EDITOR’S NOTE/NOTE DE LA RÉDACTRICE

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This Special Issue of the journal - New Frontiers of Mining in South Africa Nouvelles frontières du secteur minier en Afrique du sud – has been guest edited by Dunbar Moodie and Karl von Holdt, both of whom are affiliated with the Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), at the University of the Witwatersrand. They present the work of scholars who were part of a SWOP research project titled “Mining, Society and Environment”, funded by the South African National Research Foundation, and presented at a SWOP workshop which they chaired.

The guest editors explain, in an introductory article, the ongoing significance of mining in post-apartheid South Africa, albeit operating under new patterns of industrial and community relations as well as spatial disjunctures that have led to a reconfiguration of society, politics and the economy. These have resulted in what the Guest Editors have titled the ‘new frontiers’ of mining in South Africa.

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