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Dear SASOHN member

Silicosis occurrence in the non-mining in South Africa 2012 to 2018

The Department of Employment and Labour has commissioned a project on the elimination of silicosis in the **non-mining industry** in South Africa. It is part of South Africa's National Silicosis Elimination Campaign. The project is being done by Wits SoPH, CSIR and the National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH).

An aspect of this project is to get information on silicosis occurrence in the **non-mining industry** from 2012 to 2018 inclusive. In other words, the number of cases diagnosed each year from 2012 to 2018 inclusive. I am leading this aspect of the project for the NIOH. I am writing to ask for your assistance in obtaining this information.

You may be able to provide the project team to sources of information such as annual reports, workplace silicosis surveys or to provide us with the number of cases diagnosed by your clinic in the years 2012 to 2018.

The project team is not interested in the name of the enterprise or employee, only the industry (e.g. foundry, pottery, construction etc) and the number of silicosis cases diagnosed in 2012 to 2018. Our report to the Department will not name companies.

If you have information on silicosis occurrence from 2012 to 2018, I would really appreciate getting it from you. Please email it to me. If you want more information, please email me (davidr@nioh.ac.za) or phone me at 0828868084.

Thank you for your help with this important project.

All the best

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Sincerely,

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