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ASAQS NEWS

LATEST NEWS

Gauteng Golf Day

The Gauteng Chapter Golf Day took place on 30 September at the Irene Country Club.

The event was sponsored by [ACE Solutions](#) and [Sanlam](#) this year and we wish to thank them for their support. Sanlam also provided some lovely prizes which were presented on the day.

Specialised Exhibitions bought a 4 ball and representing them were:



From left to right:

John Sterley (Sales Executive)
Johan de Bruyn (Financial Director)
Gary Corin (Managing Director)
Joshua Low (Portfolio Director)

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From left to right:
 Doug Michel (MBA North)
 Mark Anderson (Specialised Exhibition)
 Wesley Soutter (MBA North)
 Jason Kree (Liberty)

We wish to thank the organisers for their hard work in putting together this memorable occasion. And to all the competitors... hope to see you again next year!

Limpopo Province seeking to employ BEP's

Limpopo Provincial Government are advertising for Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers, Engineers, Architects, etc.

Applications close the 17th October.

[Click here](#) to download the advert.

Netspot : What is the profit margin in the SA construction industry?

Wondering what the average profit margin for construction companies in South Africa is I asked Google which then came up with a [surprising answer in the form of a preliminary report](#) from STATSSA. Published at the end of 2012 it took the previous year under review and found that it had been a dismal year for contractors. Electrical contractors employed 8% of all construction workers and recorded the second highest profits at 5,2%, far outstripping the average.

It seems that 2011 was at an all time low point though and [Engineering News reported that profits in the construction industry peaked during 2009](#). Those margins must have come down after adjustment for the fines paid subsequently but were still almost double that recorded 2 years later.

I could not find any information for 2012 or 2013 and was wondering whether things improved over the past two years? What do you think?

[Click here to take our snap survey and to see what other people think.](#)

New page added to the CUG

We have added a new page that will only be available to signed in members such as PMAQS's, MAQS's and Firms. The purpose of this page is to provide targeted members with leads that could lead to new business.

To gain access to the page you need to be logged in before clicking on the link in our menu to "Leads to business". You will find it under Resources\Members only CUG.

Research inputs required

Students studying Quantity Surveying sometimes have to complete research projects that require surveys to be completed.

The ASAQS has formulated a policy on how students can be assisted and the SACQSP has also determined that registered quantity surveyors undertaking these surveys may claim 30 minutes in CPD category 2 for each survey



completed.

Due to the number of these requests we receive all current surveys and questionnaires will in future be published under "Student Research" below the EduTech Tab in our menu.

To view the current batch please [click here](#). We are sure there will be more than one survey that will be of interest to you and with which you can quickly earn some CPD 2 hours!



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.

[2nd Annual Project and Construction Management Professions Conference](#)

20-22 October 2014

The conference will address growth, development and transformation of the Project and Construction Management Professions in South Africa and the continent. The Minister of Public Works, Mr T. W. Nxesi, has formally endorsed the 2nd Annual Project and Construction Management Professions Conference and will once again be an integral part of the programme including the pre and post conference deliberations. [Click here](#) to register.

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

Milan, Italy, 20, 21, 22 October 2014

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EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Intern / Junior QS

A dynamic and expanding Construction Company based in the Vaal Triangle, is seeking the services of a motivated, enthusiastic Intern Quantity Surveyor or Junior Quantity Surveying graduate. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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.

Snr QS with NEC and Mining experience

We are seeking the expertise of a Snr Quantity Surveyor with NEC and underground mining experience to join our team in Zambia. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Quantity Surveyor

Minimum of three year's experience in a P.Q.S office. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

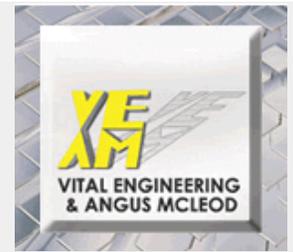
Quantity Surveyor

Must be a South African Citizen. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

BS 20792 - Candidate Quantity Surveyor

You will be responsible for the day-to-day duties of a Junior Quantity Surveyor, reporting to the Senior Quantity Surveyor. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

