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ASAQS NEWS

ICEC 2012 : 23-27 JUNE 2012

We look forward to welcoming you to the forthcoming ICEC 8th World Congress held in South Africa during June 2012. The host city is Durban, situated in the KwaZulu-Natal Province - a seaside resort known as the 'holiday playground' of the region.

[ICEC 2012](#) affords registered South African Quantity Surveyors the ideal opportunity to gather CPD points prior to the compulsory re-registration that awaits most of them in March 2013.

ARE YOU UNDER 40?

DO YOU WISH TO WIN TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND FULL REGISTRATION TO ATTEND THE NEXT PAQS ANNUAL CONGRESS IN BRUNEI FROM 7-10 JULY 2012?

... then compete in the PAQS-IWATA Foundation 2012 Travelling Scholarship Competition!

Entries for the competition are now being accepted and close on Monday 16 April 2012. Properly completed essays should be emailed to the PAQS Secretariat at secretariat@rism.org.my

Entries will be judged by a PAQS-Iwata Foundation panel who will announce the result by 15 May 2012. The panel's decision is final.

The topic for the essay competition is:

"Innovation And Sustainability: Challenges And Opportunities"

[Click here to download the competition brochure with all the information you require in order to compete](#)



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WESTERN CAPE CPD LECTURE DATES CHANGED

Please note that, due to the Chapter AGM now taking place on the 9th March 2012, the dates for CPD lectures have changed. [Please click here](#) to view the latest dates and alter your diary accordingly.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

Classic Seminars is offering Project Management training during March this year, which is targeted specifically at the construction industry. [Please see the attached brochure.](#)

Isipani Construction

REPORT-BACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If you missed the report-back by Larry Feinberg then please [click here](#).



STAY ON TOP OF YOUR CPD REQUIREMENTS THIS YEAR

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QS FORUM NEWS AND UPDATES

An open invitation had been extended to all ASAQS practitioners to attend the meetings and in an informal format, to share their ideas and concerns, with a view to seeking solutions with the assistance of the Gauteng Chapter of the ASAQS. All are welcome to attend the meetings, with representatives from both large and smaller practices.



Please [click here](#) to read more....

YQSG PROGRAMME 2012

The [PAQS International Congress](#) takes place in Brunei Darussalam (northern state on the island of Borneo) from 7th to 10th July. For the very first time the Surveying Division of PUJA (B) will be hosting one of the most significant events for the Quantity Surveyors in the Pacific Region.



The theme of the congress is *Innovation and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities*.

The PAQS sent us a the **Young Quantity Surveyors Group Programme** which takes place on the 7th July 2012 and which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

2012 FIRST SEMESTER SACQSP PRE-EXAMINATION WORKSHOP AND EXAMINATIONS PARTS 1 AND 2
[Hire Resolve Engineering Careers](#)

Friday, 24th February: Workshop to be presented in Midrand.
 Wednesday, 7th March: Closing date for admission to the Council examinations, supported by proof of remittance of the admission fee
 Thursday, 15th March: Part 1 Examination
 Friday, 16th March: Part 2 Examination



Application forms and admission fees to the Workshop and the Examinations are published on the SACQSP website: www.sacqsp.org.za

2012 Council Exam forms [2012 March Council Exam Application Form](#)
[2012 March Exam Workshop Application Form](#)

PLEASE NOTE : Only FAXED applications and proofs of payment will be accepted and receipt of FAXED documents will be acknowledged in writing.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**ASAQS MEMBERS DATABASE UPDATE**

The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) is currently embarking on a project to update and verify all our individual members' details currently being stored on our database.



In order to facilitate this process as smoothly as possible, the Association has created a [web link](#) which will enable our members to access and update their membership profile data currently held by the Association. We respectfully ask you to please utilize this aforementioned link to check your membership details and amend and update any details on your individual membership profiles which may be incorrectly captured and held on the Associations database.

[Please click here to read on...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES / CONFERENCES

In order to assist members to plan their diaries this year in terms of forthcoming congresses and

conferences they may wish to attend, we publish the preliminary dates of some of these congresses for your attention :

[ICEC World Congress 2012](#)

- 23 to 26 June 2012 – Durban, South Africa
- Registration for ICEC 2012 is now open and we invite you to register online.
To register online [click here](#).
Be sure to register before 31st March 2012 to enjoy the benefit of the reduced rate.

