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ASAQS NEWS

LATEST NEWS

Invitation to Comment on the Draft Phase 2 B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice

Minister Rob Davies published the draft Phase 2 B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice for public comment. Phase 2 Amendments covers the following Statements:

- Qualifying Small Enterprise statements Code 600;
- Development and gazette of Sector Charter Code 000 Statement 003;
- Scorecard for Specialised Enterprises Code 000 Statement 004
- Recognition in the Sale of Assets Code 100 Statement 102;
- Recognition of Equity Equivalents for Multinationals Code 100 Statement 103

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Phase 2 B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice by 14 November 2014.

Kindly forward your comments to the following people:

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New Everyman's Building Contract

In 1988, five Port Elizabethans agreed that as a much-needed, voluntary, non-profit service to the South African construction industry, they would design a building contract which ensured that building contractors and their clients had a mutually fair, complete, workable set of conditions on which to base their contractual arrangements.

The five authors of the proposed Agreement were John Bowles, Michael Raaff, James Blackburn, Prof Gaye Le Roux and Michael St Leger Searle.

The authors' expectations had been that the document would be most popular for minor works, but they soon discovered that the majority was used on medium-sized projects throughout South Africa.

When stocks ran out, the document was not reprinted.

During 2013, in searching for a new home for Everyman's, the original authors approached the Department of Quantity

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Surveying at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with the suggestion that their existing authorship rights would be ceded to the Department, on condition that Everyman's would be used in a teaching / learning environment and that the Department would take over Everyman's by updating the document in perpetuity and distribute at a non-profit price to contractors, co-contractors, clients, property owners and developers.

[To read more about the second edition of the EBC and where to obtain it from please click here.](#)

Please assist this PhD candidate and earn CPD2 hours in the process

J.P. Bekker is conducting research for a PhD (Construction Management) thesis, which is investigating subsidised housing from a construction (supply) perspective with a view to improving supply.

As a person involved in the Built Environment your inputs will be extremely important and valuable for this study. It would therefore be truly appreciated if you can assist him by completing a survey, which is in electronic format and only requires you to select options and in a very few cases make comments. Please feel free to be candid with your answers as all data collected will remain confidential, and your anonymity is assured.

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New resource and pricing guides in the CUG

Under the "Rates, prices, etc." tab of the Members Only CUG you will find two new calculation guides for resources and prices. The one based on typical items measured for small and simple buildings based on the standard system with the same name and the other based on items that would be derived using the guide to measuring builders quantities.

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Although these guides will help young quantity surveyors who are employed by contractors they also contain information that is extremely useful to seasoned members of the profession, such as wage rates and labour constants.

Furthermore, the guides contain a discount code that any member of the ASAQS can use to get a 7,5% discount on any of the PPIS products such as the costabill, bill estimating system, the tried and trusted MERKEL'S and their billcost package used to measure and price construction projects.

You can find out more by visiting their website at <http://www.ppis.co.za/>

Quantity Surveyors shine at UOFS

The Department of Quantity Surveying at the University of the Free State (UFS) has much to be proud of. With Professor Kahilu Kajimo-Shakantu as Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, it is celebrating several firsts. For the first time, the department has four academics with PhDs. This includes Prof Kajimo-Shakantu, Dr Stephan Ramabodu, Dr Timothy Froise and Dr Benita Zulch. It is also the first time that this department has been managed by a woman. The Department of Quantity Surveying also performed well at this year's national Quantity Surveying Conference held in Pretoria, where they walked away with four of the seven awards.

[Click here to download the article \(advertorial\) taken from the Star](#)

Merkel's goes live

Merkel's, one of our long-standing sponsors have just made an exciting announcement; they are going live with their online version of the pricing guide.

