



The Weekend Property and Construction News

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ASAQS NEWS

LATEST NEWS

You need to look at this as it will effect your future business

As most business owners know, the **B-BBEE Generic Codes** are undergoing a complete overhaul and the new codes issued and legislated by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on the 11th of October 2013 will have a major impact on doing business in this country in future.

To further complicate matters, we in the construction industry are also regulated by the Construction Sector Charter which takes precedence over the generic codes. In the past, the Charter reduced the threshold as an EME and therefore B-BBEE compliance from R10m to R1,5m which had serious implications for small firms.

The charter now has to be aligned to the new codes and if it is not done before the end of October this year there is a very good chance that come 1 April 2015 we will, by default, have to comply to the generic codes as they now stand.

The Executive Director [sent out an e-mail](#) explaining the situation in detail and also enclosed a paper on the [position that the ASAQS has adopted on your behalf](#).

Please let us know whether you agree- or disagree or have any suggestions regarding the position that the ASAQS has adopted by no later than Monday 15 September. This is incredibly short notice but has been forced on us due to the negotiation process between stakeholder which has to be accelerated if the deadline has to be met.

Please read through the positioning document and let us have your inputs i.e. if you think that the threshold for EME's should somehow be adjusted annually, then let us know. If you think that due to the "feast or famine" nature of our business the fees on which B-BBEE compliance should be based must be calculated on a three year rolling average, then tell us so.

The ASAQS is negotiating on your behalf so please strengthen our position by giving your inputs to Larry via e-mail. If you have any comment on the position currently taken in negotiations, please [send him an e-mail](#) before close of business on Monday 15 September 2014.

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.

This week we publish a call by National Treasury for QS's to become involved in the Cities PPF. Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by 22 September 2014.

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.

Mutual Recognition of Professional Competence signed

The official signing of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Competence document between the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) on the 4th September 2014 in Cape Town.

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Prof Kathy Michell – President SACQSP and Mrs Louise Brooke-Smith – President RICS

Qualified quantity surveyor members of the RICS (MRICS or FRICS), may be registered as a "Professional Quantity Surveyor" (PrQS) with the SACQSP upon submission of a detailed resume/CV of practical quantity surveying experience and the satisfactory conclusion of a professional interview. For RICS members [download the REGISTRATION POLICY](#) for more detailed information.

Important dates on the SACQSP calendar:

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF APC DOCUMENTS TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
12:00 Friday, 19th September 2014
LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Kindly note all Candidate QS's need to submit the 2014 Letter of Undertaking in order to proceed with your candidacy. This document must be uploaded on your profile. [Click here](#) for the document.

Research inputs required

Two students request your urgent assistance.

They have set up surveys on the Internet which should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

The first student is researching "Inaccuracies in the Building Cost Index produced by the Bureau of Economic Research". It is essential as a quantity surveyor to gather suitable cost information for future use as it is likely to influence the investment strategy of many interested parties including clients, contractors and professionals in the building industry.

If you are interested to contribute your views on this topic, [please click here](#).

The second student is conducting research based on factors that influence variations in BOQ rates in different major cities which include Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg.

If you wish to assist this student [please click here](#).

It's time for our annual salary survey

To all senior Partners/Directors - QS Firms

An annual survey of salaried staff is conducted amongst firms in order to determine the hourly rate for principals, partners, members of close corporations and directors.

As such principals are not necessarily allocated a salary, different categories of salaried personnel are used as a basis, with a factor added in order to arrive at an hourly rate.

Please be assured that absolute confidentiality is assured. As soon as feedback is returned from the firms, this information is handed over to a firm of statistical analysts who are commissioned to capture the information and compute the results to finally arrive at an hourly rate.

Clearly the better the response from the firms, the more reliable and representative the results will become. A special appeal is therefore made to all member firms to please assist the Association with this important survey by setting aside a little time to complete the questionnaire and returning same (preferably in electronic format) to the offices of the Association by no later than the deadline date of Friday 26 August 2014.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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.

Ridding Government Departments of Procurement Fraud to be Applauded

Recent articles in the press regarding possible fraudulent activity in which members of the quantity surveying profession have been implicated is of grave concern to the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession and the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors.