BS 20467 - Site Quantity Surveyor



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What you get :

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Quantity Surveying

Our client is one of the main multi-disciplinary contractors in South Africa with an enviable track record. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

QS

Candidate should be able to work independently and have good bill production capability. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyors

For diverse projects, exciting challenges and great exposure to senior management in the Western Cape. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

The role will involve overseeing residential, commercial, industrial and retail developments. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

BS 20799 - Junior Quantity Surveyor

The company has grown from its early beginnings to a company that now handles most facets of building and civil engineering construction within South Africa. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior QS

Dynamic QS, 5 - 10 years experience. must be proficient in WinQS, DimensionX. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

BS 21003 - Specialist Consultant (QS)

Prompt and Professional Recruitment Service with Integrity and Care. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Head of Development

A property development company using unique method to transform degenerated area into thriving neighbourhood destinations is currently looking for a forward thinking and experienced Quantity Surveyor to head up their development division. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

AA Quantity Surveyor

Our Company has offices in Johannesburg, Durban, Dubai and Maputo and has an excellent reputation within the cost management arena. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

Seeking a Quantity Surveyor with strong procurement experience to for a company with unrivalled understanding and experience in the field of telecommunication infrastructure management and deployment. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

Cost planning and analysis. Preparing Bills of Quantities. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Intermediate/Senior QS

Intermediate/Senior QSs urgently required in a busy PQS Windhoek firm; should have 3 - 5 years experience in a PQS firm. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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.

Quantity Surveying Graduate

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

Junior Quantity Surveyor

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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

Simplified Tax Returns

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.

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.

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.

Estimator / Quantity Surveyor

Isabella Skillington. B-TECH DEGREE QUANTITY SURVEYING: Cape Technikon 2002. 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.

Project controls and Quantity Surveying

Effective implementation of project controls including progress and performance measurement. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

DANIEL MUSASIRA. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN QUANTITY SURVEYING. 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. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

quantity surveyor or project manager

Ntsako Nicholas Hlungwani. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Requirres In-service training for 2016

Hardworking, an eager to learn and dedicated 1st year student. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

JUNIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Angel Masina. My career objective is to secure an entry level position. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Quantity Surveyor/ Assistant Project Manager

Zandisile Ndaba. To get the opportunity to work for this establishment in any department. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

PrQS +-5 years experience

Jaco Pieterse. I am a hardworking and enthusiastic person who dedicates one hundred percent in everything I do and all tasks I execute. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Cost Estimator / Quantity Surveyor

Haashiem Tayob. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor in training

Kagiso Sekgothudi. To work for an institution that not only presents me a platform for professional growth and the opportunity to acquire skills. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

We've just been informed that SARS has simplified its tax returns for next year in the spirit of becoming a "kinder, gentler" revenue service. It goes like this:
(A) How much did you make last year? _____
(B) How much do you have left? _____

(C) Send us amount on line B

Numbers:

160

Cars can drive side by side on the Monumental Axis in Brazil

Law of Pill Rejection

Any pill given to a cat has the potential energy to reach escape velocity.

Hiring an Accountant

A business owner tells her friend that she is desperately searching for an accountant. Her friend asks, "Didn't your company hire an accountant a short while ago?" The business owner replies, "That's the accountant I've been searching for."

Quantity surveyor

Tendekai Gareth Mungofa. I am an ambitious Quantity surveyor with a wide range skill set and a versatile experience record. 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.

CALENDAR

14 October 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Pretoria,Â Gauteng

Information: The course is presented in two main parts.

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

14 / 15 October 2014

[A 2 day Workshop on the FIDIC Contract Documents](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape

Information: A 2 day Workshop on the FIDIC Contract Documents.

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

15 October 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Cape Town,Â Western Cape

Information: Working knowledge of JBCC agreements and forms.

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

15 / 16 October 2014

[Delay Disruption & Extension of Time](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Midrand,Â Gauteng

Information: Regardless of who or what the causes are, delay and disruption can wound and sometimes kill a project.