Merkel's Live is the online version of Merkel's, the electronic pricing guide containing building standards and methods, that's been an industry giant since 1947! In 2004 the trusted printed copy underwent a major transformation when it was



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Netspot : The 5 Phases of a Successful Negotiation

Dawson Jenner, [the construction lawyer](#), writes:

"There can be little argument made against the assertion that the current state of the Construction Industry in South Africa (and globally) is a largely adversarial in nature.

Having worked, on site, for one the major employers in the mining industry I have found that once a dispute arises only three forms of dispute resolution are ever considered and/or utilised, these include:

- Negotiation;
- Adjudication;
- Arbitration;

[Now read on to learn the most common negotiation mistakes and the 5 Phase approach to try and avoid them...](#)

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Jnr Quantity Surveyors

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Intermediate QS

Experience to be in a registered PQS office. Bachelor's candidates (minimum 2 years PQS experience) may also apply. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior Contractors Quantity Surveyor

Based on a major multistorey hotel project in Maputo the candidate will report directly to the Commercial Director. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Professional Quantity Surveyor

Above just having the required QS skills in order provide outstanding service to our / your clients. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Contractor's Site QS

Large SA Construction Group seeks Intermediate level Site Quantity Surveyors who wish to pursue their career with one of the leading employers in the Building Industry. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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Developers QS

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Intern / Junior QS

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Senior QS

We are looking for a dynamic Quantity Surveyor/Project manager to head one of our projects within Gauteng. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor - Project Manager aspirations

You would be required to handle normal PQS duties as well as some Project Management aspects of current projects which range from government as well as for the private sector. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Senior QS

The SA Army Engineer Formation is looking to fill a post of a Senior QS within its Operational Construction environment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Junior Quantity Surveyor

Wynand Coetzee. I wish to be employed as a junior quantity surveyor under a registered QS as to complete my professional modules and obtain experience. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior/ Candidate Quantity Surveyor

Bhekisiwe Nokukhanya. To obtain a junior (candidate) quantity surveyor position. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information

QS Technician

Goodman Sibabili Chili. Measurement on site for Payment Certificates, Pricing BOQ, Project clerk of works, understanding drawings. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveying graduate seeking for employment

Mahali Makhakhe. A versatile, self driven and motivated, dependable Quantity Surveying Graduate with good communication skills. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Intermediate Quantity Surveyor

Bheki Nkiwane. To work in a dynamic and challenging job environment where I would be able to significantly contribute to the organisation's requirements while continuously enhancing my skill set. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more

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[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!

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TAILPIECE

Wife: "I look fat. Can you give me a

information.

Quantity Surveying student

Matriculated, young BSc: Quantity Surveying student willing to volunteer and looking for internships. Experience in the Construction Industry is vital. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

Nelisiwe Dlakudze. Quantity Surveyor with 5 years' experience in managing and planning all costs associated with building projects. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveying Graduate

Yonela Mbulawa. I am a BSc Quantity Surveying graduate seeking employment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Graduate Quantity Surveyor

Brian Dzaadza. I am looking for a job with a Quantity Surveying Firm upon completion of my studies in November 2014. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Freelance Estimator / Quantity Surveyor

Isabella Skillington. Duties include requesting and negotiating of prices for materials, etc. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Assistant Quantity Surveyor

Masonwabe Nqawe. I am looking for Assistant Quantity Surveyor position. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Contract Administrator

Paolo Bragazzi. To achieve Contracts Manager position/ In the process of achieving MRICS status. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Trainee Quantity Surveying

Gcobani. I want a trainee quantity surveying position, I have project management skills, interpersonal skill. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

B.Sc (Honours) Quantity Surveying

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

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.