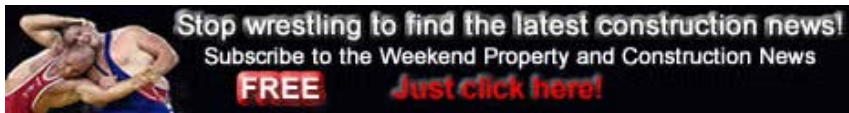
[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Netspot : Living in a water tower!

It stood empty for most of the last decades, until local businessman Patrick Mets hired Brussels based architecture firm Bham Design Studio in 2007 to convert the former water tower into an amazing family home.

[Click here to be amazed!](#)

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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.

[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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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

Medium sized Construction firm who specialises in Commercial & Industrial projects in the Gauteng area. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveying

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

Quantity Surveyors

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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)

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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

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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.

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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

Two neighbours were talking about

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.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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.

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.

quantity surveyor or project manager

Ntsako Nicholas Hlungwani. 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.

quantity surveying

Nhlahla masangu. To obtain practical experience while studying. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior Quantity Surveyor

Karel Kerling. As an honest, loyal, focused and balanced person, I am eager to become part of an effective and professional Quantity Surveying team. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Experienced Quantity Surveyor

Tirivafi Kastone Mudzamiri. I have a strong passion for commercial management and my key strengths are in managing value and cost on construction projects. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Estimator / Quantity Surveyor

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

Candidate Quantity Surveyor (Btech QS)

Mzukisi Ntsalaze. I am a hardworking, self-motivated and resourceful Individual. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Junior quantity surveyor

Kuvesan Naidoo. Skills in roads and earthworks as a junior quantity surveyor, willing to try buildings. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveying

Killian Fynn. Student graduating in Quantity Surveying degree in November. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Quantity Surveyor

Anusha Naidoo. I worked for Grid Construction as a Junior Quantity Surveyor on a high rise commercial development from start to finish. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

Candidate quantity surveyor

Huzaifah. Application for a position as a candidate quantity surveyor. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

work, when one asked, "Say, why did the foreman fire you?" Replied the second, "Well, you know how a foreman is always standing around and watching others do the work. My foreman got jealous. People started thinking I was the foreman."

Law of Furniture Replacement

A cat's desire to scratch furniture is directly proportional to the cost of the furniture.

Numbers:

1,700

The number of references to gems and precious stones in the King James translation of the *Bible*

After many years of marriage, a husband has turned into a couch potato, became completely inattentive to his wife and sat guzzling beer and watching TV all day. The wife was dismayed because no matter what she did to attract the husband's attention, he'd just shrug her off with some bored comment.

This went on for many months and the wife was going crazy with boredom. Then one day at a pet store, the wife saw this big, ugly, snorting bird with a hairy chest, powerful hairy forearms, beady eyes and dribble running down the side of its mouth.

The shopkeeper, observing her fascination with the bird, told her it was a special imported "Goony bird" and it had a very peculiar trait. To demonstrate, he exclaimed, "Goony bird! The table!"

Immediately, the Goony bird flew off its perch and with single-minded fury attacked the table and smashed it into a hundred little pieces with its powerful forearms and claws! To demonstrate some more, the shopkeeper said, "Goony bird! The shelf!"

Again the Goony bird turned to the shelf and demolished it in seconds. "Wow!" said the wife, "If this doesn't attract my husband's attention, nothing will!" So she bought the bird and took it home.

When she entered the house, the husband was, as usual, sprawled on the sofa guzzling beer and watching the game. "Honey!" she exclaimed, "I've got a surprise for you! A Goony bird!"

The husband, in his usual bored

UFS Graduate Seeking Employment 2015

Dwayne Lemmer. I am currently doing my BSc Honours in Quantity Surveying at the University of Free State. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

UCT BSc Honors Quantity Surveying

Takunda. Interested in Quantity surveying posts as a Junior or graduate. Browse to the [Career Centre](#) for more information.

CALENDAR

15 / 16 September 2014

[Professional Services Contracts & EPCMs](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Illovo, Gauteng

Information: The widespread use of Professional Services Contracts (PSCs) & EPCM contracts in the construction industry is as a result of recent developments and the nature and structure of the construction industry as a whole.

