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ASAQS NEWS

LATEST NEWS

INTERBUILD AFRICA 2014/ASAQS/SACQSP COMPETITION (FREE ENTRY)

HURRY!!! THE COMPETITION CLOSSES ON 11 AUGUST 2014

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CANDIDATE QS?
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INTERBUILD AFRICA 2014

SACQSP

The biannual Interbuild Africa exhibition is taking place from 20 – 23 August 2014 at the Nasrec Expo Centre, Johannesburg.

Interbuild Africa is kindly sponsoring a competition in collaboration with the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) and the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP).

All Quantity Surveying students, as well as Candidate Quantity Surveyors registered with the SACQSP are invited to participate in the competition with a total cash prize of R 10,000 up for grabs.

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[Click here for a copy of this invitation as well as the adjudication criteria](#)

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The largest Trade Show of its kind in Africa

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Cape Construction Expo 13-14 August 2014 at the CTICC

CPD points and discounts for Quantity Surveyors at Cape Construction Expo.

Cape Construction Expo and the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors are pleased to announce their partnership. The Cape Construction Expo and Conference, taking place **13-14 August 2014** at the CTICC, is the only building and construction forum exclusively for the Western Cape. The event brings together construction professionals such as, architects, engineers, contractors, local authorities, government officials, investors and suppliers, offering plenty of networking opportunities for the entire value chain. The event features a 2-day conference and an interactive exhibition.

- Quantity Surveyors earn CPD points
- 50% discount for Quantity Surveyors

Visit the [website](#) for more information!

Are you ready – willing to learn more...

"The 7th SACQSP Research conference **"Mapping the Future"** in collaboration with the ASAQS is being held on **Monday 22nd and Tuesday the 23rd September 2014** at the CSIR in Pretoria.

The focus of being ready to evolve as a professional is being presented by a number of speakers, both from within the profession and specialist keynote speakers who have been selected to encourage you to embrace change for your survival.

The SACQSP Conferences have evolved through the years from purely academic research, to a blend of pro-active research papers interspersed with pertinent industry speakers. The popularity of these conferences is evident with the "sold-out" signs being posted for last year's event in Cape Town a week before the event.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

What the ASAQS had to say on the issue of how the QS profession should be governed in future...

Your profession is currently controlled by Council who determines the ethics and standards which should be upheld by all practising professionals. Their mandate is in terms of an Act of parliament and their statutory powers are described fully on the SACQSP website.

Various attempts were made in the recent past to change either the powers of Council or how it functions in terms of current legislation.

To read the full article, please [click here](#).

Netspot : Five travel scams of the week

These days, you can't travel on either business or vacation and let your electronic guard down. Here are a few popular scams you need to watch out for when travelling overseas

- 1) Fake Free Wi-Fi Network that you find when you look for access to your business account. It has the hotel's name, but the scammers are listening in on the (company confidential) traffic. Verify with the hotel before logging in on "free Hotel Wi-Fi".
- 2) Fake Software Update where a traveler attempting to set up a hotel internet connection sees an "Update-popup" for a popular software product. Click on it and malware installs. Always update laptops before you leave and never update while you travel.
- 3) Pizza Delivery Scam where you find a flyer slipped under your hotel door. When you call to order, they take your card data but never deliver because the flyer was a scam. Get food recommendations from the concierge!



4) An ATM Security Team is warning about new ATM skimmers that are almost impossible to detect with the naked eye. Thanks to a slimmed-down profile, the devices sit within the throat of an ATM card slot, capturing data when a traveler slides their card inside. A spy camera then tapes the customer as they enter their PIN number on the keypad. Especially when on the road, COVER YOUR HAND WHEN TYPING IN THE PIN!

5) Late Night Hotel Front Desk Call where you get a call alerting you there is a problem with your credit card and please verify the number. Except it's a scammer who now has your number or perhaps just skimmed your card at the ATM and needs some more info to make a fake duplicate card so they can grab the maximum cash. Especially when you travel, never give out credit card information if you did not initiate the call!

(<http://blog.knowbe4.com/>)



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.

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

[Green Building Convention](#)

When: 10 - 12 September 2014

Where: Cape Town International Convention Center

What: 2 days of inspiring speakers and thought leaders. Great social events and networking opportunities plus pre-convention tours and courses.

