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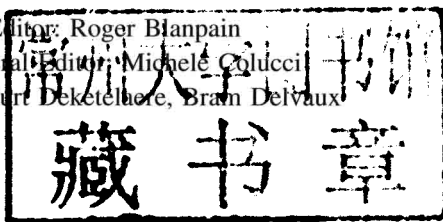
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Preface

This monograph provides both historical and current overviews of the energy law of Israel. It covers all its aspects, from oil and gas prospecting and retail, through electricity production and supply, to alternative energy sources. The introduction comprises two central parts. A general introduction regarding the State, its law, society and culture is followed by a detailed historical analysis of the origins and evolution of the energy market. This historical overview is designed for those who are interested in an in-depth study of the market. It also contains full citations of the first formal publication of the measures, many of them defunct, and its sources are fully footnoted. Parts I–VII are dedicated to the analysis of the current legal frameworks, and thus makes minimal references to prior legal structures and market developments, on the basis that sufficient data are available in the introduction. Readers interested in the current legal framework, rather than on its historical market and legal settings, can focus on Part I onwards and revert to the detailed overview when further clarification is needed. As usual, this monograph does not replace legal advice.

Some editorial comments are in place. First, references to male officers and usage of the masculine pronoun equally include references to females and the use of the feminine pronoun. Citations of legislative measures refer to the first date of publication; subsequent amendments are not cited, unless otherwise indicated. The Minister of Natural Infrastructures of Israel (MNI) website provides English translations of a large number of legal measures; being unofficial versions, this publication sometimes differs from their terms. Finally, website URLs and links were accessed in April 2009, unless otherwise indicated.

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Preface

List of Abbreviations

AIOC	Anglo-Iranian Oil Company
CRL	Consolidated Refineries Limited
DNGA	Director of the Natural Gas Authority
EAPC	Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company
EML	The Electricity Market Law, 5756-1996
GCA	Government Companies Authority
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
H CJ	High Court of Justice
IAA	Israel Antitrust Authority
IEA	International Energy Agency
IEC	Israel Electric Corporation Ltd
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGL	Israel Natural Gas Lines Company Ltd
IPC	Iraq Petroleum Company
IsrSC	Decisions of the Supreme Court of Israel (Formal Publication)
LSI	Laws of the State of Israel (collection in English)
MNI	Minister (or Ministry) of Natural Infrastructures of Israel
MOF	Minister (or Ministry) of Finance of Israel
MTOE	Million Tons Oil Equivalent
NEA	National Energy Authority
NGA	Natural Gas Authority
PD, P.D.	Piskey Din, publication of decisions of the Supreme Court of Israel
PEI	Petroleum and Energy Infrastructures Ltd
PUA	Public Utility Authority – Electricity
SII	Standards Institution of Israel
URL	United Refineries Limited

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