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

16 September 2014

[Rode-Reim Real Estate Conference 2014 - Johannesburg](#)

Time: 07:30

Where: Kemton Park, Gauteng

Information: Accredited by ASAQS for 6 hours, category 1 CPD credits

Contact: Lynette Smit (lynette@rode.co.za)

16 September 2014

[Consultation Workshop on Construction and Demolition Waste](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Cape Town, Western Cape

Information: The Western Cape Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning ("Department"), in collaboration with GreenCape hereby invites **industry bodies, developers, suppliers, demolition companies, government, waste service providers, academia, generators and other key stakeholders within the construction sector** to participate in a half-day workshop focussing on the minimisation, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste.

Contact: Dean Gilbert (dean.gilbert@westerncape.gov.za)

16 September 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Windhoek, Namibia

Information: This workshop focuses on the professional as principal agent. We consider the functions, authority and liability of the professional when he is acting as the employer's agent under a construction contract.

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

17 September 2014

[Principles of Contract Management & Administration](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Windhoek, Namibia

Information: This course focuses on certain basic principles which should be adopted.

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

17 / 18 September 2014

[Professional Services Contracts & EPCMs](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

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)

18 September 2014

[Competition Law Workshop](#)

Time: 09:00

tone replied, "Goony Bird, my foot!"

Where: Johannesburg, Gauteng

Information: This workshop will provide an update on the latest developments in competition law as it affects the Engineering and Construction industry. using lessons learnt from the construction industry investigations and other relevant case law, delegates will be shown which business areas are high risk.

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

18 September 2014

[Rode-Reim Real Estate Conference 2014 - Cape Town](#)

Time: 07:30

Where: Cape Town, Western Cape

Information: Accredited by ASAQS for 6 hours, category 1 CPD credits

Contact: Lynette Smit (lynette@rode.co.za)

29 September 2014

[Effective Construction Contract Management & Administration](#)

Time: 08:30

Where: Port Elizabeth, East London

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

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

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[Mixed housing plan for dolomite areas](#)

Gauteng MEC of Human Settlements and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Jacob Mamabolo says a mixed housing plan will be ideal for areas affected by dolomite.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Modderfontein New City 'the South African city of the future'](#)

The development of the R84-billion Modderfontein New City by Hong Kong-listed property development group Shanghai Zendai will be driven by the twin needs for access to information technology (IT) and viable integrated public transport systems, creating what Zendai Development South Africa CEO Anthony Diepenbroek dubs "the South African city of the future".

(www.concrete.tv)

[Construction begins on new R400m KZN upmarket residential development](#)

Construction of the R400-million upmarket secure residential property, Zimbali Suites, in KwaZulu-Natal, has started, Kuwait Stock Exchange-listed, integrated mixed-use hotel and resorts developer IFA Hotels & Resorts said on Friday.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Emerging W Cape contractors undergoing business, construction training](#)

As part of government's Expanded Public Works Programme to create job opportunities and alleviate poverty, about 50 emerging construction contractor-owners from across the Western Cape are currently receiving training by the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works on how to run their businesses more effectively.

(www.engineeringnews.co.za)

[Ereva to go on with US\\$ 0.39bn contract of installing 6 steam generators at Koeberg nuclear power station, South Africa](#)

South Africa's Electricity Utility firm Eskom recently noted that it would go ahead and sign the US \$0.39bn contract with Areva, despite a dispute it had with the losing bidder. This contract was put in place for replacement of six steam generators at the Koeberg nuclear power station located in Cape Town.

(www.constructionreviewonline.com)

[What is Ergonomics?](#)

Do you find yourself getting more and more uncomfortable towards the end of the day? Are you slouching at your desk? Do you suffer from neck ache or back ache? Many workers don't realise that the way you work at your desk can significantly affect your comfort levels.

(www.designmind.co.za)

[Call on Minister to invoke his discretionary powers to expedite spatial planning](#)

Commercial property owners are appealing to the Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs, Gugile Nkwinti, to invoke his discretionary powers to expedite Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (SPLUMA) to prevent damaging logjams in the property development sector.

(www.sacommercialpropnews.co.za)

[Land plan: Time to Take a Much Closer Look](#)

There's no doubt that the timing of the latest announcement about government's plans to limit foreign property ownership in SA was bad, and has done nothing to improve investor sentiment or business confidence.

[Vukile withdraws bid for Synergy Income Fund](#)

Vukile Property Fund said on Wednesday it had abandoned its takeover pursuit of Synergy Income Fund citing shareholders unwillingness to engage due to share price performance.

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[High Payouts as SA Property counters record growth](#)

An increase in revenue from offshore investments, fixed property portfolio and containment of expenses were some of the factors that helped well-established property counters record solid annual results over the past six weeks.