Experienced Quantity Surveyor with 15 years of experience

Ishmael Jonathan. Looking for a secure opportunity in a dynamic, reputable, ambitious and growing company. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Quantity Surveyor/ Project Manager

Khwezikazi Windvoel. I have worked with most QS software eg. WinQS, QS Plus and QS Plus International. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

An entry level quantity surveyor with 2 years experience

Jac Coetzee. A hard working male with 2 years of construction experience looking for a junior quantity surveying position anywhere in South Africa. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

QS Honours Student, seeking employment for 2015

Hendre van Rooyen. I am seeking a position as a Junior or Candidate Quantity Surveyor for 2015. I am currently completing my Honours degree at the University of the Free State. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Student looking for work integrated learning in 2015 in QS

I am a student at central university of technology doing a national diploma in BUILDING SCIENCE. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor in training to work at a dynamic consulting firm

Gavin Coleske. My short term objective is to work under a Professional QS. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Candidate Quantity Surveyor

Louis Berry. My primary personal objective is to live life to the full and eventually be a highly skilled professional. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

compliment?"

Husband: "You have perfect eyesight."

Numbers:

158

The number of verses in the Greek national anthem.

Getting his own back

The soldier serving in Iraq was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote breaking off their engagement and asking for her photograph back. He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret to inform you that I cannot remember which one is you -- please keep your photo and return the others."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

QS Honours student seeking employment for 2015

Terri Aitchison. Dedicated and hardworking UCT QS Honours student seeking employment for 2015. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

QS Honours student seeking employment in 2015

Deon Allen. I am a balanced and enthusiastic Quantity Surveying student, currently completing my Honours year of studies at the University of Cape Town. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

UFS Graduate, Quantity Surveyor Seeking Employment 2015

Dwayne Lemmer. I am seeking a position as a Junior (candidate) Quantity Surveyor, which allows me to apply the knowledge I have gained over my 4 years of studying. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

10 November 2014

[Construction Regulations 2014 Update](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Durban, KwaZulu Natal

Information: Did you know that on average 2 construction workers die every week??

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

10 / 11 / 12 November 2014

[FIDIC](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Holiday Inn Accra Airport, Ghana

Information: Our FIDIC training course has quite literally become the one training course that construction professionals from all areas of the industry are making sure that they attend if they really want to know how to work with the FIDIC suite of contracts!

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

12 November 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Durban, KwaZulu Natal

Information: Working knowledge of JBCC agreements and forms.

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

17 / 18 November 2014

[Finance for Engineers, Project & Technical Managers](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: If you think that this training course is just simply another re-hash of your typical Finance for Non-Financial Managers training course...it's not!

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

17 / 18 November 2014

[Technical Report Writing](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: You may think that technical report writing is a talent that a few lucky people are born with.

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

18 November 2014

[New Engineering Contract](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Johannesburg, 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)

20 / 21 November 2014

[Construction Estimating](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: Major cost overruns on any construction project are frequently due to poor forecasting of the costs and inherent risks in a contract at tender stage.

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

20 / 21 November 2014

[Effective Construction Contract Management & Administration](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: Any building project, no matter the contract type has to undergo 3 specific stages namely the design, tender and then of course the actual physical construction phases.

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

25 November 2014

[The Principal Agent: Roles & Responsibilities](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: This workshop focuses on the professional as principal agent.

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

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[South Africa 35 out of top 500 global infrastructure owners](#)

The South African government has been ranked thirty-fifth out of this year's top 500 global infrastructure owners, with its infrastructure valued at \$80.584-billion, as measured by reported net tangible fixed assets.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Collaborating to boost SA property](#)

Collaboration between professional bodies across all areas of the built environment promises to yield significant economic dividends.

(www.property24.com)

[PPC backed by top shareholder. PIC](#)

The Public Investment Corporation (PIC), the largest shareholder in PPC will vote against a resolution next month to remove the entire board, the acting CE of the \$126 billion state-owned fund said on Thursday.

(www.concrete.tv)

[Business proposes 'share services' talent model to beef up municipal skills](#)

A business-led initiative is under way to set up a new "vehicle" to enable the public sector, especially under-resourced municipalities, to tap "latent" private sector skills in a way that helps address gaps in the planning, execution and maintenance of infrastructure.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Steelpoort Industrial Park](#)

Freedom launches next phase of development at the high-demand Steelpoort Industrial Park. Freedom Property fund, which listed on the JSE Securities Exchange's main board on 12 June 2014, has commenced its next phase of development, introducing over a dozen new units at Steelpoort Industrial Park in Limpopo.