PAQS Congress 2012

- July 2012 - Brunei

Members are encouraged to plan ahead and to support these conferences/congresses !!

[CLASSIFIEDS](#)

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Senior Contractors Quantity Surveyor

Senior QS with at least 10 years experience at senior/executive level with a large national building contractor to join a new branch office of a JSE listed group in PE. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor Contracts Specialist

Overall responsibility for oversight and resolution of contract management issues. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR QUANTITY SURVEYOR R600k pa – P E

This is an opportunity not to be missed!!!! Due to ongoing and further projects in the pipeline in the Eastern Cape our Client needs a right hand man for the Operations Manager in the Port Elizabeth office. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR QUANTITY SURVEYOR R600k+ pa Durban

Our Building Contractor Client has a full order book of R800ml and more to come! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior Site Quantity Surveyor

Leading Mining PQS firm is urgently seeking the services of a Senior Site Quantity Surveyor with a

[JBCC Electronic service](#)



[CES Group](#)



B.Sc(qs) degree in the DRC. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Prof Quantity Surveyor Middle East

My client is seeking a driven and dynamic Registered Professional QS to join their team in Dubai. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Professional Quantity Surveyor MEPD

International PQS firm are urgently seeking the services of a registered QS specifically with MEPD background to run projects in Doha Qatar. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior and Senior QS's

Site-based Junior and Senior QS's are required by a professional QS practice for a site based project in Gauteng. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior QS

We are a medium sized professional QS firm and require a Junior QS qualified with a BScQS degree to work in our Johannesburg office with a variety of building projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior QS

A QS Company based in Fourways is looking for a Professional QS with a minimum of 6 years experience in Retail, commercial and industrial (warehousing). Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior QS: Project Manager

My client in City Centre Johannesburg is looking for a graduate with at least a minimum of 2 years experience in Project Management. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

JMA 16288 - Senior QS

Our client is a medium to large commercial building contractor that are growing from strength to strength. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

MINING QUANTITY SURVEYOR – Gauteng

Related degree/Diploma QS/Engineering. Our international PQS Client needs a strong Snr QS to handle major mining related projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Quantity Surveyor

As a highly organized and meticulous professional with experience as a Quantity Surveyor, and a graduate from Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein, in B-Tech Quantity Surveying (CUM

[VALCAL Retaining wall specialists](#)



[The Power Group](#)



LAUDE) and currently an M-Tech student at Tswane University of Technology, Pretoria, am seeking employment in any PQS firm or construction firm. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Experienced QS

A female QS with over 10 years local and international experience in building and construction with the use of JBCC, NEC, ICE and FIDIC forms of Contract. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Mr

I have recently completed my 4 year B Sc QS degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

junior qs

Hi , my name is zubair bhaila. I am a 24 year old male with a diploma in building and BTech quantity surveying. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Graduate Quantity Surveyor

I am a 24 year old male and I have recently completed my B tech Quantity Surveying with a cum laude from Cape Peninsula University of Technology with 7 Out Of 7 distinctions. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

junior qs/ construction management

i have a diploma in building and i worked with quantity surveyors and also worked on site, i am a hands on type of person, dedicated and driven, i am currently in bloemfontein but do not have a problem with travelling , i have 2 years of working experience. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Btech QS -3 years experience

I am a female looking for job as a junior QS around Gauteng , I am a hard worker,energetic,punctual,and capable of working in team and I can adjust to various situations arising within my work. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Qs

I hold a Bachelor and Honours Degree in Quantity Surveying from the University of Pretoria. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior/ Graduate QS post required.

Im a female BSc Construction Studies graduate currently completing my Btech QS part time. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Quantity Surveyor



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I have recently completed a B-tech degree in Quantity Surveying (2011) at Tshwane University of Technology and have a National Diploma in Building Science. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Female Graduate Seeks Junior/ Trainee QS

I am a female graduate who holds a BSc Construction Studies degree. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Btech Quantity Surveyor +6yr Experience

I would like to take this opportunity to apply for a Quantity Surveying Position which could be available in your database. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

And many more! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for more job opportunities.