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How to book: Fill out the [attached form](#) for group or individual bookings and send it to our convention organisers: Sithembile Nzama on sithembile@confco.co.za

[ICEC 2014 IX World Congress - Re-Engineering Total Cost Management](#)

Milan, Italy, 20, 21, 22 October 2014

[Call for Papers - Second Announcement](#)

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EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

SNR QUANTITY SURVEYOR - site based

SNR SITE QUANTITY SURVEYOR – Major contractor - Lephalale. Our Client as part of the contracting teams to ensure construction of the Coal fired Boiler at the Power station; they need a further Snr QS reporting to the Commercial Manager, urgently. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Registered Professional Quantity Surveyor

We are looking for a South African registered Professional Quantity Surveyor with at least 5 years experience in a commercial PQS environment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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We are urgently looking for an AA South African registered professional Quantity Surveyor with at least 5 years experience in a PQS environment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Intermediate Quantity Surveyor

Professional Quantity Surveying firm is looking for a Quantity Surveyor on full time basis. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

GDP 20921 - Professional Quantity Surveyor

Minimum 5 years experience as a Registered PrQS. Experience gained on building projects. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.



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Estimator – Senior Lead Sugar Nigeria

Project Management Company seeking Senior Estimator to be based in Nigeria. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

We are a dynamic contract management and project control consultancy in civil engineering and construction. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior Quantity Surveyor

To perform the role of the Commission Manager, taking responsibility for end to end service delivery. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

Quantity Surveyor is likely to report to a Senior Quantity Surveyor, Associate Director or Director to ensure that client objectives are met through the delivery of an effective cost management service. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Quantity Surveyor

Junior Quantity Surveyor - Monthly Salary R20,000.00. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Registered Quantity Surveyor

We are urgently seeking to find a Registered Professional Quantity Surveyor with 3 - 5 years post - registration experience in the field of Quantity Surveying. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity surveyor

The available position is in the construction industry. a Drivers licence is essential and a South African id. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Project Quantity Surveyor

We are a dynamic claim and contract management consultancy in civil engineering and construction. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Intermediate/Senior QS

Intermediate/Senior QSSs urgently required in a busy PQS Windhoek firm. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Intermediate Quantity Surveyor/ Estimator

Permanent position available at commercial interior architecture company for skilled and proactive quantity surveyor/ estimator. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior QS

Liaise with and coordinate between Contractors, Construction Manager and Site Engineers. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor - Residential Repair and New Build Projects

Work for an innovative and successful New Zealand main contractor. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Junior Position Required

I am looking for a Jnr position whilst I'm studying part time towards my Diploma in Quantity Surveying and Construction Management. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Professional Quantity Surveyor

Kamil Ramlaul. I have been in the Quantity Surveying profession for 9 years. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

B.Sc Hons Qualified QS

Nico Lombard. To gain experience in the QS field. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Candidate Quantity Surveyor

Riain O'Connell. I am currently open to employment opportunities with professional quantity surveying firms for 2015. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Associate QS

See attached CV. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Candidate Quantity Surveyor

Juvan Olivier. Working alongside a PrQS, together we are sharing the pre and post contract responsibilities of the projects which includes but not limited. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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USEFUL LINKS

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

[The Project Management Calendar](#)

View local and international events on the project management calendar as listed by ProjectPro.

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!

Get to grips with building terms by [clicking here](#).

TAILPIECE

Insurance form question and answer about a recent accident:

Q: Could either driver have done anything to avoid the accident?

A: I could have traveled by bus.

Acronyms for International

UCT Graduate Seeking Employment 2015

Jimmy Masaua. I am currently doing my BSc Honours in Quantity Surveying at the University of Cape Town (UCT). Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

I am a self motivated individual who is hardworking. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior PrQS offers short term measuring

Arthur Berkley. Over 30 years experience. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Trainee Quantity Surveyor/Cost Estimator

Brighton. A highly inspired and motivated Accounting Graduate (Quantity Surveying Student) seeking to succeed in an environment of growth and excellence and gain experience. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor/Estimator

Brian Motsi. To work in a structured environment, possibly as a team player with professionals in a dynamic organisation that values professional experience and commitment to hard work. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor with 5 years experience

To obtain a managerial position that will utilise the following skills. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity surveying field

Junior QS, Nurizon Consulting, 2013. Accomplished project: RDP houses assessment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Btech Q.S. Student. 2yrs Experienced QS student

Rasebopa. Young responsible man. Looking to make a positive mark in Built Environment. Genuine problem solving hardworker. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Position Required

I am looking for a Jnr position whilst I'm studying part time towards my Diploma in Quantity Surveying and Construction Management. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior Quantity Surveyor/ Project Manager