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

15 / 16 October 2014

[New Engineering Contract](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg,Â 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)

20 / 21 October 2014

[Effective Construction Contract Management & Administration](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Cape Town, Western Cape

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)

21 October 2014

[Construction Regulations 2014 Update](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Durban,Â KwaZulu Natal

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

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

20 / 21 / 22 October 2014

[Effective Project Administration](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg,Â Gauteng

Information: Simply put, project administration can make or break a project because it is the key to successfully maintaining control on any project.

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

23 / 24 October 2014

[Effective Construction Contract Management & Administration](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Durban,Â KwaZulu Natal

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)

27 October 2014

[Construction Regulations 2014 Update](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg,Â Gauteng

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

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

28 October 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Midrand,Â Gauteng

Information: Working knowledge of JBCC agreements and forms.

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

29 October 2014

[NEC3 Compensation Events](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg,Â Gauteng

Information: Compensation Events is a term that is unique to the NEC family of contracts and in short it is the NECâ€™s claims process.

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

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[The state of construction industry](#)

As an industry heavily reliant on the consistent availability of projects, the construction industry continues to be at the mercy of the governmentâ€™s Infrastructure Development Plan and private sector investment.

(www.designmind.co.za)

[SA govt considers bank to support small businesses](#)

The Gauteng government is considering launching a bank that will assist township entrepreneurs get access to funding to help grow their businesses, Premier David Makhura said on Tuesday.

(www.concrete.tv)

[Lafarge Holcim merger approved with condition](#)

The Competition Commission (CC) has approved the merger of Holcim and Lafarge in South Africa. Although Lafarge has a significant presence in South Africa, Holcim's only interest is in a stake it holds in AfriSam.

(www.concrete.tv)

[Superfloor status](#)

The largest single indoor concrete floor polishing project in South Africa to date is being undertaken in Johannesburg by Platinum Concrete Solutions (PCS), which is making use of the HTC Superfloor concept.

(www.cipn.co.za)

[Electrical Fencing: The laws behind installations to your building](#)

Electric fencing has become a popular measure used in commercial and residential buildings for safety or security against crime.

(www.designmind.co.za)

[Government to invest R1bn in township infrastructure](#)

Government will invest more than R1 billion to build and improve infrastructure for township economies in the next five

years, says Premier David Makhura.
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[Mining towns to receive R2.1bn for housing](#)

Amid labour instability and declining investor confidence, the mining sector registered a year-on-year decline of 10.1% in August, Statistics SA says.
(©www.bdlive.co.za)

[Possible new central business district for Gauteng](#)

The Waterfall City is a 323 hectare development lying between Midrand and Sandton, and due to the many planned developments around this mini-city, it may become the Gauteng province's newest central business district, says Monre Wiken, CEO of Attacq Property Development.
(©www.designmind.co.za)

[FNB's offices in Bloem](#)

First National Bank (FNB) has launched phase one of the Second Avenue Development project set to become FNB's new regional offices in Bloemfontein.
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[Dube TradePort granted Industrial Development Zone status](#)

The Dube TradePort in Durban will formally become a special economic zone. Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies granted the precinct an Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) operating licence a few months ago.
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[R22bn infrastructure projects pitched to funders at KZN fair](#)

More than R7-billion in funding for key infrastructure projects in KwaZulu-Natal is waiting in the wings, with billions more likely to follow the second KwaZulu-Natal Infrastructure Funding Fair, audit and consulting firm Deloitte has said of the event, which it is currently hosting in Pietermaritzburg in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Treasury.
(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Newcomer Equites declares maiden distribution of 20.4c a share](#)

Real estate investment trust (REIT) Equites Property Fund has declared a maiden distribution of 20.4c a share for the six months ended August 31, some two months after listing on the main board of the JSE.
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[Fountainhead Property Trust achieve annualised distribution growth of 6.85%](#)

Fountainhead meets guidance with annualised distribution growth of 6.85% and improves its property portfolio.
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[Emira acquisitions boost future earnings growth](#)

Emira Property Fund has boosted its future earnings growth for the medium term with the 12 key property assets acquired so far in 2014.
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[Ascension's performance](#)