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[CALENDAR](#)

21 February 2012

Event:	Construction Estimating
Time:	8:30
Information:	Major cost overruns on any construction project are frequently due to poor forecasting of the costs and inherent risks in a contract at tender stage. And this in turn means that poor estimating can impact the economic feasibility of any proposed construction project.
Contact:	Faith faith@alusani.co.za

22 February 2012

Event:	Construction Adjudication
Time:	All day event
Information:	The New Engineering Contract and FIDIC have had adjudication procedures in place for some years, and some international jurisdictions have introduced legislation supporting adjudicating.
Contact:	Norah norah@bca.co.za

22 February 2012

Event:	General Conditions of Contract - Edition 2010
Time:	All day event
Information:	Six years since it first launched its new edition GCC contract, the GCC drafting committee launched its second edition early in June 2010. The GCC 2010 contract will be familiar to those used to the 2004 edition but includes

some interesting innovations.
Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za

23 February 2012

Event: New Engineering Contract
Time: All day event
Information: One of the major advantages of the NEC suite of contracts is its ability to provide a range of procurement options.
Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za

23 February 2012

Event: New Engineering Contract
Time: All day event
Information: This course focuses on certain basic principles which should be adopted.
Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za

23 February 2012

Event: New Engineering Contract
Time: 8:30
Information: The NEC family of Standard Form Contracts is used by major organisations across the length and breadth of South Africa and is gaining popularity with flagship projects internationally such as London 2012.
Contact: Faith faith@alusani.co.za

23 February 2012

Event: The Effective use of FIDIC Conditions and Contract seminar
Time: All day event
Information: Claims seem to be an unavoidable feature of the construction industry, absorbing precious time, money and staff resources in what is often a fruitless exercise.
Contact: hazel@tiragalobc.co.za

24 February 2012

Event: Project Planning, Scheduling & Progress Monitoring
Time: All day event
Information: This seminar is intended for those involved in the management of projects in the engineering and construction industries, and who wish to improve the management of time on those projects.
Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za

28 / 29 February 2012

Event:	Construction Claims
Time:	8:30
Information:	Construction claims...from hundreds of thousands to many millions of Rands to even the smallest of claims – they are in short time consuming and divert valuable and scarce resources away from where they are needed most and they are destructive to what may seem like even the most solid of business relationships.
Contact:	Faith faith@alusani.co.za

29 February 2012

Event:	JBCC Minor Works Agreement
Time:	8:00am-12:00pm EST
Information:	Half day seminar. Certificates of Attendance & Documents given to each delegate.
Contact:	Allison Kuhn info@jbcc.co.za

29 February 2012

Event:	JBCC N/S Subcontract Agreement
Time:	1:00pm-5:00pm EST
Information:	Half day seminar. Certificates of Attendance & Documents given to each delegate.
Contact:	Allison Kuhn info@jbcc.co.za

1 March 2012

Event:	JBCC Principal Building Agreement
Time:	All day event
Information:	Full day seminar. Attendance certificates & documents given to every delegate.
Contact:	Allison Kuhn info@jbcc.co.za

Remember : Visit the [ASAQS website](#) for new updates!

Please note : Only paid-up members of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors are allowed entrance to the CUG. We still receive a number of applications every month from non-members. If you have any questions regarding membership contact ASAQS on 011-3154140.

Also note that your registration to the CUG will remain in force as long as you remain a member of ASAQS and there is no need to register every year. If you have not received an e-mail confirming your registration contact [ASAQS](#).

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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[M&R wins R1,6bn skyscraper deal](#)

Construction group Murray & Roberts (M&R) has been awarded a R1,6bn contract to build Cape Town's tallest building, the Portside Project. Portside building project illustrates the long-term nature of property investment, the site assembly having taken nearly 20 years to acquire a city block.

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[Why Improved Tourism is Positive for Property](#)

Two years ago, SA was gearing up to host the Soccer World Cup – and looking forward to a major economic injection from the thousands of tourists who flocked into the country to watch the games and support their favourite teams...

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[Construction Industry – Still Under Pressure](#)

The end of 2011 saw the construction industry record its biggest improvement in activity in over a year and a half. The persistent recovery in activity has slowed retrenchments within the industry and employment has declined to its slowest pace in two years.

