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ASAQS NEWS

LATEST NEWS

Gauteng Golf Day

Once again it's time for our annual Gauteng Chapter Golf Day!!

Your loyal and valuable support will ensure that the Chapter is able to continue to sponsor a needy student as all proceeds made on the day go towards the Gauteng Chapters ASAQS Bursary Fund.

There are a few 4 Ball slots still available which are filling up fast, so don't delay in confirming your place at this annual fun filled event.

Date: 30 September 2014

Place: Irene Country Club

[Click here for the invitation and registration form](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact Marcell Ferreira on marcell.ferreira@eoh.co.za, should you require any further information or wish to participate in this event.

Don't miss out!

Kind regards,

Chris de Wet

Gauteng Chapter Chair

Association of South African Quantity Surveyors

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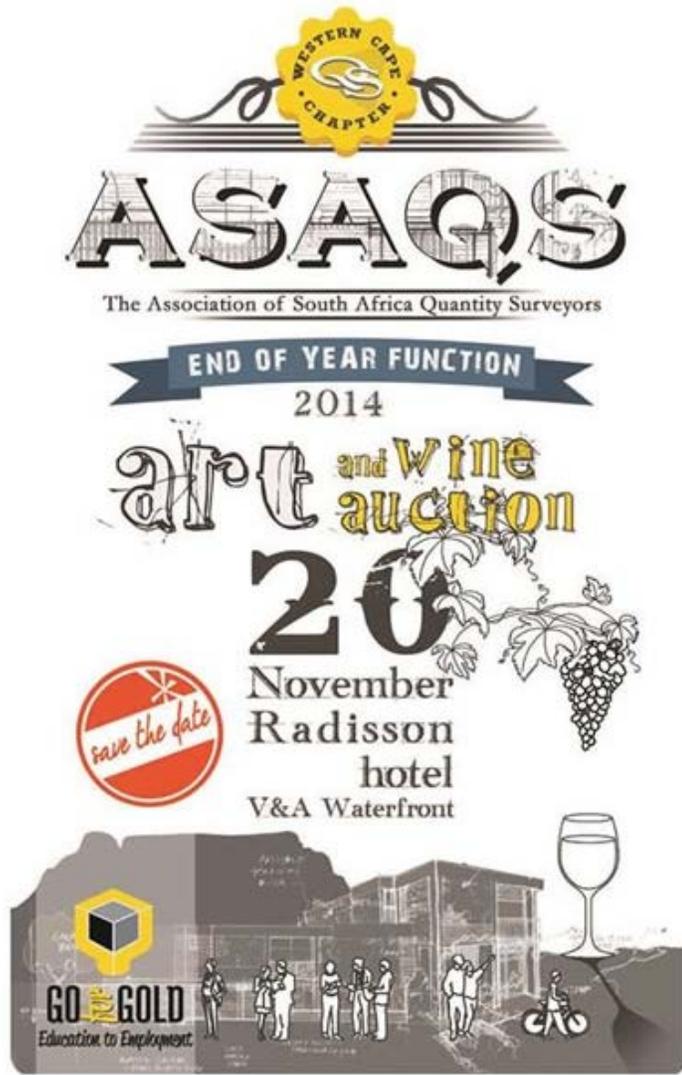
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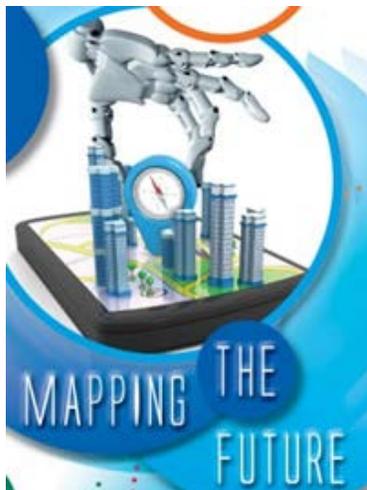
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The Western Cape Chapter invites you to join them at their end of year function... and that includes QS's from other provinces too! The event will support Go for Gold (www.goforgold.org.za) and celebrates Cape Town as World Design Capital 2014. Please add the date to your diary - booking will open soon.