I have more than 15 years international work experience as Surveyor/Project Manager. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Candidate (Jnr) Quantity Surveyor

Bernard Claassen. I am searching for a PrQS Company where I can build a future and expand my experience as a PrQS. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Graduate Quantity Surveyor

I am a Bsc Construction Economics degree holder currently enrolled for Bsc Honors Quantity Surveying. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior/training Quantity surveyor

Aisha. I am looking for a reputable firm to learn and acquire more knowledge on quantity surveying in Johannesburg. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

2nd year student looking for in-service training

Nontembiso Daisy Mkhize. I am a highly motivated person. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

6 August 2014

[Subcontracting Do's & Don'ts](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Umhlanga, KwaZulu Natal

Information: The course is presented in two main parts. Part One comprises general considerations of subcontracts relating to Parties' obligations, Quality, Time, etc.

Contact: Norah (norah@bca.co.za)

7 August 2014

[JBCC Series 2000 Principal Agreement](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Rondebosch, Cape Town

Information: This workshop focuses on the current latest version of the JBCC Contracts.

Contact: Norah (norah@bca.co.za)

Airlines:

PIA = Please, Inform Allah

Numbers:

21

The number of years summer lasts on Uranus

The laws of golf

LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

The schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson.

"Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor.

"P-u-t-t is correct," he replied.

"Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

12 August 2014

[Subcontracting Do's & Don'ts](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Rondebosch, Cape Town

Information: This workshop focuses on the current latest version of the JBCC Contracts.

Contact: Norah (norah@bca.co.za)

12 / 13 August 2014

[NEC 2 day Seminar](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Midrand, Gauteng

Information: This seminar will look initially at contract strategy from the perspective of main Contractor/Sub contractor appointment.

Contact: Norah (norah@bca.co.za)

13 August 2014

[JBCC Principal Building Agreement Edition 6.1 combined with JBCC N/S Subcontract Agreement Ed 6.1](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: East London

Information: Working knowledge of JBCC agreements and forms

Contact: Allison Kuhn (info@jbcc.co.za)

14 August 2014

[JBCC Principal Building Agreement Edition 6.1 combined with JBCC N/S Subcontract Agreement Ed 6.1](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Port Elizabeth

Information: Working knowledge of JBCC agreements and forms

Contact: Allison Kuhn (info@jbcc.co.za)

14 / 15 August 2014

[New Engineering Contract](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: The New Engineering Contract Family of Standard Form Contracts is used by major organisations across the length and breadth of South Africa.

Contact: Faith (faith@alsuani.co.za)

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[PPC takes information sharing and concrete innovation to next level](#)

Concrete is the most widely used man-made material in the world and is a cornerstone of civilization. The leading supplier of cement in southern Africa, PPC Ltd has launched the Cement & Concrete Cube (C3), a dynamic information sharing and collaboration platform.

(www.concrete.tv)

[Sisulu mulls formation of a women's construction bank](#)

Human Settlements Minister Lindiwe Sisulu was considering the formation of a Women Construction Bank to focus on financing women-led cooperatives and construction companies involved in community infrastructure and human settlements projects.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Medupi Unit 6 synchronisation set down for Dec 15](#)

Electricity producer Eskom has, for the first time, offered a detailed timeline for the synchronisation of Medupi Unit 6, which is officially scheduled for December 15, 2014.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Discovery raises eyebrows with R2.5bn sustainable global Head Office](#)

SA's private medical aid scheme and life assurance group, Discovery is progressing on its new environmentally-sustainable global headquarters office development in Sandton at a cost more than R2.5 billion.

(www.sacommercialpropnews.co.za)

[Modderfontein development causes a stir](#)

The recent acquisition by Shanghai Zendai of 1,600ha of vacant land between OR Tambo International Airport and Sandton to build 'New York' of Africa causes a stir.

[High Street fetches over R250 million](#)

A surge in interest for High Street Auction Company's stock at its auction on 19 June 2014 led to its fetching over R250 million. And on 24 July 2014 – amid significant local and international attention – High Street Auction Company will put the iconic South African landmark Kyalami race track under the hammer.

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[Billions set aside for infrastructure development in Gauteng](#)

The Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) has been allocated R4.9-billion to implement capital and maintenance projects, mainly for the health and education departments, in the province.

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[Gauteng housing budget R5bn – Mamabolo](#)

The 2014/15 budget for the Gauteng department of human settlements is R5-billion, human settlements MEC Jacob Mamabolo said on Tuesday.

