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ASAQS NEWS

ASAQS CONCLUDES AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH L2B

The Association of Quantity Surveyors South Africa (ASAQS) and [Leads 2 Business](#) (L2B) have formally concluded an affiliation agreement.

Executive Director of ASAQS, Mr Larry Feinberg, stated that "we have identified L2B as leading construction industry solution providers and this understanding is a further step towards the creation of business opportunities and membership value for the Associations constituent members." This historic agreement was concluded at the International Cost Engineers Council conference, recently held at the ICC in Durban and enables a collaborative framework to be set up. The affiliation, a first for ASAQS, would include access to L2B's tender service which would open up additional income avenues for member firms and allow for a co-operative information sharing platform.

"Our niche market is providing business leads for the construction sector and there are mutually beneficial opportunities for members of both organisations," concluded Victor Terblanche, CEO and Founder of L2B "we are proud to include ASAQS as our affiliates".

ASAQS SIGNS LANDMARK AGREEMENT

On the 19th July Mr Larry Feinberg, Executive Director of the ASAQS concluded the first step in a process that will transform the Association.

After concluding negotiations yesterday afternoon he said: "Today – the Association has signed a landmark agreement with One Zone Digital – a database management company.

This agreement provides a new platform in which the Association will be able to provide efficient and effective administrative services to our members. For instance, our members will shortly be able to sign up and review their membership invoices in real time. Our members will also be able to view and update their membership details, as



E-mail:

well as pay for all fees (membership and firm) online. This membership portal will also send out letters of good standing autonomously as well as allow our members to reprint these if necessary.



Your profession

The website will host a technical "Edutech" portal where our members can submit all technical enquiries and expect a prompt answer. And furthermore the ASAQS website will also allow our members to create their own unique profile and optionally upload their C.V., profile picture and firm details should they wish to. Our website will be completely retooled and redesigned, with a user friendly and simple to navigate membership interface.

Other

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This project, once completed, will revolutionise the way in which the Association is able to provide prompt administrative services and efficiently communicate with our members and will provide the foundation towards our Association's continuous role and mission of adding value and benefits for our members.

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More of these benefits will be outlined within the coming 2 months. Our Association looks forward to interfacing with all of you in a new and professional way. Further communications with more details of this project will be placed on our website in due course. Please stay tuned."



BORDER CHAPTER FORMED

We wish to congratulate the Border region on the formation of of their management committee and we are sure that under their guidance quantity surveyors in the region will benefit from their future efforts.

Larry Feinberg the ASAQS ED says: "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our members in the East London Border area on the formation of the Associations new Border Chapter. I am sincerely looking forward to working in collaboration with the Border Chapter representatives on ways in which the Association can continue to create value and benefits for our constituent members located within this region.

Indeed the aforementioned topic of "benefits" and "value for membership" remains a crucial issue with our Board and Executive Officers, with proactive steps being taken by the Association to address this core matter and create the necessary platform that promises to address these pivotal issues."



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REPORT ON PAQS CONGRESS 2012

Prof Tinus Maritz officially represented the ASAQS at the 16th PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS (PAQS) Congress that was held from the 7th – 10th July 2012 in Brunei Darussalam. The theme of the Congress was INNOVATING AND SUSTAINING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, and the organizers were PERTUBUHAN UKUR JURUTERA & ARKITEK Surveyor Division. The Congress took place in the Empire Hotel and Country Club and must be one of the most impressive destinations in all of Asia.

Tinus says: "South Africa has observer status only but I was extremely well received and I fully participated as Board member in all the discussions at the board meeting on Saturday the 7th of July. My overall impression was that the construction industry in the Asian Region is fairly healthy and not so negatively affected as in Europe and North America. The ASAQS must seek to further on relations with PAQS as it can certainly be of benefit to our members."



[Hire Resolve Engineering Careers](#)

A STUDENT REPORTS BACK ON ICEC 2012

ASAQS assisted the UCT Honours class students in attending the recent ICEC conference.

Their class representative, Kurt Duvel, writes: "The conference proved to be a bonding experience for our class, including our lecturers and professors, whom we felt honoured to be attending with, as we are on the cusp of entering the profession. Collectively, we frantically moved between presentation venues, hobnobbed with titans of industry and tried to soak up as much of the atmosphere that is present in an international conference as possible. The format was impeccably organised, and allowed for a variety of topics for us to be exposed to. In addition to an exhibition hall, where various stands were set up (and food and drink were served), there were three major venues where papers and research were presented, all under the conference's theme of 'Quest for Quality: Professionalism in Practice'."

[Click here to read Kurt Duvel's synopsis of their experiences.](#)



[Dimension X software for measuring](#)



ASAQS SIGNS 3 YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE RICS

The presidents of the ASAQS and the RICS signed a co-operation agreement on the 24th June 2012.

During the 3 year term of the new agreement both parties agreed to the mutual recognition of membership. Fully qualified quantity surveyors registered as "Professional Members" of ASAQS (PMAQS) (subject as provided in the Note below) shall be admitted to full membership of RICS as "MRICS" on providing evidence of their status with ASAQS. Fully qualified "FRICS" and "MRICS" members of RICS shall be admitted to the status of "Member" (MAQS) with ASAQS on providing evidence of their status with RICS; should such person subsequently wish to be admitted to the status of "Professional Member" (PMAQS), this may be considered on providing evidence of the requisite professional registration form.

[Click here to read more...](#)



GAUTENG WEB PAGE UPDATED

On the 15th August, the Gauteng Chapter will be presenting a CPD lecture on "Arbitration and the JBCC contract (2007 and 2012 as proposed) and the duties of the principal agent/Quantity Surveyor". [Click here for more details.](#)

This will be followed by their annual Golf Day, which this year takes place at the Serengeti Golf Club on Tuesday the 4th September. To enter the Betterball Stableford competition [please click here.](#)

A couple of photographs taken during their last CPD lecture, were also added

ASAQS SALARY SURVEY 2012

An annual survey of salaried staff is conducted amongst firms in order to determine the hourly rate for principals, partners, members of close corporations and directors. As such principals are not necessarily allocated a salary, different categories of salaried personnel are used as a basis, with a factor added in order to arrive at an hourly rate.

Please be assured that only the Executive Director of the Association of SA Quantity Surveyors has access to the individual returns, thus absolute confidentiality is assured.