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[Specifiers able to minimise risk through certification bodies](#)

Industrial designers and specifiers need to factor unexpected business losses such as theft and armed robbery into their plans for commercial buildings due to the continued deterioration of the economic climate.

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[Porcelian Tiles are VITRIFIED](#)

In the production of commercial grade ceramics, geological powders are dry pressed at a high impact and then baked in a kiln, resulting in a fully vitrified product.

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[Thermal comfort vs Thermal efficiency](#)

I have noticed quite a few articles lately where lightweight structures and conventionally built structures both argue why their method of construction is thermally "better" than the other. So I decided to contact an independent source, the CSIR in South Africa and asked them for the feedback on this.

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[Kludi Exclusive to On Tap](#)

KLUDI, the German leading manufacturer for kitchen taps, mixers, bathroom taps, showers and medical taps launched in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. Exclusively available at the 37 ON TAP stores nationwide as from February 2012.

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[Value of building plans passed down 0.5% in 2011](#)

The real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 0.5% during 2011, says Statistics SA.

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[Treasure house of the mind](#)

The Johannesburg City Library officially reopened on Tuesday, following a R68-million facelift that included repairs and extensions to the original structure.

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[Centre of gravity for fast-moving consumer goods \(FMCG\)](#)

The highest demand for logistics and warehousing premises in Gauteng is centred between two of SA's most successful commercial nodes, Longmeadow and Linbro Park.

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[Cape Town's new AAA office property](#)

Financial powerhouses, FirstRand Bank and Old Mutual have awarded the principal building contract of the Portside project to Murray and Roberts.

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[Much to chew on in 2012](#)

While the year 2011 was challenging, 2012 presents its own set of challenges and opportunities, says Marna van der Walt, CEO of JHI Properties.

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[Industrial 'brownfields' on the rise](#)

Owing to a number of intrinsic issues, industrial nodes around the country, such as Isando, are experiencing an increasing number of property redevelopments.

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[Tribunal to hear Sycom property merger](#)

The Competition Tribunal will on Wednesday consider the proposed large merger between Sycom Property Fund Collective Investment Scheme in Property and Grapnel Property Investments (Pty) Ltd and Changing Tides 91 (Pty) Ltd, it said on Monday.

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[The decisive standard for measuring direct property returns in SA](#)

The IPD index indicated a flat performance to June 2011; a key question is whether the 2010 mini-recovery in the commercial property market will prove to be a false start, and indeed, whether the 2011

performance continues to build on the turnaround or not?
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[New regulation could see merged listed property sector](#)

South Africa's new Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) legislation has been earmarked for finalisation in 2013.
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['Drop in vacancies key' - Emira](#)

Emira Property Fund has distributed 53.81c for each Emira participatory interest for the six months ended December 2011, a 2.5% decline over the same period in 2010.
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[New property funds underperform](#)

The South African listed property sector is growing in leaps and bounds, having increased its market capitalisation over the past 12 months from R122bn, with 18 counters, to R158bn, with 29 counters, as at the end of last month.
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[US Office recovery: at risk from lease renewal timing](#)

The risk that US office properties will post income declines as leases roll over is particularly high in 2012.
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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

Programmer/Planner

Experienced programmer/planner who has at least 10 years experience working with a major national civil engineering contractor. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Director - Delivery Management Africa

International finance and investment group requires a Head of delivery in regard to its new infrastructure construction projects within Africa. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

OPERATIONS MANAGER R1m pa Port Elizabeth

Due to ongoing workload and further projects in the pipeline, this progressive and very busy building contractor needs a strong Operations Manager to take responsibility for the Port Elizabeth branch that would include the whole Eastern Cape. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PLANNER R1m pa – Durban

This stable contractor with a full order book and many projects in the pipeline needs a strong Planner to join their organisation. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Construction Planner

Construction Planner mechanical required for Medupi power station long term contract. Must be well versed in Prima Vera 6. Fit and be able to access heights. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SAFETY OFFICER MEP PROJECTS Saudi Arab

This international consulting and construction organisation requires top-level candidates for major high-

rise and multi use developments projects in Saudi Arabia. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

painting estimator/ paint technical rep

female with many years experience working as an estimator for a painting contractor seeking work as an estimator or anything related to the painting/ redecorate trade in either Durban or Bloemfontein. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Planner / Programmer - Building - Dbn

My client is a medium sized Building Contractor based in Durban. They are seeking a competent planner/programmer who has worked with CANDY CCS. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP

[Two months to Middelburg Mall opening](#)

Despite a small setback from minor storm damage to the roof in January last year, the eagerly awaited R500 million Middelburg Mall is due to open 19 April 2012.