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[Major facelift for Gauteng townships](#)

Gauteng townships are set for a major facelift as part of a R4.4 billion budget that will be used to build more houses.

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[Creecy welcomes improved Gauteng municipal performance](#)

Gauteng MEC for Finance Barbara Creecy on Thursday welcomed the significant improvement of the audit outcomes of municipalities in South Africa's most populous province.

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[Dube Tradeport grows apace with R80m funding deal](#)

Durban's Dube Tradeport, a 2 840 hectare commercial development close proximity to King Shaka International Airport, grows apace with the funding of a new R80 million industrial warehouse development backed by Nedbank Corporate Property Finance.

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[A city takes off](#)

There's something quaint about ACSA's George Airport; something nostalgic about the baggage collection area that separates the apron with its waiting planes from the public reception area on the other side of the security doors – with no steps to climb or traveller to ride as you pass from one to the other.

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[Cape Town seeks to deliver on housing](#)

The City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government are currently exploring new models to increase the delivery of housing opportunities.

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[Capital Property Fund strategy to increase exposure continues to pay off](#)

Capital Property Fund's strategy to increase its exposure to rand hedge sister companies New Europe Property Investments and Rockcastle Global Real Estate Company continues to pay off.

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[R10bn Octodec, Premium merger receives shareholder nod](#)

Shareholders of JSE-listed real estate investment trusts (REITs) Octodec and Premium Properties have approved the proposed merger of the two companies, creating a combined property fund that will attract a market capitalisation in excess of R5-billion and comprise 325 properties valued at some R10-billion.

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[Commercial real estate is beneficial](#)

For business owners, buying a commercial property is an investment in their future, without being one in their core business, says Mike Walters Renprop Commercial divisional head.

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[Tower Property Fund announces sterling maiden results](#)

Western Cape-dominated, Tower Property Fund has completed a remarkably successful maiden year as a JSE-listed property loan stock and real estate investment trust (REIT) company.

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[Listed property performs in spite of volatility in the sector](#)

Though equities outperformed the listed property sector as an asset class, Stanlib's head of property funds, Keillen Ndlovu, gives a compelling reasons to include listed property in investors' portfolios.

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[Delta International makes JSE debut](#)

Delta International Property Holdings which has a primary listing on the Bermuda Stock Exchange, today listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) raising about R915m (US\$87m) to fund its growth plans in Africa.

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[No three-way merger](#)

Delta Property Fund, Rebosis Property Fund and Ascension Properties, which have been mulling the merger of their black-managed funds, have concluded negotiations in this respect on the basis that the timing for a three-way merger is currently not opportune.

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[Black-owned property firm parts with R4.5bn for 8% stake in Growthpoint](#)

Independent, black-owned and managed investment holding company Southern Palace Properties has acquired an 8% stake in Growthpoint Properties from the Public Investment Corporation's (PIC's) Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) for R4.5-billion.

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[Intu Properties triples its profit in six months](#)

Intu Properties triples its profit in the six months to June, boosted by valuation and exceptional items.

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[Nedbank's view on proposed bill to block land sales to foreigners](#)

The Government's plan to fast-track a bill barring foreigners from buying land in South Africa, raised commercial property investors and financiers eyebrows — as they are taking it on the chin at the half way mark.

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[Property industry unimpressed by proposed foreign land owner ban](#)

Rural Development and Land Reform Minister, Gugile Nkwinti's proposed legislation to ban foreign investors from acquiring South African land has received opposition from the property industry. Industry stakeholders claim that foreign land ownership is not high enough to warrant the type of action the South African government wants to take.

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[Live, invest and work in America](#)

The standard of living along with the educational benefits have made the US highly sought after for investors wanting to succeed financially.

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[London's famous Gherkin skyscraper on sale for R11.7bn](#)

London's landmark "Gherkin" office tower, one of the landmarks on the British capital's skyline, went on sale for about R11.7bn (£650m, \$1.1 billion, 820m euros) on Tuesday after being placed into receivership.

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[Australia turns to London Olympics delivery model for \\$5bn highway](#)

The Australian and New South Wales governments have begun the tender process for the final section of the AU\$5.64bn (£3bn) Pacific Highway duplication.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

Industrial / Commercial Property Broker

A dynamic Gauteng based property group is looking for energetic and driven Commercial and Industrial Property Brokers to join the team based in Johannesburg. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Need construction personnel? The best way to advertise your vacancies are in the [Career Centre section on the ASAQS website](#) - it's absolutely FREE! Adverts submitted to the Career Centre 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.