As soon as feedback is returned from the firms, this information is handed over to a firm of statistical analysts who are commissioned to capture the information and compute the results to finally arrive at an hourly rate. Clearly the better the response from the firms, the more reliable and representative the results will become. A special appeal is therefore made to all member firms to please assist the Association with this important survey by setting aside a little time to complete the questionnaire and returning same (preferably in electronic format) to the offices of the Association. **The deadline is Friday 27th July 2012.**

Please submit the information back to the Executive Director of the ASAQS, Mr. Larry Feinberg, by e-mail to director@asaqs.co.za. Alternatively it can be faxed to (011) 315 3785 or posted to the ASAQS, P.O. Box 3527, Halfway House, 1685

- Alternatively it can also be **submitted electronically** via the ASAQS website (www.asaqs.co.za) by [clicking here.](#)

Finally it should be noted that the results of this survey will only be made available to the respondent firms of this survey in a format that will ensure absolute confidentiality. The information will NOT be made freely available to everyone on the ASAQS website.

JBCC Electronic service



CES Group



- To view the explanatory covering letter, [please click here](#).
- To view the form (in MsWord) to be completed and returned, [please click here](#).

Your co-operation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

JBCC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

JBCC PBA CLAUSE 2

Question: An invitation to tender was advertised and in due course the successful tenderer was informed in writing of the acceptance of his offer and requested to submit the documentation required as stated in the invitation. The contractor failed to provide the Construction Guarantee as elected by him and did not appear on site on the date set for the handover. The contractor later informed the employer that he was unable to raise the guarantee and submitted a letter from his attorney stating that a contract was not, as yet, in existence and therefore the contractor was not in breach. Is this the case and how do we determine if a contract does or does not exist?



Answer: [To view the answer click here](#).

(Questions and answers obtained from the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) published on the JBCC website)

[Visit the CUG](#) to find out where to download the JBCC indices and view two recent questions and answers concerning the JBCC.

[VALCAL Retaining wall specialists](#)

SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

SUSTAINABILITY WEEK EXPO will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre from 25 – 29 July 2012, it will feature more than 100 eco product and technology exhibits, 8 conferences, and the Green Home and Lifestyle Fair over the weekend.



Entrance is free so bring the whole family!

[Click here to download an overview of the exhibition](#) which includes fashion, cars, film, an organic food market and much more!

The Green Building Programme can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Remain updated by visiting the [Sustainability Week website](#).

NETSPOT : SA BOND CALCULATOR

Do you own an Android phone or tablet? Then you will want to download the FREE South African Bond Calculator developed by [Apposition Consulting](#) from the [Play Store](#).

Their application calculates the costs involved in purchasing a property. Transfer costs and bond registration costs are calculated. It will calculate the costs for a normal transfer, developer (VAT inclusive) and developer (VAT exclusive) transfer, giving a detailed breakdown of transfer- and bond costs. The program also gives short explanations of the costs included such as the FICA compliance fee charged by the conveyancer.

The bond calculator does not show monthly repayments on the bond, for that you will have to download the Bond Buddy developed by the same software company.



[Merkel's](#)

JBCC COURSES

[JBCC second semester \(August - November 2012\) seminars.](#)

[Thursday 16 August, 2012](#) - Wits Professional Development Hub, Johannesburg - Principal Building Agreement combined with Nominated/Selected Subcontract Agreement - 08:00 - 16:30.

[Recruitlink](#)

[Wednesday 12 September, 2012](#) - Garden Court Eastern Boulevard, Cape Town - Principal Building Agreement combined with Nominated/Selected Subcontract Agreement - 08:00 - 16:30

[Wednesday 17 October, 2012](#) - Bytes Conference Centre, Midrand - Principal Building Agreement combined with Nominated/Selected Subcontract Agreement - 08:00 - 16:30.



[Wednesday 14 November, 2012](#) - Sica's Guest House, Durban - Principal Building Agreement combined with Nominated/Selected Subcontract Agreement - 08:00 - 16:30.

Click on the date to download the registration form in Excel format.

STAY ON TOP OF YOUR CPD REQUIREMENTS THIS YEAR

[Green building](#)

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 :

[INTERBUILD AFRICA 2012](#)

The Building Services And Construction Exhibition

- 15 - 18 August 2012 - Expo Centre, Nasrec, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

[IFLA 2012 WORLD CONGRESS](#)

- 5 - 7 September 2012

The Institute for Landscape Architecture in South Africa (ILASA) is hosting the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) 49th World Congress in Cape Town this year. The congress will run from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th September 2012. The venue will be Cape Town's magnificent City Hall.

[MBA CONGRESS 2012](#)

Master Builders South Africa Congress from 9 – 12 September 2012 at the Wild Coast Sun Hotel, Lower South Coast, KwaZulu Natal. Click here to download the [Congress Invitation](#).

[SECOND NMMU CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA, 25-27 NOVEMBER 2012](#)

The Second NMMU Construction Management conference provides an international forum for researchers and practitioners from developed, developing and underdeveloped nations to address fundamental construction management and construction project management issues. [Invitation to submit abstracts](#).

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

[CLASSIFIEDS](#)

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Turnaround Estimator - Horizon Oil Sands

Our Horizon Oil Sands operation is expanding with project spending for 2012 forecasted at approximately \$2 Billion with similar spending projected each year for the next 5 years. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.



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- Preferential exposure of your products and services
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Don't wait, we only have a limited number of slots left. Click here to [download the sponsorship form](#) or [contact Bert van den Heever](#) the ASAQS Webmaster

QS POSITIONS IN DURBAN & MAURITIUS

Africost is a well established and fast growing company, seeks to appoint a Quantity Surveyor in each of their Durban and Mauritius offices. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROFESSIONAL QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Professional registered Quantity Surveyor for PQS firm Situated on the West Rand. Pref with Retail Experience and 5 Years plus experience. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor

Consultant Quantity Surveying & Project Management firm is looking for energetic quantity surveyors (3-5 years experience) to work on exciting projects in KZN - position to be filled immediately. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor Mechanical

Quantity surveyor mechanical with SMPP and Mining experience required for JHB based Construction company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Estimator Mechanical

Estimator mechanical projects required for Durban based construction company involved in the oil and gas industry. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR/QS's – Egypt

B Sc / Tech Quantity Surveying. This international contractor with a full order book in the Middle East and around the Mediterranean needs extra support on their ongoing projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QS – ENGINEERING/MINING RELATED

Cost engineers, Contracts administrators. B Sc QS/Civil/Elect/Mech. Due to a full order book and signing up further projects, our Client needs QS's, Contracts Administrators or Contracts Engineers who have worked on mining, civil, engineering, electrical & mechanical projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROFESSIONAL QUANTITY SURVEYOR

B Sc QS with ideally some 3/5 years experience with a PQS firm handling buildings would certainly ensure a referral. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PLANNER – Gauteng

B Sc Bldg/Civil/QS with excellent computer skills, CCS MS Project. If your strengths are computer oriented, research and a fascination of co-ordination of activities – this may be for you. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

CONTRACTS MANAGER – B Sc / Tech Bldg

If you have managed 3 to 5 smaller contracts simultaneously, we would love to hear from you
This fast growing contractor needs further support for their own developments as well as negotiated building projects. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior QS

Large Interior Design/Turnkey company based in Randburg urgently seeking a junior QS to handle the following tasks. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior QS

A successful PQS firm, based in Fourways, seeks a Registered Quantity Surveyor for a permanent position.