(www.cipn.co.za)

[Visual International Holdings in talks to develop new residential suburb in Klerksdorp](#)

Visual International Holdings is in discussions to develop a new residential suburb in Klerksdorp, North West, which will provide some 2,000 much-needed houses, apartments and lifestyle suites for the middle-income group.

(www.eprop.co.za)

[George and Mossel Bay receive Govan Mbeki Awards](#)

'Twenty Years of Freedom' was the theme of the recent Western Cape Government's Govan Mbeki Awards in May this year. A tribute to the late Govan Mbeki and the important role he played in nation building, the awards aim to promote a culture of excellence among all stakeholders involved in delivering quality human settlements through stimulating healthy competition among municipalities and provinces.

(www.concrete.tv)

[Afrimat ups profit 18%, sees trend towards smaller projects](#)

JSE-listed openpit mining and materials company Afrimat on Thursday reported a 10.5% increase in revenue for the six months to August 31, to R1-billion, while profit after tax jumped 17.9%, to R88.8-million, compared with the same period last year.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Redefine Properties delivers 8.5% distribution growth](#)

Redefine Properties announce a distribution of 38.14 cents per share for the second half of 2014, which combined with the first half distribution of 36.4 cents per share results in growth of 8.5% on a full year basis, delivering performance ahead of market guidance.

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[Rebosis Property Fund reports 8.1% distribution growth](#)

Rebosis Property Fund reports solid annual financial results for the year ended 31 August 2014, ahead of its forecast range and market consensus.

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[Vukile Property Fund increases strategic stake in Synergy Income Fund](#)

Vukile increases its strategic stake in Synergy, and will offer to acquire Synergy's full capital in issue.

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[Freedom's developments](#)

Newly-listed Freedom Property Fund has launched several major projects, including two residential property developments, which will boost its portfolio of income-generating rental stock. It is also unlocking capital by releasing residential properties for strategic sale to the market.

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[Intu Properties announces launch of GBP350m 16-year bond](#)

International property group Intu Properties announces the launch of a GBP350m 16-year bond. This follows "the transfer of the intu Derby and intu Chapelfield shopping centres into the secured group structure", the company said. The company said the 4.25% bond would be priced at a "spread of 165 basis points over the relevant gilt".

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RETAIL, HOTEL & LEISURE ROUNDUP

[Orange Farm gets R400m Shopping Mall](#)

Just in time for the festive season shopping rush, the eagerly-awaited 27,000sqm, R400 million regional Eyethu Orange Farm Mall opened its doors last week Tuesday.

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[Actis invests in South Africa's leading sports shoe retailer](#)

Actis, the global pan-emerging market private equity investor, today announced a \$65 million investment in Tekkie Town, South Africa's leading independent sports and lifestyle shoe retailer.

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[Place for small neighbourhood centres](#)

Even though Erwin Rode of Rode & Associates feels that the smaller shopping centre poses more risk as an investment, Owen Holland of Business Partners maintains that the right neighbourhood shopping centre makes for a fantastic investment.

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[Pareto shopping centres marius muller](#)

New shopping centres...Are we building too big too soon? With more retail competition than ever before in South Africa and local consumers coming under mounting economic pressure, recently opened shopping centres, and those set to open soon, could experience a slow start to trading, says Marius Muller, CEO of Pareto.

(©www.cipn.co.za)

[New Europe Property Investments plans to invest further into Serbia](#)

JSE-listed New Europe Property Investments has plans to expand its investments further into Serbia. Serbia's retail offering was underdeveloped and offered strong investment opportunities as Nepi looks to diversify its portfolio in Eastern Europe, CEO Martin Slabbert said.