Only days to go to the conference that will change your way of thinking...



The focus of being ready to evolve as a professional QS is being presented by a number of speakers, who have been selected to encourage you to embrace change for your survival. That is why this conference, organised by the SACQSP, ASAQS, AAQS and various other bodies is entitled:



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Mapping the Future

The keynote speakers include (click on the name to see a short CV):

[Erwin Rode](#)
[Prof Matthew Lester](#)
[Raymond de Villiers](#)
[Dave Geraghty](#)

Entertainment at the Gala evening will be provided by Gilian Gork, South Africa's premier mentalist. [Click here](#) to view a video about him.

There will be a panel discussion to prompt a healthy debate on fees. Forty nine (49) research papers will also be presented both from within South Africa as well as our African affiliates.

YOU SHOULD BE AT THE CSIR CONFERENCE CENTER IN PRETORIA ON 22 & 23 SEPTEMBER !

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](#).

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.



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.

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](#).

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 : Ratio-nal problems

Marke Corke of Suitegum writes on his blog that some call it the art of business. Others refer to it as business science. Most are confused by it. Not that anybody ever admits to being confused.

It is something that exists in any business, whether we like it or not. If a business owner uses the information, it can be a very handy tool to gain profitability and therefore, greater value. What is he referring to?

[Click here to find out what he is talking about](#).

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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.

[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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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?](#)

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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

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

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.

[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

After a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes," the golfer responded. "Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked.

"Well," said the policeman very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?" The golfer thought it over carefully and responded...

"I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

Law of Cat Landing

A cat will always land in the softest place possible; often the mid-section of an unsuspecting, reclining human.

Numbers:

5 million

The number of times your ribs move every year

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

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.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

DANIEL MUSASIRA. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN QUANTITY SURVEYING. 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.

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.

quantity surveying

Nhlhla 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.

CALENDAR

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)

7 October 2014

[New Engineering Contract](#)

Time: 08:00

Where: Rondebosch, Cape Town

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

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

14 October 2014

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

Time: 08:00

Where: Pretoria, 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, 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, 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, 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)

[DBSA aiming to raise disbursements to R22bn by 2017](#)

Following record disbursements of R12.7-billion in 2014, the State-owned Development Bank of Southern African (DBSA) reported on Monday that it planned to raise total yearly disbursements to R22-billion by 2017, with a major focus on under-resourced municipalities. The bank's previous disbursement high was R9.2-billion, set in 2013.

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[DPW sees start of turnaround](#)

Noting that it had made "great strides" in achieving its performance targets in the first quarter of the 2014/15 financial year, the Department of Public Works (DPW) said this week that it had attained 60% of its 81 listed targets, which it believed was an indication that the department had "stabilised" and was "starting to turn around for the better".

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[Energy constraints deepen construction sector woes](#)

Eskom's recent announcement of project delays in the completion and critical maintenance of many power plants will make load shedding a reality for the next few years.

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[Eskom outlines progress, challenges of Medupi, Kusile megaprojects](#)

Reiterating that the target date for synchronisation of the first unit at the 4 764 MW coal-fired Medupi power station remained December, Eskom senior general manager Andrew Etzinger has further updated the market on the plant's progress, saying on Thursday that additional resources had been mobilised to Unit 6 by both the boiler contractor and the control and instrumentation (C&I) contractor to mitigate any resource-driven delays.

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[Pivotal buys remaining stake in Alice Lane development for R1.5bn](#)

In a landmark R1.5-billion deal that precedes its planned listing on the JSE, Pivotal Property Fund has acquired "strategic" land and property assets from Standard Bank Properties, which includes Sandton's landmark Alice Lane development.