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Quantity Surveyor Mechanical

Quantity Surveyor Mechanical required for JHB based construction company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Registered Quantity Surveyor

A successful PQS firm seeks an Registered Quantity Surveyor for a permanent position to manage their Kokstad Office. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor SMPP

Quantity Surveyor required for permanent head office based position in Germiston/JHB. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior Quantity Surveyor

A leading company in the JHB northern suburbs is urgently looking for a Quantity Surveyor with min 8yrs experience in a senior position. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior QS

A successful PQS firm seeks a Registered Quantity Surveyor for a permanent position. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Contracting Quantity Surveyor

We require a quantity surveyor with 2-3 years experience for a construction company in Cape Town which specialises in the luxury housing market. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor – Horizon Oil Sands

COME TO CANADA! We provide extensive relocation assistance for our international candidates! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior Project Controllers

Large Management consultancy is targeting qualified and experienced quantity surveyors with a proven track record project managing major infrastructure projects for private and public sector clients. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Snr QS - Civils

Senior quantity surveyor required for construction company in SA. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior / Intermediate Quantity Surveyor

Senior / Intermediate Quantity Surveyor x 3No.required for the Pretoria and Johannesburg office of a National multi-disciplinary consultancy. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Graduate QS

I hold a NDip building and have 1 year experience. Looking to start a career as a Junior QS/ CM. CV available on request. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior QS/ trainee

I am a recent graduate and currently looking for employment as a Junior QS/ Graduate Trainee QS. I holding a

National Diploma:Building plus a one year experience from a quantity surveying firm. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

B-Tech QS seeking employment

My name is solly makganyoga, a graduate in b-tech quantity surveying, having the ability to measure, to prepare final account, do interim valuation certificates and attend site meetings. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior QS/Candidate Valuer

I am a BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying graduate who is also registered as a Candidate Valuer. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Qs /Construction Qs position

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

QS mentoring required

Junior Quantity Surveyor with two years experience in the building industry and a BTech: Quantity Surveying degree. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Quantity Surveyor

I'm a female who recently obtained B tech Quantity surveying from Tshwane University of Technology and have experience in both preparation of estimates and land surveying. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

I am a young woman who recently obtained my degree in Quantity Surveying. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Quantity Surveyor/Trainee/Assisst

I'm a female graduate from Durban University of Technology and I'm looking for more experience in this career path. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Seeking employment in Gauteng (QS)

I'm a qualified candidate QS with 3 years experience seeking employment in Gauteng as a junior QS or any other construction related vacancy. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Snr Qs Available for immediate start

I have over 10 years experience in construction with particular emphasis on civil and infrastructure projects on various forms of contract. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Top student seeking employment

I am a Wits, Bsc(Hons) in Quantity Surveying graduate and I am looking for employment in a contracting, consulting or any other company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Qs/ Project manager

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

3 years Experience -Female with B tech

I have a Btech Quantity Surveying and a Candidate (ASQS), and I am seeking employment as a junior quantity

surveyor within a PQS firm, a contractor or a property development company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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

Need quantity surveying personnel? The best way to advertise your vacancies are in the [Classifieds section on the ASAQs website](#) - it's absolutely FREE! Adverts submitted to the Classifieds are also included in this newsletter.

We also have a number of employment consultancies as sponsors, please see their adverts at the top of this newsletter.

[CALENDAR](#)

30 July 2012

Event:	Time Management - Seize the Day!
Time:	All day event
Information:	ProjectPro® also offers a one-day time / stress management and personal efficiency and effectiveness course called Seize the Day!
Contact:	training@projectpro.co.za

30 / 31 July 2012

Event:	GCC 2010
Time:	8:30am EDT
Information:	The long awaited GCC 2010 is now starting to replace both the GCC 1990 and 2004 versions in practice, and if you aren't using the updated version..you should be!
Contact:	faith@alusani.co.za

31 July 2012

Event:	Project Management Demystified
Time:	All day event
Information:	This highly participative outcomes-based two-day introductory project management course is available for general public attendance or as an in-house course for learners from one client source.
Contact:	training@projectpro.co.za

1 / 2 / 3 August 2012

Event:	Project Management Professional/Certified Associates in Project Management (PMP/
Time:	All day event
Information:	The Project Management Professional (PMP)® or The Certified Associates in Project Management (CAPM)® certifications by the Project Management Institute (PMI)® in the USA, is an internationally recognized project management certification
Contact:	training@projectpro.co.za

2 August 2012

Event: FIDIC Claims Workshop (2 days)
Time: All day event
Information: In this two day workshop we focus on claims under the FIDIC contracts: when they can be brought, how they must be brought, how they are assessed, and how they are resolved.
Contact: norah@bca.co.za

15 August 2012

Event: JBCC Sereis 2000 Edition 5 July 2007
Time: All day event
Information: In this one day seminar we consider key provisions in the JBCC contracts and discuss both the positive aspects of the contracts and the flaws to watch out for.
Contact: norah@bca.co.za

15 August 2012

Event: Durban Workshop: "Fees or Famine" - The New Professional Fee Guidelines
Time: All day event
Information: Application of the new Professional Fee Guidelines and the reality.
Contact: sandra@contractsondemand.co.za

15 August 2012

Event: DURBAN WORKSHOP: The importance of Written JBCC Contracts - JBCC Edition 6
Time: All day event
Information: The application of the new JBCC Edition 6 Contracts (PBA, N/S Subcontract).
Contact: sandra@contractsondemand.co.za