RETAIL, HOTEL & LEISURE ROUNDUP

[Thaba Mall scheduled to open its doors March 2015](#)

Thaba Mall, which is named after the area in which it will be established, Thabazimbi, is situated in the Limpopo province.

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[More top brands for Cradlestone Mall](#)

Cradlestone Mall in Mogale City announced that its Woolworths store is expanding to include 1 200sqm of additional space for more brands.

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[Tile Africa Contracts supplies exclusive tile to Coricraft stores](#)

Coricraft is continuing its relationship with Tile Africa Contracts and has entrusted the company to supply tiles for its latest retail stores.

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[V&A Waterfront commits further R1.5bn to Silo district development](#)

Already home to the No 1 and No 2 Silo developments, the final phase of the Cape Town-based V&A Waterfront's Silo district – which would see the addition of the No 3, No 4, No 5 and No 6 Silo projects – was on track for an early 2017

completion, after receiving a substantial investment of R1.5-billion.
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[Exclusivity clauses in shopping-mall leases to be reviewed](#)

A call for the Competition Commission to address exclusivity clauses in shopping-mall leases that may be anticompetitive and restrain economic growth has been made by the South African Real Estate Investment Trust (Reit) Association.
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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[TAL X-Calibur introduces new decorative screeding system for residential applications](#)

TAL X-Calibur developed a new decorative screed that was recently used as a final floor solution in a residential home in Copperleaf Estate, Benoni.
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[David Chipperfield and Karakusevic Carson granted permission for Hackney towers](#)

London architecture firms Karakusevic Carson and David Chipperfield have been granted planning permission for two hexagonal towers on an estate in the city's borough of Hackney.
(©www.dezeen.com)

[Chilean seaside house by LAND Arquitectos designed to "catch the views"](#)

Chilean studio LAND Arquitectos named this seafront residence Catch The Views House, because of the ways it sprawls outwards to frame as many vistas as possible.
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[Apollo Architects specifies concrete and plastic for Frame house in Tokyo](#)

Apollo Architects & Associates swapped timber frames for concrete and fibre-reinforced plastic to reduce the cost of building this house and studio for a fashion photographer in Tokyo.
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GREAT BUILDINGS:

[Hotel Solvay](#), by Victor Horta, at Brussels, Belgium, 1895 to 1900.
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[WORLD CLASS DESIGN AND A MAKEOVER MAKE DECOREX JOBURG 2014 A MUST-SEE](#)

[7th of August 2014 at Decorex Joburg](#)

A global design showcase, a brand new streamlined layout and the fact that Decorex Joburg now occupies every available space in Gauteng's largest exhibition centre means that this year Africa's largest décor, design and lifestyle exhibition moves into a whole new era.
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[Durban gears-up to host the UIA2014 World Architecture Congress](#)

The 25th UIA World Congress on Architecture, the largest meeting of architects and build industry professionals in Southern Africa, will be held in Durban (**3-7 August 2014**).
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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

[Snr Architectural Technologist - Sandton](#)

Due to long term strategic planning, this prestigious, busy practice with international and local projects requires a stand alone, technologist who understands how a building is put together. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Need architectural personnel? The best way to advertise your vacancies are in the [Career Centre section on the ASAQS website](#) - it's absolutely FREE! Adverts submitted to the Career Centre 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.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[Making Change Happen](#)

Melanie Franklin's new book presents an agile framework for planning and implementing change. She says Agile doesn't just welcome change, it actively seeks it out. Here, she discusses what that means for project leaders, including the often overlooked importance of psychology, relationship-building and self-awareness in managing change.
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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

Site Project Services Lead – Oil & Gas - Iraq

Deliver the full Project Services function to the Projects for Asset on site. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior Project Planner - Sugar Nigeria

Project Management Company seeking Senior Project Planner to be based in Nigeria. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior Cost Engineer Sugar Nigeria

Project Management Company seeking Senior Cost Engineer to be based in Nigeria. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Consulting engineers call for more work](#)

The consulting engineering sector currently works at about 90% capacity, which results in consulting engineering firms seeking more involvement in government-led projects, particularly the 18 Strategic Integrated Projects, member organisation Consulting Engineers South Africa (Cesa) president Abe Thela tells Engineering News.

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[AMSA to take \\$20m knock on Newcastle delay](#)

Steel producer ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) has confirmed that the reline project at its Newcastle mill, in KwaZulu-Natal, has hit snags and that the project, which was initially expected to be completed four months after the May 12 shutdown began, will be delayed until mid-October.