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[Collapse of multibillion rand mergers raises questions](#)

Collapse of yet another proposed multibillion rand merger in the R300bn listed property sector raises renewed questions on whether consolidation is necessarily in shareholders' best interests.

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[Fairvest Property Holdings delivers pleasing results](#)

Niched lower LSM retail property Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") Fairvest Property Holdings Limited ("Fairvest"), today announced a total distribution for the financial year to 30 June 2014 of 13.72 cents per linked unit.

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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.

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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.

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RETAIL, HOTEL & LEISURE ROUNDUP

[Middelburg Mall's R200m expansion to feature installations by local artists](#)

The creative talent of two of Middelburg's finest artists has been commissioned for a public art installation as part of the R200 million second phase expansion of Middelburg Mall.

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[Investec Property Fund expands recently acquired Dhlabeng Mall in Bethlehem](#)

When the Investec Property Fund (IPF) listed on the JSE in April 2011 the portfolio included only four retail properties worth R174 million.

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[KZN regional mall upgrade to be completed by 2017](#)

The acquisition of Ballito Junction Shopping Centre by a joint venture (JV) between investment company Menlyn Maine and property developers Flanagan & Gerard Consortium in KwaZulu-Natal has resulted in the development of a R1.4-billion regional mall construction of which is set to be completed by March 2017.

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[Design for collapsed Tongaat Mall in South Africa was unsatisfactory, says expert](#)

A South African based engineer, Pieter Pretorius from PCP Engineering Consultants, has explained to the Tongaat Mall Commission (Thongathi Mall Commission) of inquiry that he was not impressed with the accuracy of the construction of the Mall but that it was not a high rise or irregular structure.

(©www.constructionreviewonline.com)

[Consumers still prefer traditional malls than online retail](#)

Most consumers still expect the physical mall to be their shopping channel of choice in two years despite an expected increase in e-commerce.

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[SABMiller exits stake in Tsogo Sun](#)

Beers and soft drinks giant, SABMiller (SAB) has completed the transaction whereby it disposed of its entire shareholding in Tsogo Sun Holdings (TSH), the group recently said.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[Walls run diagonally across the site of Suppose Design Office's House in Onomichi](#)

This house in Onomichi, Japan, by Suppose Design Office is framed by five parallel walls, which have been placed at an angle to frame views of an adjacent waterway.

(©www.dezeen.com)

[Zaha Hadid installs aluminium wave over pool in V&A museum garden](#)

London Design Festival 2014: architect Zaha Hadid has installed a shimmering "bridge" to cross a reflecting pool in the V&A museum's John Madejski Garden.

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[Mountainside home by Kidosaki Architects extends out into the sky](#)

The upper floor of this Japanese mountain home is twice the size of the base, creating a dramatic overhang that appears to be supported by nothing but a pair of angular stilts.

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GREAT BUILDINGS:

[House near Besancon](#), by Claude Nicholas Ledoux, at Besancon, France, 1775 to 1779.

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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.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[The Occasional PM: Team Structure](#)

In part five of our six-part series, we consider team structure and recommend a co-manager model that pairs the OPM with a client, business analyst or subject matter expert. This model facilitates meaningful stakeholder involvement while addressing the OPM's challenges of juggling multiple responsibilities and sharing resources with competing priorities.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Davies confirms plans for Chinese steel project in Limpopo](#)

Trade and Industry Minister Dr Rob Davies confirmed on Friday that the Hebei Iron and Steel Group, of China, was set to partner with the State-owned Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) on the development of steelmaking capacity based on the raw material available near Phalaborwa, in South Africa's Limpopo province.

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[No sign of public projects as WBHO navigates through 'tough period'](#)

Wilson Bayly Holmes-Ovcon (WBHO) delivered "a reasonable performance" for the financial year ended June 30, says CEO Louwtjie Nel.

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[Nxesi says PMTE to be 'up and running' by November](#)

The Department of Public Works (DPW) was aiming to have the Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) established as a government component and "up and running" by November this year.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Major investments flow into affordable housing fund](#)

Investors are lining up for a share of sub-Saharan Africa's booming affordable housing market, with global private equity investor, International Housing Solutions' second fund attracting an impressive R1.5-billion.