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[Summit tackles housing problems](#)

Because Ekurhuleni's population currently grows between 3 and 4%/annum, the area has become one of the largest informal settlements in the country.

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[Growthpoint Properties announce largest industrial land deal to date](#)

It is acquiring a fully-serviced 43 hectare site in Samrand, equal in size to 86 rugby fields, from the Cavaleros Group. Cavaleros will be Growthpoint's development partner for this prime land, which has an ultimate development potential of R2 billion in today's terms.

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[Spatial planning law causes property industry distress](#)

Calls by commercial property owners have been made to the Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs, Gugile Nkwinti, to expedite the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013. Commercial property owners are battling with the extensive bureaucracy and other delaying factors associated with the new act.

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[Growth in tourism and hospitality sectors has spin-offs for property market](#)

Over the past 20 years, the tourism sector's contribution to South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP) has increased significantly with an average annual average real growth rate of 7.3 percent (Source Stats SA), creating jobs and generating valuable foreign currency.

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[FNB/BER building confidence index gains four points to 45 in Q3](#)

The FNB/BER building confidence index gains four points to 45 in the third quarter, indicating the sector is starting to turn itself around.

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[Master Builders South Africa welcomes the rise in building confidence](#)

Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) has welcomed—but Tumi Dlamini, Executive Director of MBSA, said in a statement released 17 September, that MBSA welcomed the slightly more positive outlook reflected in the latest FNB/Bureau for Economic Research Building Confidence Index.

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[Facilities management rapidly emerging as an important factor](#)

Facilities management is rapidly emerging as an important factor which can play a major role in boosting the income stream of property assets, and so the outlook and potential for this sector of the property industry is positive, says Sulayman Abdullah, CEO of Excellerate Facilities Management, a member of Excellerate Property Services group of companies.

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[New Property Management Trading Entity](#)

Government has spelled out details of how the new Property Management Trading Entity will operate.

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[UK property investing: actual returns](#)

Entry-level investments are around £40 000 to £60 000, making it a viable option for many South Africans utilising their offshore allowances.

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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

[Early warning system for retail sector](#)

Managers of shopping centres and retail chains are assessing the health of portfolio assets through a recommendations-based early warning system.

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[“But ... I booked ...”](#)

Picture this: you've saved up all year to go on holiday and enjoy some time off at the beach with your loved ones. You've booked your holiday rental online, packed your bags and arrive at your intended lodgings – only to be told that no such rental booking exists and that you've been scammed.

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[Dubai's Emaar Properties aiming to raise \\$1.58bn in malls initial public offering](#)

Emaar Properties begin selling shares in its retail division, aiming to raise USD1.58bn in the emirate's biggest initial public offering since a financial crisis.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[Who owns your home design, the architect or you?](#)

Like all artistic disciplines where the artist (in this case, the architect) is commissioned to design and create a design for a client, ownership of the finished product is most certainly the clients. But what of the blueprints, who do they belong to?

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[The HOMEMAKERS Expo hits Pretoria today](#)

The Parkview Shopping Centre on Garsfontein Road, Pretoria is currently the host of South Africa's leading home lifestyle exhibition. The HOMEMAKERS Expo, featuring 250 exhibitors, is showcasing the latest home improvement, furniture, décor, home lifestyle trends and products now.

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[Stockholm-Based White Arkitekter Wins Far ROC Design Competition](#)

Sweden-based firm White Arkitekter has been named the winner of the “For a Resilient Rockaway” (FAR ROC) design competition. The team's winning proposal, Small Means & Great End, offers a set of design strategies to transform an empty swath of land, known as Avene East, along the Rockaways in Queens, New York into a resilient, mixed-use community.

