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## **Media Invite**

### **“Asbestos Blues and the Politics of Silicosis in South African Gold Mines – A tribute to Jock McCulloch and his work”**

**17 May 2018 | 12:00 – 13:30 | Wolfson Pavilion Foyer, Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town**

South Africa's largest and most expensive class action to date, brought by mine workers against seven gold mining companies, was recently concluded with the signing of a R5 billion mediated settlement. Seven gold-mining companies have made provisions in the past year for about R5bn that will go towards establishing a trust to pay miners afflicted with silicosis after working underground and breathing silica-laden dust.

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will be hosting a seminar, which will be addressed by Dr Sophia King, recipient of the 2017 President of Convocation Medal and director of the National Institute for Occupational Health. The seminar on silicosis, will focus on the impact of UCT's research and advocacy on the health of miners in South Africa.

Please RSVP to: [thami.nkwananyane@uct.ac.za](mailto:thami.nkwananyane@uct.ac.za)

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