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[Dubai endorses US\\$32 billion Al Maktoum International airport expansion into World's largest airport](#)

A plan to expand Al Maktoum International airport at Dubai World Central into the world's largest airport has been endorsed by the Dubai's top government organ. Planned expansion of the facility will see the Al Maktoum airport handle 200 million passengers per year.

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[Algeria postpones oil and gas bids to accommodate foreign companies](#)

The government of Algeria has confirmed postponement of the oil and gas bids till end of September this year.

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[Lafarge sells AshakaCem stake for \\$252m](#)

French cement giant Lafarge Group has sold 58.61% of its stake in Ashaka Cement Plc to Lafarge Africa Plc in an off-the-market deal valued at N41 billion (\$252 million).

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[Group Five wins Ghana Power project contract](#)

South African firm Group Five has won a contract to design and construct a 350-Mw gas and oil-fired power plant in Ghana. A Group Five spokesman said the Kpone Independent Power Project contract will run for three years.

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[West African heads meet with Dubai reps for investment](#)

Eight heads of states from the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) and the head of West African Development Bank (BOAD) have addressed an investment forum in Dubai seeking more investments from the region.

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[Two US\\$25m airports to be constructed in Darfur, Sudan](#)

Khartoum Airports Holdings has signed a contract with the Defense Ministry of Sudan for construction of two airports in Central and East side of Darfur.

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[East Africa the 'darling' of Africa for investment - report](#)

Rand Merchant Bank's (RMB) latest 'Where to Invest in Africa 2014/15 – A Guide to Corporate Investment' report revealed a drop in Africa's investment attractiveness ratings in 2014, with 22 countries receiving lower scores than last year. Some deterioration was due to political unrest in North Africa.

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[US\\$ 110.54bn loan secured for Kenyan highway](#)

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has given Kenya a loan worth US\$110.54b to construct Mombasa–Bujumbura highway that will link Kenya and Rwanda.

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[US\\$1.2bn new fertilizer production plant to be built in Kenya](#)

The Government of Kenya has signed an agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation, which will see the global car maker construct a US\$1.2bn fertilizer plant in Eldoret, Kenya.

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[Tender announced for US\\$465m Tanzania maritime project](#)

Tanzania Ports Authority has called on bidders to tender for the Dar es Salaam maritime gateway improvement project, which will be funded by the World Bank through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
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[US\\$5.3b Link Zambia 8000 road project is creating demand for earth moving equipments](#)

Dr Guy Scott, the vice president of Zambia has said that the recently unveiled phase of Link Zambia 8000 road project is driving demand for earth-moving equipments in the country. Scott's message was read by Labour and Social Security Minister Fackson Shamenda in the unveiling of the plaque at the U.S\$ 14m Barloworld Equipment Kitwe facility.
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[Harare green building showcased at SA convention](#)

A building that mimics a tree, an office block modelled off a termite nest and a building which uses algae on its façade . . . these are just a few examples of the innovative designs being discussed at the seventh annual Green Building Convention, in Cape Town.
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MINING NEWS

[Diamcor receives SA mining right](#)

South Africa-focused diamond extractor Diamcor Mining on Thursday reported that the South African Department of Mineral Resources had granted a mining right for the Krone-Endora at Venetia project in South Africa's Limpopo province, located directly next to De Beers' Venetia diamond mine – the country's largest precious gems mine.
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[Bulk Merensky sampling on way at Northam Platinum's Booyssendal](#)

Tenders are expected to be invited next week for the bulk sampling programme that forms part of a study into the economic feasibility of mining the Merensky reef as part of a potential future expansion drive at Northam Platinum's new Booyssendal mine, where only upper group two (UG2) reef is currently being mined.
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[Mining mechanisation urgent, says new Wits mining centre director](#)

South African mining must mechanise to become more productive, says new Witwatersrand University Centre for Mechanised Mining Systems (CMMS) director Dr Declan Vogt, who adds that research has a crucial role to play in helping the industry to become more competitive.
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[S Africa July mining output down 7.7% y/y](#)

South Africa's mining production decreased 7.7% year-on-year in July, with the platinum-group metals (PGMs), copper, gold and diamond sectors recording the largest negative growth rates.
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[Sibanye confirms Cooke 4 may restructure](#)

Sibanye Gold hoped to avoid large scale retrenchments at its Cooke 4 shaft as it had avoided significant losses when restructuring at Beatrix West in 2013.
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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS & HOME OWNERS