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[Staff churn stalls Bedfordview stormwater project for eight months](#)

A stormwater project in Bedfordview, east of Johannesburg, has stalled for eight months after project managers in the Ekurhuleni municipality resigned and municipal managers were placed on special leave without replacements being designated.

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[Changes needed in water sector to drive transformation – Mokonyane](#)

Changes had to be made in South Africa's water and sanitation sector to ensure challenges were resolved effectively, as well as to fast-track the country's socioeconomic transformation, Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane told delegates at the 2014 Water and Sanitation Summit, in Boksburg, on Friday.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Africa, Middle East sales boost Holcim figures](#)

Holcim has released its key financial data for the first half of 2014 (ended 30 June). Consolidated cement sales rose by 2% in 1H14 to 70 million t. This positive development was primarily due to good performances in North America, Africa Middle East and Europe.

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[Egypt to set up a bio-ethanol plant in UAE](#)

The Ministry of Petroleum Egypt has announced plans to construct a bio-ethanol plant in UAE that will process 100, 000

tons of molasses annually. The construction project, which is valued at USD 250 million, is set to start in the first quarter of 2015 and to come to an end in the fourth quarter of the same year.

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[Housing in Ghana to be affordable](#)

Ghana's home and Loans service provider signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the leading estate developer, to deliver affordable homes across the country.

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[Ghana's SPF Project gets €800 million boost](#)

Ghana's Solidarity Priority Fund Project has gotten a boost after the government and France signed a €800 million financing agreement to facilitate its implementation.

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[Ghana's Tamale airport upgrade to begin](#)

The upgrade of the Tamale airport is expected to commence by end of July 2014. Deputy Minister for Transport Joyce Bawah Mogtari said that the US\$100m Tamale airport project is being undertaken because of land availability.

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[Ghana to expand Aboadze thermal plant](#)

Ghana government, together with Lohro Company will open up new oil services port in Tokoradi; that's according to Ghana President John Dramani Mahama.

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[Nampak may double capacity at Nigerian can factory](#)

Nampak, Africa's biggest packing firm, is considering doubling the capacity of its Nigerian beverage can factory to meet fast-growing demand in Africa's biggest economy, its chief executive said on Thursday.

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[TCN to add 20,000MW to the Nigeria's national electricity grid by 2020](#)

Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has disclosed plans to upgrade operations to add 20,000MW of electricity in the country by the year 2020.

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[Nigeria's Abuja airport terminal expansion to be completed in 2014](#)

The ongoing Abuja Airport terminal expansion project in Nigeria is expected to be completed in December 2014 when it will also be opened for operation. This was revealed by the Finance Minister and Coordinating Minister for the Economy Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala during an inspection.

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[Nigeria set to build industrial parks in Niger Delta](#)

The government of Nigeria is now set for the construction of nine industrial parks in the nine states of Niger Delta as part of implementing their harnessing of hydrocarbon resources agenda to boost the as well as the overall development of the economy.

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[French company wins Ethiopian airport expansion contract](#)

A French Consultancy firm Aéroports de Paris Ingénierie (ADPI) has been awarded a US\$250m consultancy deal for the Bole International Airport passenger terminal expansion project.

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[Kenya sees growth in Mombasa port traffic](#)

Container traffic through Mombasa's port grew by 12.8% in the first six months of the year after new cargo handling infrastructure was built to shorten the turnaround time for ships.

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[Barrack Obama to set up leadership centre in Nairobi, Kenya](#)

The US Government in collaboration with the Government of Kenya is going to construct a leadership centre in Kenya for the purpose of training the East African youth to take up executive positions in Governance, Business and civil society.

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[Low import duty to hit East African cement producers](#)

Local cement producers are set to bear the brunt of the East African ministers' decision to retain a lower duty on cement imports. The decision by the ministers to remove cement from the list of "sensitive products" means partner states would continue paying an import duty of 25% on portland cement and promises low prices for consumers.

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[Middle Africa's cement sector: explosive growth](#)

Middle Africa's cement sector is undergoing the strongest period of sustained growth in its history, with multiple investments across the region to boost production capacity.

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[Savannah Cement launches special product for roads](#)

Cement manufacturing firm, Savannah Cement, has announced the successful development of a road construction special

product to support ongoing roads infrastructure development at the county and national level.