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[Constellations Bar by H Miller Bros is a courtyard canopy made up of triangles and zigzags](#)

The zigzagging profile of this courtyard bar in Liverpool, England, mimics the gabled roofline of the warehouses that provide its backdrop

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[Architects pick their favourite Brutalist buildings](#)

Brutalism: as part of our ongoing series on Brutalism, we asked architects including Kengo Kuma, David Adjaye and Amanda Levete to reveal their favourite buildings from the radical post-war movement.

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GREAT BUILDINGS:

[House of Culture](#), by Alvar Aalto, at Helsinki, Finland, 1955 to 1958.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[A Risk Stress Test](#)

Can the practice of stress testing improve the way we manage risk on our projects and programs? Yes, and here are two ways we can use this important approach, from identification of risk to organizational readiness.

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PROJECT MANAGERS & QUANTITY SURVEYORS – Major Property Developer

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Seifsa highlights correlation between volatile energy supply, lackluster industrial investment](#)

Frequent energy supply shortages and delays in the mitigation of these challenges were likely to change how South Africa was perceived as an investment destination, and would deter potential capital inflows into the country's steel and manufacturing sectors, Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa (Seifsa) chief economist Henk Langenhoven warned on Thursday.

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[HVAC solution delivered to Limpopo hospital](#)

Johannesburg-based air-conditioning solutions provider Fourways Airconditioning is supplying heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment to private hospital chain Netcare's Polokwane hospital, in Limpopo.

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[Polyurea coatings used in waterproofing and insulation applications](#)

Specialised construction products supplier a.b.e. Construction Chemicals Chryso Southern Africa Group has expanded its range of Germany-based industrial adhesive and coatings systems provider Voelkel Industrie Produkte's (VIP's) polyurea coatings to include systems for specific waterproofing applications, as well as a new concept featuring polyurea coatings factory-applied to insulation boards.

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[Bid to improve municipal water delivery through peer-to-peer benchmarking](#)

Although the national Municipal Benchmarking Initiative (MBI) is not intended to be a solution to service delivery problems, it does aim to improve efficiency and effectiveness by enabling municipalities to share knowledge on a peer-to-peer basis.

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[R650m W Cape fuel storage facility on the cards](#)

African investment management firm Thebe Investment Corporation has acquired a 15% stake in Burgan Cape Terminals, which was, last year, awarded a 20-year contract by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) to develop and manage fuel storage and distribution facilities at the Cape Town Harbour.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[African infrastructure development gains momentum](#)

Infrastructure development on the continent has gained momentum, with a special office to be set up soon to champion this cause.

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[US\\$ 2.6bn thermal power plant to be built in Morocco](#)

All is set for construction of the largest-ever thermal power in Morocco, Safi thermal power plant, after the investment contract was signed on Wednesday.

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[Beni Suef steel plant in Egypt to be finalized with US\\$2.3m](#)

Egyptian Steel has announced that it will be finishing its Beni Suef steel plant by end of 2015, an investment that will take up about US\$ 2.5m. According to the CEO, Ahmed Abou Hashima, the company has spent about US\$ 1.2m to construct 45% of the Beni Suef steel plant and 20% of the 20% of Ain Sukhna plant.

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[Nigeria is planning for additional 2,483mw of renewable energy by 2015](#)

The federal government of Nigeria is planning to implement a policy that will see the country add 2,483 megawatts of electricity into its national grid by 2015 from renewable energy sources.

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[Lafarge Africa completes consolidation](#)

Lafarge Africa Plc, formerly Lafarge Cement Wapco Nigeria Plc, has announced the completion of its acquisition of the Lafarge group's shareholdings in Lafarge South Africa Holdings and United Cement Co of Nigeria.

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[Lafarge, Wartsila, IFC to build power plant in Nigeria](#)

Lafarge Africa, Finland's Wartsila and the World Bank's IFC have agreed to build a 220-MW gas-fired power plant in Nigeria to boost electricity supplies, they said on Wednesday.

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[Eren Holdings to invest in a new cement production plant in Cameroon](#)

CEO of Turkish Eren Holdings has signed an investment agreement that will see the company undertake a new project, involving construction of a new cement production plant in Cameroon. The agreement was signed last week between the CEO and government of Cameroon.