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[Bright outlook for SA's 5-Star hotel market](#)

The outlook for the 5-Star hotel market in SA is looking brighter, according to Joop Demes, CEO of Pam Golding Hospitality, particularly when viewed against the backdrop of global uncertainty.

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[Sun earnings expected to be up 100%-110%](#)

Sun says its basic and headline earnings per share for the 6 months ended December 2011 are expected to be between 100% and 110% higher than the 156c and 157c previously.

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[Lonrho clinches hotel deal in Kinshasa](#)

Lonrho Hotels, a division of London-listed property group Lonrho Plc, has entered into a 10-year management agreement for the 450-room Grand Hotel in Kinshasa.

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[M Square Lifestyle Necessities offer Gorgeous Foscarini Lighting](#)

M Square Lifestyle Necessities has done it again! I keep wondering how they manage to have the most

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interesting, stylish and innovative range of home décor products on their site.
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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[South African Architects Against Corruption](#)

It is no secret amongst architects that corruption at South African municipal building control departments has reached an all time high. It is now threatening the very integrity of the building construction industry and impacting strongly on the efficiency of the professions.

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[The CAD Corporation awarded Autodesk 'Gold Partner' Status](#)

The CAD Corporation, a South African Autodesk software partner and solutions provider, today announced that it has been awarded Autodesk's Gold Partner status.

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[Ten reasons why you should appoint an architect](#)

An architect is concerned with aesthetic issues, manipulating proportions, alignments, masses, volumes, etc....

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[DAILY DREAM HOME – HOUSE ABOOBAKER](#)

Today's dream home is located in Limpopo, South Africa – a perfect place to build a residence that would encompass a laid back lifestyle in spaces flooded by natural light. House Aboobaker was re-designed by Nico van der Meulen Architects and now proudly displays a wonderful collection of space.

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[What if we designed houses like web apps?](#)

David Galbraith has embarked on a fascinating journey, exploring the notion that the flow of people and their interactions inside buildings, is similar in design to the flow of data and user interaction of Web apps.

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[Anya Van der Merwe To Receive American Institute of Architects Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

Cape Town architect is first South African woman to receive top international lifetime achievement award for architecture.

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PIA Events

Visit the [PIA Events-page](#) to keep abreast of upcoming events arranged by the Pretoria Institute of Architects.

Great Buildings:

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Please note that the [ASAQS webshop](#) is back on line for all your document requirements.

[National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act, 1977 \(Act 103 of 1977\)](#)

[Fee Calculator for Professional Architectural Services - Non-Repeat Buildings](#)

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[SANS 10400-T, Table 2 \(Safety Distances\) - Calculator from Arcdirectory](#)

[Erdman Hall Dormitories](#), by Louis I. Kahn, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, 1960 to 1965.
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ARCHITECTURE SOUTH AFRICA

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DESIGN ARCHITECT - Johannesburg

One of the few Architectural practices that is still succeeding to obtain work needs a seasoned Design Architect for their Johannesburg office. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

HEAD ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNER

Leading multi disciplinary brand and communications solutions consultancy requires a Head Environmental designer. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR ARCH TECH OR ARCHITECT

This leading architectural practice in Cape Town is responsible for some of the most notable green buildings in Cape Town and elsewhere in SA and Africa. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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A REMINDER OF THE PIA'S OWN WEBSITE FOR INTER-MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS, FORUMS, DISCUSSIONS, ETC. www.pia.org.za



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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

ProjectPro

[Projects and Principles](#)

[The Project Management Calendar](#)

When Rob Purdie describes his consultancy as a "not-for-much-profit" organization, it's not a statement on the tough economic times. Since 2004, he has chosen clients who "do good" over companies focused solely on maximizing the bottom line. But Purdie hasn't left behind the project management experience earned in the corporate world.
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PROJECT MANAGER Trainee – Johannesburg