[New Nelspruit Estate a Winner](#)

A great location and competitive pricing have made the new Chestnut Valley estate development in Nelspruit one of the most sought-after options for local homebuyers, and 70% of the first phase of the development was sold within two months of being launched.
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[Mixed housing plan for dolomite areas](#)

The impact of dolomite on housing developments in Gauteng continues to create high tensions between local government and communities.
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[New Record Set for Waterkloof Home Prices](#)

Waterkloof, the original "blue chip" suburb of Pretoria, has just had its status as the capital city's most sought-after address reaffirmed with the sale of a luxury home in Victoria Street for R45,000,000 – the highest price ever paid for a residential property in this area.
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[Modderfontein's R84bn 'smart city'](#)

Demand for information technology and public transport will see Modderfontein become a high-density area like some of the world's urban centres.
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[Young families drawn to the Karoo](#)

A wholesome environment along with the affordability of homes and lifestyle farms is enticing younger families to move to the Karoo.

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[Showhouses Now 'Popping Up' in Sea Point](#)

An estate agency in Cape Town's highly popular Sea Point area has come up with a way to give as many prospective buyers as possible a chance to view new listings before they are snapped up.

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[Fresnaye's new apartment block](#)

Set in one of Cape Town's most sought-after areas on the Atlantic Seaboard, 53 on Kloof offers seven new apartments priced from R4.85m.

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[Higgovale apartments from R1.6m](#)

Set in one of Cape Town's most exclusive suburbs, this three storey complex consists of 12 sectional title apartments priced from R1.6m to R4.6m.

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[Well-priced homes in Kommetjie](#)

People tend to appreciate Kommetjie largely on account of its settings and natural surroundings, and its exceptionally well-priced houses.

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[Western Cape Homes Most Expensive in SA](#)

The Western Cape has the most expensive properties in all three categories of middle-segment housing, according to the latest Absa Housing Review.

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[Standard Bank receives prestigious awards awards at Euromoney Real Estate Survey Awards 2014](#)

Standard Bank Group, Africa's largest bank by assets and earnings has received several prestigious awards in numerous categories in the 2014 Euromoney Real Estate Survey Awards.

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[Eagle Eye: Developers to Lose VAT Exemption](#)

Changes to VAT legislation that will apply from January next year could help to alleviate the housing stock shortages that have developed in many areas over the past two years, according to Lanice Steward, MD of Knight Frank Residential SA.

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[Pay SARS Before You Buy or Sell Property](#)

If you owe the Receiver any money, it is most unlikely that you will be able to get any property that you buy or sell transferred until you settle that debt.

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[Home loans for first-time buyers](#)

Absa's Family Springboard home loan allows applicants to apply for home finance if they have a 'helper' who'll invest 10% of the purchase price.

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[It pays to save](#)

Too often, aspirant buyers are so happy to be granted a loan that they agree to whatever interest rate a bank proposes. However, your interest rate can result in an unnecessarily hefty sum over the life of your home loan.

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[Sectional Title: Questions to Ask Before Buying](#)

There are many benefits to buying and living in a sectional title (ST) home in a secure complex, but there are also several important questions that must be answered before you do, according to Mandi Hanekom, operations manager for ST finance company Propell.

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[How to Handle Property-Owning Trusts](#)

Up until a few years ago, it was very popular to register residential properties in a trust for tax reasons, and although these advantages have fallen away, there are people who still prefer to 'buy in a trust' because they see their homes as part of the overall financial planning for their family.

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[Living "out the box"](#)

Apartment living has changed quite a bit in recent times. In the bad old days, living in an apartment was viewed as a stepping stone before you took the plunge and moved into a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in suburbia.

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[Overcrowded pools – and other lease disagreements](#)

There's many a time when I've wanted to get out of something. A recent instance is the body corporate committee that

someone volunteered me to join.
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[Will power](#)

As they say, nothing is certain but death and taxes. And, while some may try to elude the taxman, none of us have any control over the time or manner of our passing. We can however ensure that our affairs are in order and that those left behind are cared for, which is why it is so important to have a will.
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[Economic and social value of trees](#)

Forestry is one of the high impact sectors in the economy that contributes positively to economic growth, job creation and rural development.
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[Spring's in season](#)