Ascension Properties total distribution for the full year to holders of A linked units was 39,9 cents (up 5%) while B linked unitholders' distribution was 22,59 cents per unit (up 20,2%)
(©www.cipn.co.za)

[Texton buoyant in office sector](#)

Texton Property Fund (formerly Vunani Property Investment Fund) delivers strong earnings for shareholders in the predominantly office market.
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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

PROPERTY DEVELOPER

With enough land to develop over the next 5 to 6 years our Property Developer needs a strong person to come in and take control of all the aspects. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Experience Construction Manager

Namhla Gora. I'm a 28 year old female with broad experience in the construction industry. 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

[R200m Middelburg Mall expansion creates 400 new jobs](#)

When the R200 million second phase expansion of Middelburg Mall opens, it will create 400 new jobs within the local community.

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[Matlosana Mall's imminent opening](#)

The 65 000 m² super-regional Matlosana Mall in Klerksdorp, North West province, is on schedule to open on 23 October 2014.

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[R400m Zimbali development underway](#)

At a recent ceremony held on site in Zimbali, IFA Hotels & Resorts (IFA) announced that building plan approvals are in place for the elegantly designed 131 sectional title Zimbali Suites, and that construction has begun on the R400 million development.

(©www.property24.com)

[SA retail property professionals achieve global recognition](#)

The South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC) is promoting and facilitating the ICSC's internationally recognised certifications to South African professionals.

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[SAPOA urge Competition Commission to rule on exclusive leases](#)

South Africa's large grocery retailers stand accused of anti-competitive behaviour. The South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) has officially asked the Competition Commission to investigate the broader prohibitive practice of long-term exclusive leases in shopping malls.

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[Abu Dhabi's Yas Mall to open next month](#)

With over 400 stores, Abu Dhabi's multi-million dollar Yas Mall will be the second largest shopping complex in the United Arab Emirate when it opens this year in November.

(©www.sacommercialpropnews.co.za)

[Dubai plans worlds largest underwater theme park](#)

The largest theme park in the world, to be called Peal of Dubai, is planned for construction to boost tourism in UAE. US-based Reef Worlds, the involved design company has not yet announced when construction starts.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[Korean Artist Transforms a Greenhouse Into a Kaleidoscopic Rainbow Palace](#)

Korean multi-media artist Kimsooja creates installations using existing architecture combined with light and sound. Her latest work, entitled "To Breathe: A Mirror Woman," transformed the beautiful Palacio de Cristal in Madrid's Retiro Park into a mesmerizing kaleidoscope that is made all the more atmospheric by a piped soundscape of the artist's breath.

(©www.inhabitat.com)

[Alexander Forbes Headquarters takes AfriSam-SAIA 2014 award](#)

The Alexander Forbes Headquarters in Sandton, Johannesburg, designed by Paragon Architects and Paragon Interface, took top honours in the built work category at the 2014 AfriSam-South African Institute of Architects Award for Sustainable Architecture, announced on 9 October at Johannesburg City Library.

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[Jean Nouvel's Sydney towers boast vertical gardens and a huge sunlight reflector](#)

French architect Jean Nouvel teamed up with botanist Patrick Blanc to create this pair of plant-covered Sydney towers that reflect light into their lower levels with a huge cantilevered panel of mirrors.

(©www.dezeen.com)

[Carl-Viggo Hå Imebakk completes "labyrinth-like" concrete home in Norway](#)

External staircases connect the three stories of this cast-concrete house overlooking a lake in Norway by architect Carl-Viggo Hå Imebakk.

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GREAT BUILDINGS:

[Housing in Camden](#), by Nicholas Grimshaw, at London, England, UK, 1989.

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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

[More Agile Anti-Patterns](#)

Story points are one of the most misunderstood and misused aspects of the Agile methodology. In the second installment of our series on Agile Anti-Patterns, we look at two more ways that story points can be used incorrectly, making the team both less agile and more frustrated in the process.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

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.