16 August 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@bca.co.za

16 August 2012

Event: The JBCC presenting JBCC Principal Building Agreement & N/S Subcontract Agreement
Time: 8:00am-4:00pm EDT
Information: Interactive and thorough introduction to the 6.0 edition of the PBA & N/S Subcontract Agreements and application in practice.
Contact: info@jbcc.co.za

16 August 2012

Event:	Commercial Contract Drafting for Non-Legal Professionals - 2 day course
Time:	8:30 EDT
Information:	Commercial contracts are essential in business.
Contact:	faith@alusani.co.za

16 August 2012

Event:	Powerful Presentation Skills for Engineers, Scientists & Technical Professional
Time:	8:30 EDT
Information:	This training course is specifically tuned towards Engineers, Scientists & Technical Professionals who have to explain complex and technical information to audiences in a compelling way.
Contact:	faith@alusani.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

[Contracts Awarded down 11,7% m-m in June 2012](#)

The number of contracts awarded for construction (including both building and civil contracts) fell by 11,7% in June 2012, compared to the same month in 2011, with a 13,2% contraction in reported in civil contract awards and a 9,7% drop in building contracts awarded.
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[SA begins to embrace new building techniques in bid to beat homes backlog](#)

A concerted strategy by the local banking sector and government to increase the financing of structures built using alternative building technologies (ABTs) in South Africa is not only driving the increased application of these techniques, but is also targeting sceptical end-user perceptions.
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[Paint – more than just colour](#)

So often, consumers are easily misled in believing that colour and finish are the most important, if not the only, elements to take into account when purchasing paint. Other deciding factors such as durability, environmentally-friendly manufacturing and disposal processes, coverage, low odour and moisture resistance are often ignored when faced with paint card walls jam-packed with colours ranging from soothing to vibrant.

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[Restoring R-value in a historic landmark](#)

Constructed originally in the late 17th century, the Castle of Good Hope is South Africa's oldest surviving building predating the Simon van der Stel era. It is an incongruous sight amongst the newer buildings of Cape Town. Yet within its four-metre thick walls there remains a substantial contingent of administrators, military personnel and tourism support staff.

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[Ultimate Flexibility in the Office Environment](#)

There is no doubt that in offices and other applications that have a need for a considerable amount of power and data cabling coupled with a high churn in terms of office layout and staffing needs, the old solutions of providing central spines of flush floor trunking and perimeter systems are outdated.

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[Centurion office market: much pressure, great value](#)

With the slowdown and the concomitant growth in vacancies the overall "rental value" of the Centurion area has "come under pressure" from a supply and demand point of view

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[Central Park at Waterfall Business Estate set to become an icon of 21st Century quality urban living](#)

South Africa will soon experience quality urban living on a scale beyond any this country has ever seen with Waterfall City, developed by Atterbury Property Group.

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[Waterfall unites northern Sandton with Midrand](#)

Talk of classic planning principles, central park type features and a demographic retail and business capture potential to boot, South Africa will soon experience quality urban living on a scale - literally in concept a new city within the Gauteng megalopolis - beyond any this country has ever seen with Waterfall City.

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[Group Five slides on earnings warning](#)

Shares in Group Five dropped 2.54 percent to a seven-month closing low of R22.61 on Friday after the company reported that its fully diluted headline earnings a share for the year to June were expected to be between 60 percent and 70 percent lower than the previous year.

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[SA cements Brics with China in African venture](#)

International Relations and Co-operation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane is triumphant as she emerges from Beijing's imposing China World Hotel.

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[JHI grows portfolio under management](#)

Over the past five years (2007 to 2012), JHI Properties has increased its portfolio of assets managed on behalf of property funds and investors. This now stands at a total value of approximately R50 billion – more than double the R22 billion managed by JHI Properties in 2007.

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[Emira disposes of non core properties on yield enhancing terms](#)

Emira Property Fund has sold some of its non core properties and has used the proceeds to draw down on current debt facilities and to buy back its own Participatory Interest units (PI's) in the open market in a move which

will be earnings enhancing for Emira PI unit holders.
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Implications of REIT structure for SA listed property

The proposed tax and regulatory framework for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), expected to become available in South Africa early in 2013 is considered a best-in-breed structure that will see the introduction of a shared set of regulations and attractive tax benefits for existing local property investment vehicles – Property Loan Stocks and Property Unit Trusts.
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Redefine receives approval for the acquisition of Fountainhead Management Company

As all regulatory approvals have been received, with effect from 1 August 2012, Redefine will take immediate control of the Fountainhead Management Company and will simultaneously undertake a due diligence investigation into the affairs of the Trust.
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Redefine reports debt, investment strategy making good progress

Redefine International (RIN), SA's second-largest listed property company reports that it has made progress in meeting its objectives, particularly in exiting noncore assets, restructuring debt facilities and investing in sectors that continued to deliver strong income returns.
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Korea's NPS selected IPD as Global Real Estate Benchmark

Korea's National Pension Service (NPS) has approved a specially-tailored index provided by IPD as the official benchmark for its international real estate portfolio, according to a recent posting on the NPS website.
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Hong Kong world's most expensive office market

Asia-Pacific holds increasing sway in the global commercial real estate market, as Hong Kong's central business district (CBD) was found to be the world's most expensive office market with the region also accounting for six of the top 10 most expensive occupier markets worldwide, according to CBRE's Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey.
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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

PLANNER – Cape Town

Project construction experience essential. This highly successful Project Management organisation requires the services of a planner. Their projects range from leisure, commercial, retail – locally in South Africa, Africa and further internationally. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SITE AGENT – B Sc/Tech Bldg

Based in Gauteng this innovative contractor who also develops is seeking a further Site Agent who will handle all aspects of construction including the admin and some finances – great opportunity for someone who wishes to get ahead. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PLANNER – P M Consultancy - Gauteng

Due to ongoing and further workload, this leading project management consultancy needs a further Planner to support their Director. Opportunity not to be missed! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Clerk of Works

The Clerks of Works will be required to supervise the construction of a multistory office building in the Pretoria CBD. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Sales Director

Sales/Marketing Director required for International Construction company based in Durban. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP

FREE CONTRACTS

[Highveld Mall in Mpumalanga expands](#)

Highveld Mall will become the largest shopping centre in Mpumalanga when it opens its third extension phase in October 2012. Building on its unparalleled trading success, Highveld Mall's owners are investing R230 million to expand this regional shopping centre and enlarge its retail variety.
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[New shopping centre for Mayfield, Daveyton](#)

Investec Property has announced yet another strategically located retail development, this time in Mayfield, Daveyton.
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[Retail just seems to continue flourishing](#)

