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Sustainability aspects of extractive industries 802 (EIL 802)

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| Qualification | Postgraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Law |
| Module credits | 30.00 |
| NQF Level | 09 |
| Programmes | LLM Extractive Industry Law in Africa (Coursework) MPhil Extractive Industry Policy, Management and Regulation (Coursework) |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Public Law |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the sustainability aspects of extractive industries. Topics include:

- A general introduction to sustainability, sustainable development, corporate social responsibility, good governance as it pertains to governments and good corporate governance;
- International, regional and national instruments related to sustainability aspects of extractive industries such as the protection of human rights, forced labour, inappropriate security practices, "conflict minerals" and "blood diamonds" (including the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and the US Dodd-Frank Act and SEC disclosure requirements); the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the UN Global Compact; [US Dodd-Frank Act;
- Safety, health and environmental (SHE) aspects of extractive industries including emerging issues such as climate change and personal criminal liability of directors and officers for SHE contraventions;
- Corporate governance and company law developments of relevance to sustainability including the King 3 Code and similar Codes internationally, Responsible Investment Codes, the role of Social and Ethics Committees as required by the Companies Act 2008, sustainability indexes of the stock exchanges such as the JSE SRI Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, public reporting on sustainability and international reporting guidelines such as the Global Reporting Initiative

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