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[Zimbabwe: PPC Secures U.S.\\$18 Million for Harare plant](#)

PPC Zimbabwe has secured about \$18 million for the construction of a new cement plant in Harare. The cement company says construction of the new plant is the "main priority" at the moment.

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[Beitbridge design 'biggest impediment' to efficient freight flows](#)

The design of the Beitbridge border post is the biggest impediment to efficient freight movement between Zimbabwe and South Africa, says Cross-Border Road Transport Agency CEO Siphon Khumalo.

Beit Bridge is the busiest border post in Africa.

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MINING NEWS

[Right Eskom price will trigger R10bn Waterberg coal investment](#)

A successful bulk sample burn test at Majuba power station has opened the way for Waterberg coal to be used at Majuba power station in Mpumalanga.

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[Access to water, electricity key risk for local mining and metals companies](#)

Although productivity has been identified as the top business risk facing mining and metals companies globally in advisory firm EY's 'Business risks facing mining and metals 2014/15' report, access to water and electricity – a new entrant, ranking tenth on the list – emerged as one of the biggest risks facing companies in South Africa.

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[Mining Lekgotla celebrates achievements, tackles challenges](#)

The 2014 Mining Lekgotla, which dovetails with the 20-year celebration of the advent of democracy in South Africa, will celebrate the mining industry's contribution to South Africa's economy since 1994, says strategic support and advisory membership organisation Chamber of Mines (CoM) health services head and lekgotla chairperson Dr Thuthula Balfour-Kaipa.

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[Mining major tackles women in mining](#)

Diversified mining major Anglo American plans to have a significant impact on this year's Mining Lekgotla, with women in mining as one of the issues that executive director Khanyisile Kweyama aims to highlight.

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[Rustenburg attorney to sue AMCU for R44m](#)

Westley Attorneys hopes to show that the Association of Mineworkers & Construction Union acted unreasonably hurting contractors that supplied the mines.

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[SA Govt. readies state-owned miner bill](#)

Attorneys are unsure what the State Owned Mining Company bill may contain, but it will surely strengthen the government's hand in mining affairs.

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[Sibanye in pursuit of other platinum targets](#)

Sibanye Gold CEO, Neal Froneman, said while Amplats' deal was not an immediate likelihood there were plenty of other targets it was pursuing.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS & HOME OWNERS

[From dairy to delightful](#)

Hot on the heels of another successful round of sales that saw virtually all of its last vacant freehold stands sell out, Southdowns Estate is now making available a select collection of full-title, plot and plan clusters.

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[Calm waters at the Lakes](#)

Over the years, residential estates have sprung up throughout South Africa. Born originally in response to demand for secure living, these estates have evolved to become luxurious semi self-sufficient cities within cities. Silverlakes Estate is one of these estates.

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[New Estate Offers Entry to Burgeoning Camperdown](#)

The corridor between Hillcrest and Pietermaritzburg is being billed now as KwaZulu-Natal's equivalent to Midrand, and is

already seeing much new commercial and residential development, says Pam Golding Properties area principal Barbara Becker.

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[Property options on KZN's North Coast](#)

Umhlanga, La Lucia, Ballito and surrounds offer increasing appeal both from an investment and primary residential destination perspective.

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[Hibiscus Coast is coming up roses](#)

Although Margate and nearby Uvongo in KwaZulu-Natal continue to see an improvement in the number of permanent residents settling in the area, the second-home market remains very muted.

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[Home Prices the Biggest Draw Card in Jeffreys Bay](#)

Value for money is proving to be a great incentive for holiday home buying and upgrading in Jeffreys Bay. "Home prices here averaged less than R1,000,000 in the past year and there is a very wide variety of properties for buyers to choose from," says Rachie Badenhorst, owner of the local RealNet franchise.

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[Constantiaberg apartments from R785k](#)

The Citadel in Cape Town's Southern Suburbs offers studios, one bedroom, two bedroom and three bedroom units priced between R785k and R3.9m.

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[Rich get richer & are buying property](#)

The world's super rich are growing in numbers and fuelling demand for property in luxury residential enclaves, including SA's upmarket hotspots.

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[Five Reasons Why Owning Definitely Beats Renting](#)

With SA's economy looking uncertain and interest rates starting to creep up, many young people who have been getting ready to buy their own homes are starting to wonder if they should go ahead now or put their plans on hold –perhaps indefinitely.

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[Get moving!](#)

No one who has ever moved will tell you that it is easy. Regardless of whether you are moving down the street or across the world, it is a stressful and emotional experience.