[Guesthouse of the Year entrepreneur](#)

Since winning the Tsogo Sun Book a Guesthouse Guesthouse of the Year, Carol Sanderson has experienced exceptional recognition as an entrepreneur.

(©www.property24.com)

[Cosy Comfort at Coopmanhuijs Boutique and Spa, Stellenbosch](#)

The magic of Stellenbosch's five-star Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel & Spa is that it is at once familiar and sublime. 'The key to the hotel's success since it opened is not the luxury aspect but the dedication of the staff. We work together as a family, and sometimes we even fight like a family, but without them there wouldn't be Coopmanhuijs'.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[Skalp - "A Must Have Plug-In for SketchUp Users"](#)

Skalp Sections Automatic hatch patterned cross sections. Live updates, all model changes are tracked on the fly. Use Styles to remap the look in each scene. Fully supports nested groups and components. Supports multiple drawing scales in one model. Neat user interface filled with relevant features.

(©www.designmind.co.za)

[Corobrik launches smartphone app](#)

Five years ago, the only tablets you found on a building site were the occasional Panado to cure jackhammer-induced headaches. Today, however, the way architects and construction teams work has morphed dramatically.

(©www.designmind.co.za)

[The house that yoga built](#)

Creating an aesthetically appealing, eco-friendly space that meets the needs of yoga practitioners is no easy task – especially when the space in question has to be fashioned from the shell of an old shopping centre. But, towards the end of 2013, The Yoga Republic did just that.

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[Adrian Elizalde renovates 1930s tiled apartment in Barcelona](#)

Patterned floor tiles mark out the original layout of this 1930s apartment in Barcelona, restored by local architecture student Adrian Elizalde.

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[Studio Gang to regenerate former power plant as a student centre](#)

Chicago studio Studio Gang Architects has revealed plans to convert a decommissioned power plant in Wisconsin, USA, into new facilities for an arts college.

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[Black glass facade mirrors scenery at south London home by Ian McChesney](#)

Opaque glass cladding on this south London house by Ian McChesney reflects the brick and stucco facades of neighbouring Victorian properties and foliage from a park next door.

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[Ian Shaw Architekten completes concrete villa on a German mountainside](#)

A grey slate terrace that extends from the back of this mountainside property by Frankfurt studio Ian Shaw Architekten juts over the valley below.

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GREAT BUILDINGS:

[Hvittrask](#), by Eliel Saarinen, at outside Helsinki, Finland, 1902.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[Beyond a PM Mechanic](#)

Project managers become project leaders when they go beyond the technical mechanics of assignments and actively focus on the link between execution and strategy. Interpreting, anticipating and leveraging are among six essential

business skills that you can continuously develop to realize your full leadership potential.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

Snr Project Manager - Cape Town

Professional Project Management Consultancy requires to top quality PM in their Cape Town office. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

PROJECT MANAGER - JHB based

This very effective South African Property Developer, Blue Chip Company requires further assistance regarding developments in Nigeria. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Project Manager & Contract Manager

This innovative South African successful, listed property developer has current projects running in Africa with a few more signed up recently. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Poor concrete practice hits the bottom line](#)

South African companies applying incorrect concrete practice are seriously jeopardising their profitability, warns John Roxburgh, lecturer at The Concrete Institute's School of Concrete Technology.

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[GIBB named Engineering Firm of the Year](#)

The South African Professional Services Awards (SAPSA) has named GIBB Engineering Firm of the Year.

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[South African company takes top honours at London infrastructure awards](#)

South Africa was again recognised for excellence in engineering on Wednesday night, when Cape Town-based computer-aided design draughting (CADD) specialist 3D Draughting took top honours at global infrastructure software manufacturer Bentley System's Be Inspired Awards, held at the Hilton London Metropole as part of the 2014 Year in Infrastructure Conference.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Cairo's ultra-green complex to feature energy efficient technologies](#)

The upcoming Cairo's Gate Residence has taken the use of energy saving and technologies in buildings to another level. Construction of the complex is such a way that it will minimize environmental impact using a host of technologies.