Our Client, a leading Project Management organisation needs a few young B Sc Graduates with at least 3 years site experience to support their ongoing workload. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This leading Project Management Organisation with a long standing successful track record requires a few more young dynamic front runners they can train as Project Managers. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Retail Project Manager

An amazing opportunity for a retail project manager to join one of South Africa's innovative retail chains stores. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER – R40+ pm - Gauteng

Degree/diploma QS/Build/Civil/Architect. This fast growing medium sized Project Management Organisation handling building as well as civil projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Project Management Unit (PMU) - Exec

A Construction and Management consulting firm is looking for a PMU Executive Manager. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Basil Read lands R1.2bn TCTA contract](#)

JSE-listed construction company Basil Read has been awarded a R1.2-billion contract for Phase 2C and Phase 2H of the Olifants River Water Resources development project, bringing the group's total order book for the year to R14-billion.

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[Firm attains highest construction company carbon disclosure rating](#)

Construction firm Group Five has achieved the highest rating of all JSE Top 100-listed construction companies in the 2011 Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).

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[Association optimistic about engineering, construction sectors despite challenges](#)

A number of key issues are inhibiting the South African infrastructure sector's development and, consequently, creation of jobs, industry body Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) president Naren Bhojaram tells Engineering News.

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[New SSI CEO welcomes Zuma's infrastructure push](#)

Engineering and environmental consultancy SSI plans to embrace President Jacob Zuma's call for the private sector to support government's expediting of South Africa's vast infrastructure development investment drive, newly appointed CEO Nyami Mandindi said on Thursday.

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['Game-changing' infrastructure plan for W Cape – Zille](#)

The Western Cape will see a "game-changing" infrastructure plan this year, premier Helen Zille said on Friday.

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[Construction team finds shipwreck at V&A Waterfront](#)

Construction company WBHO has found a wooden shipwreck during excavation works for a new office block in the Clock Tower precinct of the V&A Waterfront, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (Sahra) said on Thursday.

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[Company supplies products to NMPP](#)

Concrete admixture specialist Chryso South Africa has supplied products for use in the concrete mix of the foundation anchors of fuel storage tanks, as well as the slabs surrounding the tanks at State-owned Transnet's new multi-product pipeline (NMPP).

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[Bids sought for City Power manhole-locking project](#)

The City of Johannesburg, through its electricity utility City Power, this week put out a bidding request for a multimillion-rand manhole-locking project.

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[Infrastructure, capacity constraints barriers to intra-African trade](#)

Africa has experienced improved economic governance, however, the continent must transform that growth spurt in sustainable ways, Trade and Industry Minister Dr Rob Davies said this week.

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Environmental Legislation

Members would do well to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act (19 of 1998) and related legislation, such as the Waste Act; the Air Quality Act; the National Water Act and so forth.

Occupational Health & Safety

The birds and the bees. Following an incident reported by one of our Members that a worker working on a rural contract was stung by a bee on the lip, it serves as a timely reminder that supervisors should be in the know as to all or any allergies that their workers may have.

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Sixty three years constitute two generations. [The South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors](#) has celebrated over sixty years of being the "midwife" of the development of South Africa. Its members were intimately involved in the creation of the infrastructure that became the envy of our continent. In the same spirit, SAFCEC has prepared itself for the challenges awaiting us in the new millennium.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[Excellence in Renewable Energy Awards Winners: Innovation](#)

The nominations have been reviewed; the editors votes are in and we are now pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 Excellence in Renewable Energy Awards.
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[Coal Plants Switch to Bioenergy in the UK](#)

To describe the British town of Tilbury as a green beacon would require a stretch of the imagination. Home to London's main container port and an unsightly 1960s concrete-slab power plant, with a curious smell emanating from the nearby sewage works, Tilbury epitomises twentieth century grit, clank, smoke and soot.
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[Wind Historian Says: Build New Wind Farms Farther From Neighbors](#)

Windfall: Wind Energy in America Today, by historian Robert Righter, was recently published by University of Oklahoma Press; it's a follow-up to his 1996 book, a history of the industry through its first commercial boom.
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[Assessing the Risks in Solar Project Development](#)

Over the next four years, 5.7 GW of utility-scale solar PV projects is expected to be built in the U.S. and another 1.3 GW in Canada for a total of 7 GW.

