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CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: EDITED VOLUME ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE MINING SECTOR

The DST/NRF South African Research Chair: Mineral Law in Africa is seeking contributions to be published in a volume of science engagement / opinion pieces (1200 to 1800 words) in a dedicated volume of the Mineral Law in Africa Occasional Papers, published by Juta.

The authors of contributions selected for publication will be invited to a planned disseminating webinar, detailing the impact of Covid-19 on the mining sector in South Africa and across the African continent.

Potential contributors should be persons who

- (1) work in the mining sector and related fields of law (including environmental law), and/or
- (2) are students who are currently studying mineral law or environmental law at an African university. (Contributions by both final-year LLB students as well as postgraduate students will be considered.)

Contributions could take the form of opinion pieces / practice notes (maximum 1800 words) or visuals and artwork, such as infographics and photo articles. Contributions which are accepted for publication in the volume will be compensated, against payment of R1 per finalised word, or R450 per finalised page for artwork and infographics. Concepts need to be approved by the editors before contributions are finalised and accepted for publication.

Strict adherence to deadlines will be required.

The contributor is free to submit on any topic relevant to mining law and Covid-19, although the editors may suggest a different topic if what the contributor has in mind is already covered. Potential topics include:

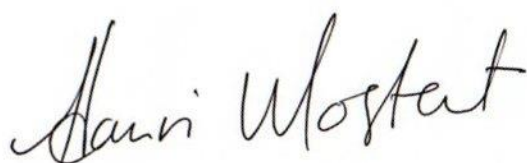
- Standard Operating Procedures and compliance with the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy Guidelines for a Mandatory Code of Practice on the Mitigation and Management of the Covid-19 Outbreak.
- Trends in infections and fatalities in the mining sector.
- Doing business in the mining sector under Covid-19.
- The impact of lockdowns and staff shortages on work.
- The digital age and the processing of licenses during a pandemic.
- The impact of Covid-19 on junior and emerging miners.
- The potential of the mining industry to assist in economic recovery.

- Vaccine rollout for mineworkers.
- The 4th Industrial Revolution and mining under Covid-19.

Please send an abstract of your proposed contribution (not exceeding 100 words), as well as a one-page CV to Mineral Law in Africa (mlia@uct.ac.za), by 1 September 2021. If your abstract is accepted, you will be requested to submit the first draft of your contribution to the editors by 1 October 2021.

For further information, please contact the editors, Dr Richard Cramer (richard.cramer@uct.ac.za) and Dr Bernard Kengni (bernard.kengni@uct.ac.za). Please copy the official Mineral Law in Africa e-mail address (mlia@uct.ac.za) into any correspondence related to the proposed webinar and volume.

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