Market statistics show that prospective buyers are more likely to visit show houses when temperatures rise during spring. The changing behaviour that brings seasonality to the market is all the more reason why spring is the time to list your property.
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[SALE FAIL: Don't keep your seller in suspense](#)

Most, if not all, property sale agreements contains suspensive conditions. If you're buying, you need to understand these conditions: doing so could save you a great deal of money and keep matters out of the High Court in the event that the sale goes awry.
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[Windows & glass need not be your vulnerable points anymore](#)

Imagine entering your home to find broken shards of your window lying, shattered on your floor. Your home has been broken into and your flat-screen TV is gone.
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[Ideas to Improve and Add Value to your Home](#)

Home improvements – what are they and why bother with them? Simply put, home improvements involve more than just maintaining the elements of your home, i.e. roofing, walls, floors, windows, etc.
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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[Atrium on 5th awarded 4-star Green Star SA Office V1 Design Rating](#)

Liberty Properties extends its congratulations to Aurecon for being awarded Best Quality Submission by the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) for the Atrium on 5th Green Star Office v1 Design rating application.
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[Kingdom investment in 76 green building projects to exceed \\$26bn](#)

International experts expect to see more organisations in Saudi Arabia take action to make existing buildings more efficient was the message at the Distinguished Sustainability Lecture Series held in Jeddah this week.
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[China to invest US\\$2b in new solar power projects in Morocco](#)

China's electric firm, Shanghai Electric is planning to make investments worth US2b in construction of new solar power plants in Morocco, over five years' time.
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[Rome University takes first place in Solar Decathlon Europe 2014](#)

For years the prophets of the heralded ecology age have been drawing our attention to the potential of south European countries in terms of solar energy. Thus it was probably high time that a team from a country bordering the Mediterranean won a Solar Decathlon Europe event for the first time, as happened this year.
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[Consortium to Test Green Building Technologies in Singapore](#)

The Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) has unveiled a 'first-of-a-kind' building consortium to guide international and local companies in working to develop and test "green building technologies" in construction in tropical climes.
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[Sustainability Treehouse](#)

Continuing our coverage of the 2014 AIA COTE Top Ten green building projects, this article is part of a series of 10 pieces that examine a specific, defining design challenge or innovation of each of this year's winners.
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[Using Healthy Soils to Manage Stormwater](#)

In cities, healthy soils could be a powerful tool for managing stormwater, but unfortunately the status-quo is compacted,

degraded soil covered in asphalt, said Zolna Russell, ASLA, Floura Teer Landscape Architects, and Stu Schwartz, Center for Environmental Research and Education, at the 2012 Greenbuild conference in San Francisco.

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[Preventing Bird Deaths at Solar Power Plants, Part 2](#)

Part 1 of this article lays out the problem of bird deaths at some CSP power plants and begins to offer some solutions. Part 2 gives more solutions and explains how some of the companies involved plan to solve the problem.

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[Trina and Other Solar Manufacturers Racing To Keep Up with Demand](#)

Trina Solar Ltd., China's second-biggest maker of solar panels, said its factories are working at full strength and it can't meet customer demand.

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[Solar for All: Making Solar PV Accessible to Low-Income Families in the US](#)

Here at RMI we love seeing electricity generated by the sun. And while it's great to see large homes owned by the likes of Woody Harrelson and Will Ferrell being solar-powered, rooftop solar should be accessible to people across the socio-economic spectrum of the U.S., not just the one percent. But putting solar on all of these different roofs is currently a serious challenge.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Indicators as on 12 September 2014 17:01		
	This week	06/09/2014
Rand/US\$	10.98	10.69
Rand/BP	17.83	17.46
Rand/Euro	14.21	13.86
Gold/oz	\$1263.65	\$1263.68
JSE All share	51201.19	51729.29

[Global markets: Dollar heads for best run](#)

The dollar is heading for its ninth straight week of gains, some measure of how the economic fortunes of the United States and its economic peers are diverging.

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[Oil down in Asia on demand downgrade](#)

Oil prices have fallen in Asia after the International Energy Agency slashed its forecast for world crude demand and as dealers await key US economic data.

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[Rand near 7-month low on dismal data](#)

The rand has traded close to a seven-month low against the dollar after dismal manufacturing and mining production numbers pointed to an economy in trouble.

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[Dollar gains as commodities lose](#)

The US dollar has been riding high in Asia as unceasing speculation about the prospects for rising US interest rates undermined commodity prices.

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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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