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Media Invite: UCT to host workshop on Green Mining: Beyond the Myth

11 August 2017 | 08h00-17h00 | New Engineering Building, University of Cape Town, Upper Campus

The University of Cape Town's Minerals to Metals unit, in conjunction with Mineral Law in Africa, will host a one-day interactive workshop focusing on green mining.

According to Professor Dee Bradshaw, the workshop – which is scheduled to take place on 11 August – is aimed at exploring new frontiers and opportunities to shift the mining sector into a more sustainable paradigm.

Professor Bradshaw is the South African Research Chair in Mineral Beneficiation at UCT as well as the Director of the university's Minerals to Metals. Her focus is on 'adding value' from minerals resources by developing technical levers that incorporate sustainability principles to contribute to the provision of minerals and metals to a sustainable world.

The opening address for the workshop will be delivered by Mr Siphon Pityana, who has extensive business experience having served in both an executive and non-executive capacity on several JSE listed boards of companies as well as running his own companies. He is chairman of the board of AngloGold Ashanti, as well as the JSE-listed Onelogix Group. Mr Pityana is also the chairman of the UCT Council.

Other speakers scheduled to form part of the workshop are experts in the mining industry. These include Adjunct Professor Wynand van Dyk, Adjunct Professor Mike Solomon, Ms Nombini Mehlomakulu, Associate Professor Jenny Broadhurst, Ms Louise Gardiner, Adjunct Professor Brian Chicksen, Professor Hanri Mostert, Ambassador Nozipho January-Bardill, Ms Cecilia Njenga, Adjunct Professor Caroline Digby, Mr Rudi Dicks and Ms Jeannette Unite.

Among the topics to be discussed at the workshop are:

- Economic diversification of mining land and infrastructure;
- Integrated water management for mining operations and local communities;
- Green finance driving change;
- Governance and regulation to advance sustainable mining operations;
- Responsible management of mine water and solid waste;
- Ethical leadership in the context of mining;
- Post-mining transformation; and
- Operationalising the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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