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[Ground-truth: Do We Need To Destroy the Desert To Fight Climate Change?](#)

There are two holes the size of bulldozers in the argument made by Johanna Wald in "Clearing Up the Record on Solar Energy on Public Lands", and others (including The Wilderness Society and Climate Progress) that opening public lands to large scale industrial solar development is a necessary "sacrifice" to fight climate change.

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[DOE Offers \\$12 Million to Spur Solar Energy Innovation](#)

DOE announced more than \$12 million in funding to speed solar energy innovation from the lab to the marketplace.

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MINING NEWS

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[Harmony halts South Reef production for infrastructure upgrade](#)

South African-based Harmony Gold has ordered a 17-day production stoppage at its Doornkop mine's South Reef to allow for infrastructure upgrades.

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[Anglo posts \\$13.3bn record earnings, dividends up](#)

Diversified mining major Anglo American has posted record \$13.3-billion 2011 earnings and a 23% increase in underlying earnings a share.

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[Gold Fields Q4 up 26% in line with consensus](#)

Gold Fields, the world's fourth-largest gold producer, reported a 26% rise in quarterly earnings on Friday, in line with expectations as its results were lifted by a favorable exchange rate.

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[SA's first online mining auction sells equipment worth R15m](#)

Having secured about R20-million worth of stock and a 60.7% confirmation rate for its pilot mining and construction online auction, auction house Luxury Brands believes it has set a new precedent.

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[Mongolia coal rail plans delayed on financing issues](#)

Mongolia's ambitious plan to build a railway network capable of delivering its surging coal output to foreign markets is likely to be delayed as a result of financing difficulties and bureaucratic deadlocks, government officials said on Friday.

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[China raises mining taxes on iron, tin, other minerals-paper](#)

SHANGHAI- China has raised a resource tax on iron, tin, molybdenum, magnesium, talc, and boron in a move aimed at conserving resources and curbing pollution, an official newspaper said.

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[Xstrata sells two Mpumalanga coal assets](#)

Diversified miner Xstrata has completed the sale of two Mpumalanga collieries to black economic-empowered (BEE) group Imbawula, for an undisclosed amount.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

[Olivedale - The Family Friendly Suburb](#)

Although Olivedale is fast becoming the quintessential family neighbourhood, it caters to a broad spectrum of buyers.

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[Craighall Park - A Green Oasis](#)

With easy access to parks, Craighall is a bushy wonderland for those that like a stroll.

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[Grahamstown's new modern apartments](#)

Demand for residential property has peaked in Grahamstown thanks to the new development by Thornbird Trade and Invest 55 (Pty) Ltd, Lindisfarne.

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[City of Saints and Education gets a boost](#)

With its elegant English heritage and beautifully preserved architecture, Grahamstown is considered one of the best-preserved Victorian colonial towns in the world.

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[Port Alfred Invites you on Board](#)

The upmarket town of Port Alfred has much to offer in the way of property to suit every pocket.

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[Humansdorp – A Jewel of the Eastern Cape](#)

Situated in the heart of the Eastern Cape the picturesque town of Humansdorp is an interesting place.

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[Kitesurfer or Spotter, Struisbaai is the Place](#)

Boasting the longest natural beach in the Southern Hemisphere, this Southern Cape fishing village in the Overberg district attracts nature lovers from all walks of life.

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[Why social housing is so important](#)

Eastern Cape Economic Development MEC Mcebisi Jonas says social housing projects are important

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in enhancing racial integration in communities.
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[South Africa: New Model Houses for Kleinmond](#)

Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor has handed over 410 specially designed housing units to the Kleinmond community in Cape Town.
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[Agricultural properties sought after](#)

South African agricultural property holdings have fast become sought after by homebuyers who feel constrained by busy urban lifestyles.
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[Property price growth rose in January](#)

Residential property prices rose 6.7% in January, compared with the corresponding period last year, according to bond originator, ooba.
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[Is it Best to Buy New Kitchen Cabinets Or to Restore the Old Ones?](#)