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[Liberia to build four schools in Nimba at the cost of US\\$166,313.10m](#)

Four elementary schools are set to be constructed in Sanniquellie Administrative District after the local authority of Nimba County signed a contract for the project with four construction companies.

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[Dangote Cement to slow capex in 2015](#)

Dangote Cement, Nigeria's biggest listed company, expects to slow its capital spending next year to around \$700-million, as it completes most of its African expansion projects, its CE said on Wednesday.

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[PPC's stake in Habesha increased to 51%](#)

PPC says it has bought the Industrial Development Corporation's 20% stake in Ethiopia-based Habesha Cement Share Company for \$13m, raising its share from 27% to 51%.

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[Uganda: Shelter Afrique to implement US\\$200-m housing project](#)

20,000 Uganda citizens will benefit from the new housing project to be implemented by Shelter Afrique (SAf) in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

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[French agency to fund Mombasa airport upgrade](#)

Kenya signed a \$66-million financing agreement with the French Agency for Development (AFD) on Wednesday, to upgrade Moi International Airport in Mombasa.

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MINING NEWS

[Eastplats requests voluntary TSX, JSE trading halt](#)

Platinum producer Eastern Platinum (Eastplats) on Friday announced that it had requested the voluntary suspension of trade in its ordinary securities on the TSX, as well as a trading halt on the JSE, with immediate effect.

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[Baseload coal bidding to begin this year, cogen to follow](#)

The bidding process for the long awaited 'baseload coal' independent power producer (IPP) procurement programme is expected to begin this month, followed by a bidding process in early 2015 for cogeneration.

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[Mining starts as Tschudi project remains on track to deliver first copper in Q2 2015](#)

Mining has started at Aim-listed Weatherly International's Tschudi copper project, in Namibia, with the project on track to produce its first copper in the second quarter of next year.

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[Lazarus Zim, a man resurrected](#)

Two years ago, Lazarus Zim went to ground following the collapse of his Afripalm Resources. Today, he's back atop Northam Platinum's latest BEE incarnation.

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[Anglo to wait a year for De Beers credit](#)

Philippe Mellier, CEO, De BeersAnglo American CEO, Mark Cutifani, expected it would take more than a year before credit for De Beers' performance was factored into the UK firm's share.

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[Randgold back in black as debt blitzed](#)

Randgold Resources generated enough cash in the third quarter to pay its RCF and said it was on target to produce a maiden one million ounces in gold this year.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS & HOME OWNERS

[North Riding property still affordable](#)

The suburb of North Riding in Johannesburg offers sectional title units from R580k, freehold homes from R850k and rental property from R5.5k.

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[Buy-To-Let Market Sprouts in Hermanus](#)

Always a popular holiday and retirement destination, Hermanus now boasts a significant apartment market for buy-to-let investors, says local Seeff agent, Jane Day.

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[New SunSquare opens in Cape Town](#)

SunSquare Cape Town has officially opened and is bringing a contemporary accommodation experience featuring refurbished rooms and a new restaurant.

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[Trendy new apartments in Green Point](#)

The Preswich apartments in Cape Town's vibey Green Point, less than 100m from the V&A residential marina, are selling from R3.45m.

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[Trophy homes on the Atlantic Seaboard](#)

Cape Town Atlantic Seaboard's prime location is driving demand for trophy homes, where luxury villas are increasingly fetching prices of R50m plus.

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[Century City retire and live in style](#)

Palme d'Or in Century City will offer one, two and three bedroom units priced from R2.65m to R8.5m, including recreational and frail care facilities.

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[Summertime Spotlight in Bloubergstrand](#)

It's the suburb of a thousand postcards, offering perfect sunsets, long stretches of white beach, and affordable property.

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[Southern Suburbs property values](#)

Cape Town's Southern Suburbs have been among the top performers in terms of residential property, with demand for prestigious homes increasing.