BEE Project Manager - Gauteng Property Co

Major property development and management company requires extra assistance to support the development manager. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

PROJECT MANAGERS & QUANTITY SURVEYORS â€™ Major Property Developer

Join one of the leading property developers who has ongoing projects in Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Egypt, Lebanon and Dubai. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

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

ENGINEERING NEWS

[Wage agreement not a promise of stability â€™ Matshiqi](#)

While the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa (Seifsa) believed the recent wage deal struck with the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) secured peace, certainty and stability for the next three years, political analyst Aubrey Matshiqi warned there were no guarantees.

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[Stormwater infrastructure lacking](#)

A significant amount of stormwater infrastructure in South Africa is insufficient to handle the countryâ€™s rapid urbanisation, according to engineering consulting firm SRK Consulting South Africa.

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[Water projects progressing on schedule, within budget](#)

Bulk water and sewerage service projects in Midvaal (Sicelo) and Vaal Marina (Mamello), undertaken by consulting engineering firm Gibb, are progressing according to plan and within budget.

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[Admixture prevents the formation of lumps](#)

Construction products specialist Verniâ€™s Betocrete C-16, an organic, liquid concrete admixture for crystalline waterproofing unlike others, prevents the formation of lumps, says Verni director Jenna-Lee Backos.

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[Construction and mining machinery launched locally](#)

China-based machine manufacturer XCMG launched a diverse range of specialist machinery on August 15 in Ruimsig, Johannesburg. The range includes truck loader cranes, cherry pickers, rollbacks, wheel loaders, excavators, backhoe loaders, skid-steer loaders and truck-mounted mobile cranes.

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[Gauteng needs better public transport](#)

Having a car in Gauteng is a necessity as the province's public transport system is not up to scratch, the Inkatha Freedom Party said on Friday.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Billions for affordable housing fund](#)

Global private equity investor, International Housing Solutions, is set to pump more than R1.6 billion into funding the development of affordable homes in sub-Saharan Africa, following major inflows from both local and international investors into its second fund.

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[Is cement the next hot industry in Africa?](#)

With infrastructure and urban growth accelerating across Africa, the usefulness of a humble building material like cement cannot be underestimated.

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[Nigeria govt to privatise road construction projects](#)

The Federal Government of Nigeria is planning to relinquish road construction projects to the private sector in 2019. The private sector will undertake these projects and fund them.

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[Bombardier awarded US\\$ 45m contract for Ethiopian rail project](#)

YapÄ± Merkezi, a Turkish firm undertaking construction of the Awash-Wedie rail, has awarded Bombardier Transportation company a contract to deliver mainline signaling for the rail project.

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[Local Ethiopian firms win road construction contracts](#)

The Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA) has made a bold move by awarding two local firms contracts for construction of asphalt roads in Ethiopia. This is a first for Ethiopia local contractors to be awarded road asphalt projects from scratch since they were previously involved in building gravel roads or upgrading gravel roads to asphalt.

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[Construction of the Kenya's US2.5bn Tatu City resumes after stalling for 4 years](#)

Construction of the Tatu City has begun after extensive wrangling that now delayed the Kiambu county-based project for four years. Tatu is a residential complex invention that will be set up on 2, 500 acres of land, and will be the first privately managed city in Kenya.

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[NIRAS to design new oil terminal for Kenya](#)

NIRAS has been appointed the consultant for a new oil terminal in Mombasa, which will replace the 50-year-old existing terminal. With this, the capacity of the terminal will be quadrupled.

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[Mozambique to construct a new port city](#)

Mozambique's state petroleum company, Cabo Delgado Ports, will invest in construction of a new port city to assist development of natural gas discoveries in the country.

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[Construction of Walvis Bay Dry Port in Namibia to resume soon](#)

Road Motor Service, a subsidiary of National Railway of Zimbabwe, has begun preparation work at the Walvis Bay Dry Port in Namibia. The company has also noted that construction work will resume soon.

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[Namibia's housing project comes to stand still over pay dispute](#)

Construction of 60 houses in Rundu, which is under the Namibia's mass housing project has come to stand still over pay dispute between the main contractor, Green Circle Investment Company and a sub-contractor.

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MINING NEWS

[Rockwell Diamonds narrows loss in interim period](#)

Company posts revenue from diamond sales of C\$23.9m in the six months to end-August compared to C\$16.4m in the same period a year earlier.

