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UCT statement on graffiti on campus

The University of Cape Town notes the third anniversary of the Marikana shootings and the many unanswered questions that remain around this tragedy. We encourage staff and students to attend the events on campus this week to commemorate Marikana and to engage in thoughtful debate, campaigns for greater accountability, analysis of the conditions that continue to deprive mineworkers and their families of appropriate living conditions, the new labour and trade union environment – while all along offering respect to those whose lives were lost.

For UCT events on Marikana, visit http://www.uct.ac.za/dailynews/?id=9304.

UCT condemns the use of vandalism as an irresponsible and inappropriate method of protest that shows no respect for the students and staff of the UCT community. While the university encourages and supports the responsible exercise of freedom of expression, we do not condone defacing buildings and memorials.

UCT confirms that it is invested in the resources sector, including in Lonmin. All investment falls within the university's investment policy managed by the Joint Investment Committee.

UCT confirms that Justice Ian Farlam is a member of Council but he is not involved with the Joint Investment Committee or UCT investment decisions.

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