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[Global Recognition for Cape Town](#)

Recently named as the fourth best city in the world by the readers of the upscale Conde Nast Traveller magazine, Cape Town is already attracting a new breed of international buyer – from Africa, the Middle East, Russia, Asia and both North and South America – who love it and want to spend most of their time here.

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[Is grey the new gold?](#)

Whether or not you own or rent your home, you're paying twice for the water you're using: first when it arrives at your house, and then again when you throw it down the drain. And then you're paying again if you want to water your garden.

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[Trustee troubles? Keep paying your levies!](#)

Are the finances of your sectional title scheme healthy? And should you withhold your levy payments to force the trustees to behave if you think things aren't what they ought to be?

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[Landlord? Insurance could save your bacon](#)

Although landlords may believe that they are on their own and that dealing with a rogue tenant is just part and parcel of renting out a property, there are ways for them to protect their investment and rental income.

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[Mandates: ask "who" and "how" first](#)

Sellers need to understand that when they sign a mandate with an agent to sell their property, they are agreeing to all the terms and conditions contained in this legally-binding document.

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[Invest for better – or better](#)

It has been said, by a number of experts in property investment, that the biggest mistake one can ever make, is to do nothing.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[The grass is always greener on Growthpoint's side](#)

Acknowledged for dedication to sustainable development, Growthpoint Properties took home the award in the Infrastructure and Renewable Energy category for its Tshedimosetso House project at the 2014 Nedbank Capital Sustainable Business Awards for Infrastructure and Renewable Energy.

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[Food gardens take root](#)

Over the past few years, various initiatives have been undertaken in Johannesburg's inner city to revitalise it and improve the lives of those living there. One of the latest initiatives is the establishment of much needed, sustainable food gardens.

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[SunPower to open a new manufacturing plant in South Africa](#)

SunPower, a solar technology and energy services provider, has announced it will open a solar panel manufacturing facility in Cape Town come 2015. The new move will help in meeting growing demand for solar technologies in the region.

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[Cross-Laminated Timber Could Save 4% on Building Costs](#)

Though cross-laminated timbers are still relatively rare, they are already cost-competitive and likely to get cheaper, an analysis suggests.

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[Comparing the Costs of Biomass Conversion and Offshore Wind](#)

A new report compares the equivalent total consumer cost of converting existing coal-fired power stations to run on biomass to replacing a proportion of power generation from biomass conversions with an equivalent level of generation from offshore wind. It finds that the biomass conversion scenario is considerably cheaper.

[SolarCity Reports Unexpected Profit as Installations Climb](#)

SolarCity Corp., the biggest U.S. rooftop solar installer, posted an unexpected third-quarter profit, largely because of accounting rules.

THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Indicators as on 7 November 2014 16:06		
	This week	01/11/2014
Rand/US\$	11.27	10.98
Rand/BP	17.84	17.54
Rand/Euro	13.98	13.75
Gold/oz	\$1155.54	\$1163.61
JSE All share	50172.23	49611.04

[Eskom: No rolling blackouts planned](#)

Despite a vulnerable power system, no rolling blackouts are expected over the weekend and next week, Eskom has reassured.

[Fuel levy alternative to e-tolls would add R3.69/l to fuel price, says Sanral](#)

Should the e-toll user-pays system be abandoned in favour of a ringfenced fuel levy, motorists will have to pay an extra R3.69/l of fuel, South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) CEO Nazir Alli said on Wednesday.

[Oil prices down in Asian trade](#)

Oil prices have fallen in Asia after Opec slashed its longer-term global demand outlook, while a stronger dollar also weighed, say analysts.

[Rand near 3-week lows](#)

The rand has traded near a three-week low against the dollar, reflecting lukewarm demand for emerging-market assets as the global economic outlook worsens.

[Decisive push in resources propels JSE](#)

The recovery in the prices of resources stocks, which has been expected and predicted for a while now, has commenced in a decisive manner.

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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