"I always say shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist." Tammy Faye Bakker. It could be that shoppers are gradually showing an inclination and increasing ability to manage their debt. Benefiting from the declining interest rates may also be a driving force. Regardless, shopping malls continue to demonstrate a suppleness in the face of pressures like increased fuel prices, electricity hikes and municipal rates increases.
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[Hotels boost accommodation income](#)

Total income for the accommodation industry for the three months ended May 2012 increased by 9.7 percent, according to a report.
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[International retailer line-up for ICSC's European Outlet Conference](#)

Established as the largest outlet conference in Europe, this year the ICSC European Outlet Conference has attracted outlet retailers such as Fossil and Samsonite to speak.
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[Domestic Employment](#)

[Offer to purchase](#)

[Lease agreement](#)

[Agreement of sale](#)

[Will](#)

[An Agreement giving General Power of Attorney](#)

[Contract for Housing and Minor Works](#)

 NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[CAD plans now available](#)

Isia Ortner, the architect who designed the CMA House, says placing the plans into CAD software means that they can be easily modified and will therefore have much broader appeal.

(@www.designmind.co.za)

[RIBA Announces 2012 Stirling Prize Shortlist](#)

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has announced the 2012 shortlist for its most prestigious award, the Stirling Prize, named after the late British architect James Stirling.

(@www.designmind.co.za)

[Celebration of heritage architecture](#)

Throughout KwaZulu-Natal, East Griqualand and Zimbabwe one can find the rich cultural legacy of Marianhill architecture in the form of about 30 mission stations.

(@www.designmind.co.za)

[How Architects of Educational Facilities are Changing Design Rules](#)

Traditionally, architecture for educational facilities – like that of other functional, public buildings – has been austere and institutional.

(@www.designmind.co.za)

[Architecture that Brings History to Life](#)

The cultural importance of architecture is as relevant today as ever. Architecture offers true insight into the values and tastes of a culture while also drawing a link back to that culture's roots and traditions.

(@www.designmind.co.za)

Great Buildings:

[First Christian Church](#), by Eliel Saarinen, at Columbus, Indiana, 1940.

(@www.greatbuildings.com)

Americas most beautiful college campuses:

[Florida Southern University: Lakeland, FL](#)

What do Ellis Island and Florida Southern University have in common? They're among the 32 U.S. spots that have recently been put under watch by the World Monument Fund as endangered cultural sites. You might also be surprised to learn that Florida Southern—on a hillside overlooking Lake Hollingsworth—has the world's largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, including the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel with its colored pieces of glass and wrought-iron tower. —Ratha Tep

(@www.yahoo.com)

[Hilton Pattaya - Department of Architecture in Thailand](#)

Department of ARCHITECTURE is responsible for interior design of various common areas for Hilton Pattaya Hotel which includes the First Floor Lobby, the Main Lobby on the 17th floor, the Bar, and various common area and linkage spaces within the building. The hotel is part of a larger multi-used complex located in the heart of Pattaya, overlooking the Pattaya beach. [Click here to view the spectacular photos.](#)

THE ASAQS WEBSHOP

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](#)

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

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

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[Boogertman + Partners complete Seth Mokitini Methodist Seminary](#)

Named after one of the greatest leaders of the Methodist Church of African origin Seth Mokitini Methodist Seminary (SMMS) is a training centre for Methodist church ministers in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) South Africa.

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ARCHITECTURE SOUTH AFRICA

Read the latest issue online by [clicking here](#).

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SPACE PLANNER – Gauteng – national projs

National projects. Interior Designer or Architect with interior space planning experience. Degree/ Diploma Interior Designer/Architect. This leading branding architectural practice needs further staff to support their ongoing development of space planning projects nationally. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

ADMINISTRATOR - Malaysia

Arch Design Service Contracts. Architect Qualification. Join international architectural practice based in Malaysia who handles all notable and groundbreaking new leisure developments. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Pr. QS, ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

Our client a BEE Multi-disciplinary Professional Consulting Company with an established and respected brand name and currently operating from offices in Durban & Cape Town seeks Professionals, Pr. Quantity Surveyors, Architects & Engineers, to establish new practices, under the aegis of their brand name, in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, East London, Kimberley, Nelspruit, etc. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

INTERIOR DESIGNER – Jnr to Mid Level

This multi disciplinary practice provides a one-stop architectural interior and industrial design product for their Clients. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Need architectural personnel? The best way to advertise your vacancies are in the [Classifieds section on the ASAQS website](#) - it's absolutely FREE! Adverts submitted to the Classifieds are also included in this newsletter. We also have a number of employment consultancies as sponsors, please see their adverts at the top of this newsletter.

FREE SOFTWARE DOWNLOADS FOR ARCHITECTS

Dive right in and start downloading. Everything from free anti-virus to CAD programs.

Thanks to the PIA for some of the information published in this section - drop them a note at admin.pia@saia.org.za

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

[The Project Management Calendar](#)

PM History Lessons: Gettysburg

In the summer of 1863, Confederate General Robert E. Lee invaded the North in an attempt to provoke a climactic confrontation in the Civil War. Lee's invasion failed when he lost at The Battle of Gettysburg. This historic battle offers a number of practical lessons for present-day project leaders.
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View local and international events on the project management calendar as listed by ProjectPro.

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Project Manager

Project Management & Quantity Surveying Practice is looking for an energetic Project Manager (3-5 years experience) to work on exciting projects in Kwazulu Natal. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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PROJECT MNGR / OFFICE MNGR – Durban KZN

Amazing opportunity to relocate to Durban!!!! Due to continued expansion this BEE project management consultancy with the Head Office In Johannesburg needs someone in Durban. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER –Cape Town

Join this very busy Project Management Consultancy with projects locally, Africa and internationally – be part of the team that changes the landscape!!!! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER - Gauteng

B Sc Building/Civil. This innovative developer needs a stand-alone project manager to handle a fast track, high tech mixed development – 200,000 m2!! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER – AFRICA

Leading Construction Project Management organisation needs a stand alone CPM to handle a major ongoing project in Nairobi. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER – AFRICA

Amazing opportunity for someone to work in Africa (basically run the business) and oversee the local projects as a senior Project Manager. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER – JUNIORS

Gauteng but can be sent internationally. B Sc Bldg, 1 to 5 years experience with one of the major contractors and a burning desire to move off site into an asst PM post with one of the leading PM organisations!!! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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VISIT SACPCMP

SACPCMP was established to provide for statutory professional certification, registration and regulation of Project and Construction Management Professions in order to protect public interest and advance construction and project management education.