Are you getting agitated by the appearance of your kitchen? If you are faced by unsightly hard to remove stains and moldy cabinets then it may be time to consider giving it a complete facelift.
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[If you cannot afford to buy, then rent](#)

Agents and landlords have experienced small increases in their portfolios over the past year, with the majority owning between 1 and 10 properties.
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[Buy-To-Let Investors Turn to Second-Tier Lenders](#)

The impact of the recession on the value of residential developments and stringent new legislation in the banking sector have resulted in it becoming almost impossible for property investors to obtain a loan from the major banks where the security for the loan is residential investment property such as flats or houses rented out to a third parties...
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[Don't let Your Property Pass to the State](#)

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPCO) recently revealed that more than 1m companies and close corporations had been deregistered or were in the process of being deregistered for failing to submit their annual returns - and that could have serious effects on the ownership and/or transfer of properties...
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[Prime residential: still a safe haven for the wealthy it seems](#)

Ever wondered how those super wealthy residential properties perform against each other on a global market?
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A significant number of respondents indicated they would like their property professional to pay more attention to what they are looking for in a home.
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[Economic Woes Send Investors Back to Bricks and Mortar](#)

This may surprise many, but the current uncertainties in global economics have resulted in a significant shift of assets to property...

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[How to become an estate agent](#)

For many people, a career in real estate is not about making a quick buck and getting out, but a lifelong commitment and passion for the sector.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Russia's Norilsk seeks to expand nickel reserves in Botswana](#)

World number one nickel and palladium producer, and Russia's largest diversified mining company, MMC Norilsk Nickel, has reported that it will complete airborne geophysical surveying and surface geochemical prospecting in the Tekwane area of Botswana during the first quarter of 2012.

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[Brown: Zimbabwe land rental fee 'a mistake'](#)

IMPALA Platinum (Implats) CEO David Brown said on Thursday a workable commercial solution could still be reached with the Zimbabwean government over subsidiary Zimplats, despite the latest setbacks in that country.

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[Anglo, Kumba join West Africa iron ore rush](#)

ANGLO American will join the rush for West Africa's iron ore as part of a new pact with 65%-owned, Kumba Iron Ore, to launch an Africa- wide search for new reserves of the metal.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 17 February 2012 at 16:52		
	This week	11/02/2012
Rand/\$	7.73	7.77
Rand/£	12.22	12.25



TAILPIECE

The teacher said, "OK class, I'd like you to tell me what you really need at home."
 Suzie says, "We really need a new computer."
 The teacher says, "Yes, that would be useful."

Rand/€	10.18	10.23
Gold/oz	\$1734.12	\$1708.03
JSE All Share	34045.76	33871.22

JSE stays positive on world markets

The JSE remained positive in midday trade on Friday, tracking the firmer tone on world stock markets amid fresh hopes that Greece will secure its financial bailout on Monday, and positive US economic data.

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Stronger rand adds some shine

South African bonds were up to 4 basis points firmer in midday play on Friday, which a trader attributed to improved sentiment on the back of a stronger local currency.

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Oil higher on Middle East tension

Oil prices edged higher in Asian trade on Friday on continued tension between Western powers and crude producer Iran, as well as positive economic data from the United States, analysts said.

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KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Economic Data and Forecasts

Economic data and economic information about South Africa and the region. Market trends, economic reviews and forecasts. Economic indicators such as interest rates, exchange rates, repo rate, interbank rate, forward rates, monetary aggregates, consumer price index and producer price index.

A summary of data available from various institutions is available on the [SA Financial Sector Forum Website](http://www.finforum.co.za/econdata.htm) at <http://www.finforum.co.za/econdata.htm>

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Wendy says, "We really need a new car."
 The teacher says, "Yes, that would be useful too."
 Little Johnny says, "We don't need anything at all."
 The teacher says, "Oh, come on. Everybody needs something."
 Little Johnny says, "No! My Sister came home yesterday and said she was pregnant."
 My Dad said, "Well, that's all we #%\$@ need!"

A man is lost in a hot air balloon somewhere over Ireland. He looks down and sees a farmer and shouts to him, "Where am I?" The Irish farmer looks up and shouts back, "You can't kid me ya bastard, you're in that blooming basket!"



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