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I am Professor and Director of the Wits Mining Institute in the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. My involvement started during my time as an Inspector and Mining Economist at the previous Department of Minerals and Energy (DME) from 1989 to 1996. My role at the DME included Mineral rights administration, Mining royalty assessments and Mine- and mineral right valuations. Most of my postgraduate research fell into the broad area of Mineral Economics. I also completed an LLM in Mineral Law and Policy at Dundee University (Scotland) through part-time studies in 2009. Significant work include:

* Several Journal articles (both local and internationally) on State issues. These include contributions to the SAIMM report on Implications of a nationalization strategy for the Fiscal capacity of the State and the ISG Report on Africa’s Mineral Regimes: Minerals and Africa’s Development, published by the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union.
* Co-author of the most comprehensive book on mining royalties to date, called Mining Royalties: A Global Study of their impact on investors, government and civil society, published by the World Bank Group in 2006. The project leader and editor for this book was Professor James Otto from the Colorado School of Mines.
* A similar book on Transfer Pricing in Mining has just been reviewed by the World Bank. The book is a follow-up on a World Bank Briefing Note to G20 Heads of State on Transfer Pricing in Mining: An African Perspective. The project leader and editor for this book is Professor Guj from the University of Western Australia. The title is Transfer Pricing in the African Mining Industry: A Reference Guide for Practitioners and it is due for release any day.
* I am a member of several groups influencing policy in Africa, i.e. UNECA’s International Study Group for African Mining Regimes; the African Mining Network; UNCTAD World Investment Network and the Mining sub-committee of the Davis Tax Commission of Inquiry.
* I assisted some African states with mineral, fiscal, petroleum and investment policy issues, e.g. South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Ghana and Kenia. In addition, a group of us developed the Report and Implementation plan for the Harmonization of SADC Mining Policies, as well as the implementation plan for the African Mining Vision.