To visit the [The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions.... click here](#)



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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Inflows into SA bond market strong](#)

South Africa has benefited greatly from global bond allocations, with more than R60-billion in foreign buying flowing into the domestic bond market so far this year. But the rand did not strengthen during the period, which raised a risk warning, private equity firm Citadel Capital investment strategist George Herman said Thursday. (@www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[SA's new investment policy to forge minerals, industrialisation link](#)

South Africa is crafting a "new generation" investment policy framework, which will be underscored by the developmental needs of the country, especially the expansion of the country's embattled productive sectors, Trade and Industry Minister Dr Rob Davies has revealed. A conscious effort would also be made to foster a direct link between an investor's access to South Africa's mineral resources and government's ambition to support reindustrialisation. (@www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Education, training not meeting demand](#)

South Africa needs to produce ten times the number of engineers it currently has to compete with developed countries, says skills development company The Office Coach participating member Deirdre Elphick-Moore, quoting statistics released by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). (@www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Expo showcases latest fire and security innovations](#)

This year's International Fire and Security Exhibition and Conference (Ifsec) South Africa and the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) expo took place at the Gallagher Convention Centre, in Midrand, in June. (@www.engineeringnews.co.za)

EMPLOYMENT CORNER

Senior Lecture/Lecture/Jnr Lecture

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY FS. School of Civil Engineering And Built Environment. The above mentioned institution has the following vacancies. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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Snr ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION Engineering QS for a Professional Practice - Sandton
B Sc QS/Eng. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Civil Engineer - Tunnel Component Leader

The water project entails the design and construction of a major water supply scheme including a large dam; large diameter conveyance tunnel; and potentially a hydro power component and associated high voltage transmission system. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Civil Engineer -Marketing & Business Dev

Our client is a large multi-sector US Environmental Engineering firm, with a successful 60-year history of working throughout the world in over 150 offices, with annual revenues of over \$1.5B and having about 6,000 employees. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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[From the Safcec newsletter:](#)

SAFCEC sees Early Signs of Civil Engineering Recovery

Trends in South Africa's embattled civil engineering industry were showing definite, albeit modest, signs of recovery, a construction sector economist said on Thursday. Speaking on the state of the industry, the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (Safcec) economist Henk Langenhoven said that, after a 37% decline in industry turnover in 2010, indicators now showed an increase of 2% was possible in 2011.

North Branch

The SAFCEC Northern Region includes Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West, Limpopo and Free State. Almost 70% of SAFCEC members are based in the Northern Region. Our membership varies from Developing Contractors (1CE) to Established Contractors (9CE). Membership in the region has grown making the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors the Contractor's first choice in the Northern Region.

Conference

The Annual SAFCEC Conference will take place on 14 & 15 October 2012, in the Western Cape.

VISIT SAFCEC

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

[New green flagship store for Pick n Pay](#)

On the former driving range on Hendrik Potgieter Road in Little Falls, Roodepoort, Atterbury Properties and Pick n Pay will create a R160 million flagship 10 000 sqm next-generation 'green' store in a JV.
(@www.designmind.co.za)

[Extraordinary experts on sustainability and green building to present in Cape Town](#)

How to green existing buildings, designing high performance green buildings, global innovation in green design, the London Olympics Park Project, and the next social trend – collaborative consumption – just some of the compelling topics to be explored at the master classes being presented by leading thought leaders as part of the build-up to Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) Convention and Exhibition.
(@www.sacommercialpropnews.co.za)

[Why ESD Should Shape the Green Industry](#)

The green building industry has progressed to such a point that multiple elements within the industry are now widely recognised. A differentiation can now be seen between areas of standard green building, sustainable building and energy efficient practices.
(@www.designmind.co.za)

[Green Builders Rate Straw as the Ultimate Insulator](#)

Unique green building products have been gaining global attention of late, with sector members looking to even more innovative means to deliver truly green, sustainable buildings. One key way in which green builders are finding success in lowering carbon emission outputs is through the replacement of various materials with sustainable or recycled equivalents.
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[Kruger park to replace geysers with solar water heaters, heat pumps](#)

South African National Parks has put out a request for proposals to replace conventional geysers with solar water heaters and heat pumps in the Kruger National Park.
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[Further financial-close delay in prospect for 28 renewables bidders](#)

The 28 renewable-energy project developers identified in December as preferred bidders, following the first bid window under South Africa's R100-billion Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), have been notified that the timing of financial closure may be delayed beyond the end of July.
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[World-renowned experts present Green master classes](#)

How to green existing buildings, designing high performance green buildings, global innovation in green design, the London Olympics Park Project, and the next social trend – collaborative consumption – just some of the

VIRUS OR HOAX?

In case you ever receive an e-mail containing a virus warning please check carefully whether it refers to a real virus or a hoax. Usually e-mail warnings encouraging you to forward the information to all and sundry are hoaxes. You can make sure by visiting the [Virus or Hoax?](#) web site or by visiting the hoax list on [Symantec](#)

Be an informed Internet user and check the facts before forwarding an e-mail hoax to others!

If you suspect that you have opened an e-mail containing a virus visit the virus information section on [Virus or Hoax?](#) The site also links to free virus-removal programs.

FREE ANTI-VIRUS SCAN

[Click here](#) for links to free anti-virus software and scanning facilities on the Net.

PC PITSTOP

At PC Pitstop they will help you get your PC in top form -- running fast, stable and secure. PC Pitstop runs diagnostics on your PC to identify things that might help improve performance. [Visit PC Pitstop](#) - it's free.

