



# Menas Press Release

## Menas Associates welcomes Africa specialist Christopher Melville as Senior Associate

- > We are pleased to announce that **Christopher Melville** has joined Menas Associates as a senior associate. Chris will be primarily responsible for developing and delivering our work on Sub-Saharan Africa. He will also take the lead in managing our consulting offering to non-oil sectors, especially the mining industry, with which he has considerable experience. This role has been created in response to growing client demand for political risk consulting and analysis in Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.
- > Menas Associates Managing Director, **Dr Charles Gurdon**, said:  
*"Having first met Chris in 2001, I am delighted that we have finally persuaded him to join Menas. Chris' experience will undoubtedly enhance our capabilities in assisting mining and other non-oil companies, and we are confident that this side of our consultancy practice will continue to grow even more strongly".*
- > Chris joins Menas having been the head of Control Risks' Sub-Saharan Africa Desk and their Senior Analyst for Central Africa for the past four years. He has considerable consultancy experience in the region and – in particular – the political, operational and security risks facing mining operations on the continent.
- > A graduate of Oxford University and the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, Chris has worked on and in Sub-Saharan Africa for more than ten years and is a frequent conference speaker and media contributor for the likes of the FT, BBC, CNN, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg and VoA.
- > Since 1978, Menas has enabled clients to succeed in volatile operating environments. When you need to know about the political and business terrain we provide timely, detailed and accurate intelligence and advice through our consulting services and electronic publications.
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