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[Wescoalâ€™s R42.5m Muhanga acquisition now unconditional](#)

Wescoal Miningâ€™s proposed R42.5-million acquisition of Muhanga Mines has become unconditional in all respects, the company said on Friday.

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[Continental mulls sale of SA business](#)

Subsequent to the completion of a rights issue last month, Continental Coal has been presented with offers from third parties interested in acquiring its 74% interest in South African subsidiary Continental Coal South Africa.

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[Sibanye turns focus to gold consolidation](#)

Neal Froneman, Sibanye Gold CEO, said only regional consolidation among gold producers could make further significant in-roads to industry costs.

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[Amplats' Moosa 'ashamed' of AMCU strike](#)

Valli Moosa, chairman of Anglo American Platinum, delivered a frank opinion of the platinum sector strike and said the industry had to be entirely modernised.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS & HOME OWNERS

[New Bus Routes will Boost Pretoria North Property Prices](#)

Tshwane homebuyers looking for great value should focus on the suburbs north of the Magaliesburg, where there is currently more stock available for sale than in many areas to the south and east of the city.

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[Stately Waterkloof Attracts a New Generation of Buyers](#)

Waterkloof in Pretoria is a heritage suburb with leafy avenues and an â€œold-moneyâ€ atmosphere. It is proving to be increasingly attractive to a younger generation of high earners, according to Wilna Rautenbach, the area specialist for Sothebyâ€™s International Realty.

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[New Sandton apartments from R1.5m](#)

Sandton, which is considered to be the financial epicentre of the country and a sought-after business address for many, will soon be bursting at the seams.

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[6 hip Johannesburg apartments for sale](#)

Do you dream of living just a few minutes away from everything you need in a chic apartment in the city? Here are six hip apartments you can choose fromâ€

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[Lodge your Durban property valuation objection](#)

Durban property owners can now lodge objections to their property valuations if they are unhappy with the current assessments.

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[Young Buyers Queuing for Kuils River homes](#)

Stock shortages in the affordable home market around Kuils River in the Western Cape have prospective buyers lining up and well-priced properties selling within a few days of being listed.

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[Luxury Camps Bay home for R25.995m](#)

A home with a modern Balinese feel to it, designed by Arthur Quinton, that offers the best in contemporary living, has come onto the market for R25.995 million.

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[Sea Point flats popular with buyers](#)

Sectional title properties in Sea Point are so popular with buyers that this year most of them have sold within the first 10 days of listing.

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[Rooms with attitude](#)

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[Get spotless glass and mirrors â€ GSA Top Tips](#)

Glass mirrors and windows accumulate a build-up dust with very little effort. And though you may clean them often, using much applied elbow-grease, the cleaning products and old wash cloth, paper towel and dusting cloth you use can leave lint and streaky marks on the surface.

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[Modest curtain rods â€‘ decorating that wonâ€™t bust the bank](#)

When trying to create a new and fresh style for your interiors, spending on new fittings can become so costly that the finer details like curtain rods and racks get forgotten â€‘ or sidelined.

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[Landlords Need to Keep Close Watch on Payments](#)

The percentage of residential properties being purchased as buy-to-let rather than buy-to-live investments has risen steadily from 7% in the third quarter of 2013 to 10% currently, according to the First National Bank Property Barometer.

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[Sectional Title: Levy Arrears Can Attract High Interest](#)

The national Prescribed Rate of Interest set by the Minister of Justice has recently been lowered from 15,5% a year to 9% a year â€‘ but sectional title owners should be aware that they could be charged much more than this on arrear levies.

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[Sectional Title: Addressing the Problem of â€‘Abandonedâ€™ Units](#)

What happens when the levy and bond arrears on a sectional title unit together total more than the property is worth?

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[Rent first; buy second](#)

The cost of living is increasing and with it, the ability to buy property. Impaired credit records and high levels of personal debt are now the norm, and 100% bond approvals are few and far between.

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[Buying? Read this!](#)

It's easy to get caught up in the house-buying experience, particularly when you are buying your first home. It often seems that buyers go from merely discussing the idea to actively buying a property at breakneck speed.