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[Solar panel-covered parking bays for Lepelle Northern Water](#)

Bulk water services supplier Lepelle Northern Water has issued a request for proposals for the provision of about 50 solar panel-covered parking bays at its head office in Polokwane, Limpopo.
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[Sasol to host speaker symposium on alternative building technologies](#)

A Sasol Business Ventures Speaker Symposium and panel discussion will be held at this year's EcoAfriBuild Exhibition at Nasrec Exhibition Centre from 15-18 August, 2012.
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[Israeli Green Builders Look to Tradition for Innovation](#)

It is a long-standing green building fact that some of the sector's greatest innovations come from historic industries. Classical Greeks and Romans patented the first ever solar orientation models, and ancient Syrians developed what is arguably the world's first naturally climate controlled dwelling.
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[Green technology grant for the manufacturing industry](#)

The Department of Trade Industry (DTI) has launched a green technology and resource efficiency grant under the Manufacturing Competitiveness Enhancement Programme (MCEP) for companies in the manufacturing sector. R 5.7 billion has been allocated to the MCEP for the next three years.
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[New Road to Link Turkana Power Project](#)

The Kenya National Highways Authority has approved the construction of a 204km road to Lake Turkana Wind Power Project.
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[World's Largest Solar Bridge](#)

At the Brackfriars train station platform, London's largest photovoltaic solar panel array is being constructed. This will be the world's largest solar bridge. The project will consist of 4,400 solar panels from Solar Century that are expected to generate 900 MWh per year.
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[SA aims to cash in on East Africa energy boom](#)

South Africa's budding energy service industry is aiming to reap the benefits of new natural gas and oil finds along Africa's east coast, where geographical proximity gives it the edge over other hubs in Europe, Singapore and Dubai.
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[Solar Cells Light Up Prison Cells on 'The Rock'](#)

"Machine Gun Kelly," Al Capone, the "Birdman" — Alcatraz prison has had some infamous residents on the craggy island known as "The Rock" in the middle of San Francisco Bay.
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[Moving Solar Beyond 1603 – There Are Alternatives](#)

The 1603 Federal Grant Program is dead. Fine, so let's all move on because PV solar is here to stay and will be a critical component of our economic growth and environmental health.
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MINING NEWS

[Anglo cuts \\$1.5bn group capex, promises \\$200m platinum cut by year-end](#)

Anglo American would deliver a cut of nearly \$200-million out of the capital expenditure (capex) programme of Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) by year-end and lop \$1.5-billion off 2012 group capex, Anglo CEO Cynthia Carroll said on Friday.
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[First blast at Wesizwe's Bakubung platinum mine](#)

Chinese-owned Wesizwe Platinum initiated the first blast at its flagship Bakubung platinum mine, in the North West province, on Friday.
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[Harmony expects higher June quarter production](#)

South Africa's third-largest bullion producer Harmony Gold on Friday reported that its production for the June quarter was likely to be between 13% and 14% higher than the previous quarter.
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[First Quantum resumes operations at Mauritania mine](#)

First Quantum Minerals said it resumed operations at its Guelb Moghrein copper mine in Mauritania after a strike by some of its unionized workers.
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[Nicolau felt Amplats had already cut back](#)

JUST over a month before his resignation, former Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) CEO, Neville Nicolau told Miningmx the group had no intention of biting the bullet for the industry; that is, idling or mothballing ounces while the share prices of other platinum producers benefited.
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[Amsa sets out fresh Kumba iron ore dispute](#)

ARCELORMITTAL (Amsa) CEO Nonkululeko Nyembezi-Heita set down the group's contention in a fresh dispute with Kumba Iron Ore (Kumba) regarding the steelmaker's alleged rights to participate in the 11.3 million tonne (Mt) Phoenix project, a property adjoining the Limpopo province Thabazimbi mine from which Amsa sources iron ore.
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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

[Young buyers snap up homes in Hilton](#)

Hilton homes are popular among younger, family home buyers and those who are looking for an estate lifestyle and village ambience.
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[Cape Town's Bishopscourt homes beckon](#)

Those buying property in Bishopscourt are families looking for sizable homes with large gardens that their children

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THE AGENTS' TOOLKIT

[Selected Repayment Affordability - "What loan amount do I qualify for?"](#)
[Bond Term - "How soon can I pay off my Loan?"](#)
[Monthly Repayment - How much is my monthly repayment?"](#)

can enjoy.
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[Cape Town homes drive WC price growth](#)

Cape Town is believed to be the solid part of the Western Cape property market with the more affordable segments driving price growth.
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[ST Alterations Must be 'By the Book'](#)

Sectional title (ST) homeowners always have to bear in mind that what suits them might not suit their neighbours, and that they need to abide by the conduct rules of the scheme to avoid disputes.
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[Choosing The Right Rental Agent is Vital](#)

Don't be caught out – choose a rental agent who is going to watch over your rental property with an eagle eye.
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[What's Big in Smaller Homes?](#)

Modern lifestyles combined with the tough economic conditions of the past few years have brought about significant changes in the SA property market, especially with regard to the size of homes and stands.
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[Looking the Future Squarely in the Eye](#)

Although people are living longer, there is still a very good chance that they will need some sort of help, care or medical attention as they age, whether this is assistance with daily tasks such as bathing and dressing, taking medication, receiving regular checkups for a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure or 24-hour nursing in a frail-care centre.
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[What Property Will Cost in the Future](#)

We take a look at the interest rate decrease and explain why it is so important for those still considering investing in the property market to get off the fence and take the plunge.
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[Old and new hot properties to buy](#)

With low interest rates and reduction in monthly mortgage repayments, would-be home buyers are urged to take advantage of rates cut and buy now.
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[Keeping a Cool Head](#)

In most parts of SA, the homeowners' associations (HOAs) of estates, cluster home complexes and other gated developments can make good use of the winter months as the best time to tackle any construction or renovation projects planned for their communities.
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[Home Deposit Requirements Rising Again](#)

The banks are granting more 100% bonds – but they have also raised the deposit requirements once more for those homebuyers that do not qualify for 100% loans.
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[Rate Cut Expected to Boost Property Market Recovery](#)

[Bond Costs - How much will my bond cost be?](#)

[Additional Payment - What happens if I pay extra each month?](#)

[Multiple Payments - What happens if I pay more than once per month?](#)

BUILDING TERMS

Don't know your architraves from your dados? Don't know your flaunchings from your transoms?

[GET TO GRIPS WITH BUILDING TERMS](#)

This month's surprise repo rate cut by the Reserve Bank took the prime lending rate down to 8,5% - it's lowest level in 39 years – and has of course been widely welcomed by the real estate industry as a confidence booster for consumers that will underpin the recovery of the housing market.

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[Use the Chance to Reduce Debt, Says FNB](#)

Households should use the opportunity presented by the current period of low interest rates wisely, to strengthen their balance sheets as much as possible.

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[Banks Flex Their Muscles Once Again](#)

Those who do not qualify for a 100 percent housing loan are paying higher deposits than before.

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[Save That Windfall - When Prime Rates Drop](#)

Say the financial gurus, to those with mortgage bonds wanting to maximise the benefits of prime interest rates dropping.

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[Survey Indicates Emergence of Sellers Market](#)

The latest RE/MAX survey, which was conducted in May, has revealed an interesting new pattern amongst sellers.