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[We're living in INTERESTING times](#)

South Africa has experienced two interest rate hikes so far this year and, while the doomsayers may be saying "we told you so", our repo rate still has an awfully long way to go before it reaches the scary highs of the mid-2000s.

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[Living in the city](#)

Inner city living is growing in popularity as rejuvenation projects help lift the face of previously neglected precincts.

Investors and landlords buy into the long term planning and funding that facilitates all-round quality living.

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[Buy With an Eye on the Future](#)

Although there are excellent buying opportunities in today's real estate market, buyers do need to be savvy and make the correct decisions if they want to get the most out of their property investments in future, says Adrian Goslett, CEO of RE/MAX of Southern Africa.

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[Sectional Title: Tackle Levy Defaulters](#)

Levies are the lifeblood of sectional title (ST) schemes, and tempers tend to flare when those owners who pay diligently see certain others "getting away" with paying late every month or not paying at all.

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[Build yourself a wall mounted desk – Get your DIY guide](#)

Creating space for a work desk in your living areas can prove a bit difficult, especially when you don't have a lot of room to work with.

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[DIY – make a canopy for your bed](#)

Canopies are a classical fixture to install to your bed. They perform the dual function of bringing sophistication and style into your private domain, and they help keep pesky pests like mosquitos away, when the bed curtains are drawn. Here's a guide to building your own.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[Cennergi's 138-MW Bedford wind project takes off](#)

Work has officially started at Cennergi's R3.5-billion Amakhala Emoyeni wind farm, located near Bedford, in the Eastern Cape. The 138 MW project was among the 19 renewable-energy and seven wind projects selected following the second bid window under the South African government's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP).

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[City of Cape Town to get solar power from an Office park](#)

The Black River Park, an office park in Cape Town with tenants including Sunglass Hut, Gijima and Brandhouse, has completed an expansion of its solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation facilities and will be selling its surplus power to the City of Cape Town.

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[Cape Quarter on energy reduction](#)

The Cape Quarter underwent a lighting retrofit as part of a greening transformation, which will result in nearly R1m in annual energy savings.

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[Time to Take a Stand](#)

Global greenhouse gas emissions – mostly caused by the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas to obtain energy – need to be cut in half by 2050 for humanity to have a reasonable chance of avoiding the worst effects of global warming, such as rising sea levels, acidifying oceans, longer heat waves, severe crop failures and increasing famine and poverty.

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[Beating the Heat: Hotel Reduces Cooling Costs by 44 Percent with New Solar Carport](#)

It's hot in Bakersfield, California, especially during the summer months when temperatures regularly hit 110 degrees. But as The Hampton Inn & Suites Bakersfield North-Airport is discovering, the sun also has its advantages for reducing utility costs and increasing customer acquisition and satisfaction when the hotel goes solar.

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[Case Study: Using OPC Software To Operate Wind Farms in Spain](#)

Wind power is increasingly becoming an established source of energy. High oil prices, global warming concerns and the nuclear disaster in Fukushima have all contributed to more people looking at renewable energy sources such as wind power.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Indicators as on 1 August 2014 18:07		
	This week	26/07/2014
Rand/US\$	10.68	10.51
Rand/BP	17.98	17.84
Rand/Euro	14.34	14.11
Gold/oz	\$1294.45	\$1297.87
JSE All share	50917.78	51550.17

[What's happening to SA's middle class?](#)

While more South Africans are getting richer, many middle class workers' suburban dreams are being shattered. The news strangely comes at a time when South Africans' average disposable salaries have increased by more than 5% for two months in a row.

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[PMI contracts for fourth consecutive month on strikes](#)

The seasonally adjusted Kagiso Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) has contracted for the fourth consecutive month, signalling the manufacturing sector's continued subpar performance.

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[Power tariffs to rise by more than 8% in 2015 as Nersa makes claw-back decision](#)

South African electricity tariffs are likely to increase by more than the 8% already sanctioned for the year starting April 1, 2015, after the energy regulator determined on Wednesday that Eskom had under recovered R7.82-billion in revenue between 2010 and 2013.

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[No change in petrol price](#)

There will be no change in the price of all grades of petrol, but a decrease in the price of diesel and paraffin, the department of energy has announced.

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[Oil prices fall further in Asia](#)

Oil prices have slipped further in Asia following a sell-off on Wall Street and concerns about unplanned refinery shutdowns in the US midwest.

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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://financialsectorforum.com/category/economic-information/) at <http://financialsectorforum.com/category/economic-information/>



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