the Inter Pacific Bar Association. Information about my firm, law firm Loyens & Loeff, can be found on www.loyensloeff.com.

Profile of the speaker: Tony Harjadi

Tony Harjadi, Indonesian citizen based in Singapore, is currently responsible for Bekaert marketing & sales activities for sawing wire products, covering Asia Pacific region excluding China. Tony joined Bekaert Singapore in 2001, bringing 15 years of experience in manufacturing, technical and project management with Bekaert operations in USA and Indonesia. From 1996 to 2001, Tony was with Bekaert Indonesia, responsible for the establishment, set-up and start-up of Bekaert manufacturing facility. Prior to coming to Indonesia, Tony was with Bekaert USA from 1986 to 1996 and held various manufacturing and technical positions. Tony holds Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University, USA and Master of Business Administration degree from Berry College, USA. For more information about Bekaert, please visit www.bekaert.com

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