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[Look at the 'Small Picture' to Get Past Price Confusion](#)

In recent months, there has been a lot of contradictory – and thus confusing – information about home prices emerging from the banks and other regular market commentators.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Mozambique Property Made Simple by Chas Everitt Expert](#)

If there's one thing SA investors need to know about buying property in Mozambique, it's the fact that there is no such thing as a "99-year lease" in that country.

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[New Project to End Dar's Water Blues](#)

The Tanzanian government has reaffirmed its commitment to implement a US\$413million Dar es Salaam emergency water master plan that seeks to increase supply in the city from the current 300,000 to 710, 000 cubic metres a day by the year 2014.

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[New Protea Hotel to Be Built in Hoima](#)

Protea Hotels has signed an agreement for the construction of another hotel in Uganda, bringing to four the number of properties in the country. The new hotel will be constructed in Hoima, the centre of the Albertine Rift Valley oil exploration, extraction and processing region.

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[Construction of Africa's biggest Geothermal Plant Starts](#)

Kenya has embarked on the construction of Africa's biggest geothermal project. The US\$1.3 billion Olkaria IV geothermal Plant, the most ambitious energy project since independence, was launched by President Mwai Kibaki and it will be built by a consortium of Japanese firm Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Hyundai Engineering and Construction from South Korea.

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[Bids sought for Blantyre water upgrades and expansions](#)

Malawi's Blantyre Water Board has put out tenders for the rehabilitation of the Chileka pumpstation and for the rehabilitation and capacity increase of the Walkers Ferry treatment plant.

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[US\\$260 million Bridge to be constructed on Zambezi River](#)

Botswana and Zambia have invited bids for the construction of Kazungula Bridge on Zambezi River at an estimated cost of US\$260 million.

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[Pension Towers Estimated At US \\$104 Million](#)

The Pension Towers building expected to be complete by the end of 2015 will be an ultra modern 'intelligent' commercial building comprising of three towers. The first and second towers will each have 10 storeys and the third one will have 25 storeys. The building will also have four basement levels with parking space of 500 cars.

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[Granite Factory Launched](#)

President Paul Kagame has launched a \$15 million granite factory located in Nyagatare district. East African Granite Industries (EAGI), a joint venture between Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) and Crystal Ventures Ltd will produce granite slabs and standard size floor tiles.

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[Zambia to require State-owned firms to list locally](#)

Zambia will require State-owned companies to list on the country's stock exchange to give locals an opportunity to own equity, the Finance Minister said on Friday.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 27 July 2012 at 17:31		
	This week	21/07/2012
Rand/\$	8.19	8.27
Rand/£	12.87	12.93
Rand/€	10.12	10.05
Gold/oz	\$1617.05	\$1577.55
JSE All Share	34671.00	34256.68

[Economist surprised by Reserve Bank interest rate cuts](#)

TAILPIECE

Determined to please Jill, the next morning he thought, "third time's a charm" and brought her two eggs -- one scrambled and one poached. "Here, my love, enjoy!" Jill looks at the plate and says, "You scrambled the wrong egg." One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately, smoke billowed out of

Today, the Reserve Bank (SARB) concluded its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting, and its decision was to cut its policy repo rate by half of a percentage point to 5%, citing a weaker economic growth outlook since the May meeting along with an improved (lower) inflation outlook.
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[KwaZulu-Natal commits to improving financial status of municipalities](#)

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government is committed to ensuring the good financial health status of all government departments and municipalities in the province, says Premier Zweli Mkhize.
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[Mpumalanga government pleased to receive four clean audit reports](#)

Four of the 13 municipalities nationwide that received clean audits from the Auditor General for the 2010/2011 financial year are based in Mpumalanga.
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[Eastern Cape says fight against corruption facing challenges](#)

Speaking at the release of the Auditor General's findings of the province's municipal audits on Tuesday, Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet said there had only been minimal improvements in the fight against corruption.
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[Gauteng Government pledges to better audit results](#)

Premier Nomvula Mokonyane, on Tuesday, said Gauteng will work hard to ensure better audit comes in the future.
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[Liquidation cases down by 7.8 percent](#)

The number of liquidations in South Africa for the first six months of 2012 decreased year-on-year (y/y) by 7.8 percent, according to a report.
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[SA says further rate cuts not 'automatic'](#)

The risks to South Africa's moderate inflation outlook are external and further interest rate easing will not be automatic, Reserve Bank Governor Gill Marcus said on Friday.
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[Petrol price to rise](#)

The price of all grades of petrol will rise by 22 cents a litre on Wednesday next week, the energy department said on Friday.
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[No evidence of rate-rigging in SA](#)

There is no evidence of local interest rate-rigging, says Reserve Bank chief Gill Marcus, suggesting SA banks will avoid the scandal plaguing their UK peers.
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[Marcus puts lid on rate cut speculation](#)

Further monetary policy easing is not automatic, Reserve Bank governor Gill Marcus said on speculation of a renewed interest rate easing cycle.
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the toaster. "Get the owner's manual!" her husband shouted. "I can't find it anywhere!" she cried, searching through the box. "Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen. "Well, the toast is fine, but the owner's manual is burnt to a crisp."

A husband is watching a rugby game when his wife interrupts, "Honey, could you fix the light in the hallway? It's been flickering for weeks now."

He looks at her and says angrily, "Fix the light? Does it look like I have an electrician's logo printed on my forehead? I don't think so!" The wife asks, "Well then, could you fix the fridge door? It won't close properly."

To which he replied, "Fix the fridge door? Does it look like I have Kelvinator written on my forehead? I don't think so."

"Fine," she says, "Then could you at least fix the steps to the front door? They're about to break."

"I'm not a damn carpenter," he says. "Does it look like I have Mica written on my forehead? I don't think so. I've had enough of you. I'm going to the club"

So he goes to the club and drinks for a couple of hours. He starts to feel guilty about how he treated his wife and decides to go home and help out.

As he approaches the house, he notices the steps are already fixed. As he enters the house, he sees the hall light is working. As he goes to get a beer, he notices the fridge door is fixed.

"Honey", he asks, "How'd all this get fixed?"

She replied, "Well, when you left, I

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sat outside and cried. Just then, a nice young man asked me what was wrong and I told him. He offered to do all the repairs and all I had to do was either go to bed with him or bake a cake." He said, "So what kind of cake did you bake him?" She replied, "Hellooooo..... Do you see Delia Smith written on my forehead? I don't think so!"



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