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[Why You Need a Bond Originator](#)

The banks are keen and the borrowers have less debt â€‘ but the chance of a home loan application succeeding now, if it is not submitted through a reputable originator, are still slim.

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[â€‘Mom, help me buy a house!â€™](#)

Generally speaking, children look up to their parents and approach them for advice on matters of importance. Buying a home is one such matter and parents can play a pivotal role in assisting their children on their path to home ownership.

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[The Keys to Successful Property Investing](#)

Thereâ€™s a great deal of interest in property investment at the moment, fuelled by recent events such as the collapse of African Bank which saw many people lose money from their money market accounts, and rising interest rates which will undoubtedly boost the demand for rental properties.

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[Prepare Your Home for the Best Price](#)

If you want to get the best possible price for your home, you need to look at it through the eyes of potential buyers and do whatever it takes to present it as well as you can.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[SA's Tshedimosetso building is the first in Africa to use solar facade](#)

The Tshedimosetso green building in Hatfield, is the first in Africa to earn bragging rights of being integrated with solar facades during its development.

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[Home is where the green is](#)

Weâ€™ve looked at the law and the theory of green homes (Go green or go home) and weâ€™ve considered the costs of going green at home (Donâ€™t just dream green) â€‘ but what do the banks say about the idea?

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[What a Parkâ€™s Design Does to Your Brain](#)

As a student in Poland, Agnieszka Anna Olszewska was fascinated by the way that some landscapes seemed to be more contemplative than others.

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[Stemming The Tide](#)

Streetscapes and plazas are being transformed into high performance sites for stormwater management.

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[Bokpoort CSP plant to be completed by end-2015](#)

The 50 MW Bokpoort concentrated solar power (CSP) plant, in the Northern Cape, which is being built as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme, was over 50% complete and was expected to be completed by December 2015, project owner Acwa Power has reported.

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[Know Thy Client: 9 Un-Green Strategies for Delivering Better Buildings](#)

Making all your projects high-performance means getting in touch with what your client really wants and checking a "green building" at the door.

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[Blue Urbanism: A Mutually Sustainable Relationship between Cities and Oceans](#)

In this book, Beatley expands his purview beyond the "green urbanism" of Biophilic Cities to the vast oceans that make up 70 percent of the face of the Earth and contain 97 percent of its water.

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[Food For Watts: Turning Post-consumer Food Waste into Renewable Energy](#)

A new project in Oregon creates biogas from consumer food waste and developers have big plans for the future.

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[All-in-One Solution: Solar that Stores Its Own Power](#)

Is it a solar cell? Or a rechargeable battery? Actually, the patent-pending device invented at The Ohio State University is both: the world's first solar battery.

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[Solar's \\$30 Billion Splurge Proves Too Much for Japan](#)

After spending almost \$30 billion on solar energy in a single year and installing as many panels as exist in the whole of Spain, Japan is preparing to ratchet back its boom in photovoltaic power.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Indicators as on 10 October 2014 16:34		
	This week	04/10/2014
Rand/US\$	11.12	11.33
Rand/BP	17.82	18.10
Rand/Euro	14.04	14.18
Gold/oz	\$1220.86	\$1199.69
JSE All share	47365.19	48565.35

[Nene concerned about "significant" rand weakness](#)

Finance Minister Nhlanelo Nene says state is concerned about significant weakness in rand, although effect on country is for now limited given lower international oil prices.

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[SA economy continues to underperform](#)

Creamer Media's Tracy Hancock speaks to Engineering News editor Terence Creamer about South Africa's underperforming economy.

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[Southern Africa cuts power deficit, to add 27 000 MW by 2018](#)

Southern Africa has cut its power deficit to 3 000 MW in the last year and will add another 27 000 MW by 2018 as countries ramp up electricity generation to meet growing demand, an official with a regional power pool said on Thursday.

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[Oil prices extend losses on demand fears](#)

Oil prices have sunk to more than two-year lows as weak German data underscores concerns over a global economic slowdown and its impact on energy demand.

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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.

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