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[US\\$ 331m to be spent on road network expansion in Ethiopia](#)

The Addis Ababa City Roads Authority (AACRA) has set aside US\$331m for roads in the Addis Ababa city, Ethiopia. The city of Addis Ababa presently has a road network covering 4671km, which is expected to be increased to 5275km.

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[Uganda seeking \\$8bn China loan for railway construction](#)

Uganda is hoping to secure an \$8-billion loan from China to build a railway network to revamp the country's transport infrastructure as it prepares to start oil production.

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[Construction of Nairobi's tallest tower now awaits court's approval](#)

Construction of Hazina Trade Centre into what is to be Nairobi's tallest tower has been stalled, pending a court ruling to be made in seven days. The project was being undertaken by the National social Security Fund (NSSF) at a cost of US\$ 75m.

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[Zambia's US\\$259.3m Kazungula Bridge project kicks off](#)

Construction of Zambia's Kazungula bridge has started after the ground-breaking ceremony was held on the Botswana side of the Kazungula border on 12 September.

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[Phase II of PDGM gas distribution project to kick off in Mozambique](#)

The second phase of distribution of Maputo and Marracuene Natural Gas Distribution Project (PDGM) is set to begin in a few days, according to Mozambique's National Hydrocarbon Company (ENH). This is after the signing of contract last Friday, between ENH-Kogas and Kogas-Mocambique, the sole contractor in the whole process.

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MINING NEWS

[Moderate global economic growth outlook forces miners to keep promises](#)

The most critical challenge miners needed to deal with during the next 12 months was to deliver on their promises of cost savings and regain the confidence of the capital markets, professional services firm KPMG Canada's mining industry leader Lee Hodgkinson said on Thursday.

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[Bright coal future for SA if Waterberg move well planned](#)

South Africa can have a bright coal future, provided that the necessary capital and infrastructure investment are supplied to replace ageing coal assets and that the shift of coal production to the Waterberg coalfields, in Limpopo, is properly planned and implemented, says multidisciplinary consulting engineers and scientists SRK Consulting South Africa.

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[Gold industry at a crossroads, return to fundamentals essential for capital](#)

The gold industry needed to make money once more, and return to fundamentals if it was to succeed in competing with the gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) for coveted capital, the world's seventh-largest gold producer by output said on Thursday.

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[Hebei Iron and Steel Co. to construct a new steel mill in South Africa](#)

South Africa is set to get an overseas steel mill from Chinese Steel Producer Hebei Iron and Steel Group, after the latter made a move to set up another mill in the country. This steel mill is expected to produce five metric tons of steel by 2019 with production beginning in 2015.

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[IDC confirms \\$4.5bn, two-phase Limpopo steel mill investment](#)

The detailed feasibility study into a \$4.5-billion, two-phase steel project planned for development by the Hebei Iron and Steel Group, of China, and South Africa's Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) should be completed in the first quarter of 2015, IDC CEO Geoffrey Qhena reported on Thursday.

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[Lonmin to hand Incwala R484m by 2015](#)

As it increasingly common in South African mining, Lonmin pays its BEE partner to keep the banks from the door.

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[Sibanye Gold rejects 'optimistic' Amplats](#)

The horse-trading for Amplats' Rustenburg shafts is well underway with Sibanye stepping back from deals insisting it won't pay for 'optimistic' platinum prices.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS & HOME OWNERS

[On the border of the wild](#)

It's a lifestyle many people dream of: lions roaring in the distance as you sit around your braai at night, afternoons spent watching a herd of elephants from your deck as they dig for water in a dry river bed, and mornings spent listening to a dawn chorus of bushveld birds as you embark on your own private game drive ...

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[Witbank Property Market is White Hot](#)

New entrants to the property market in Witbank are boosting home sales with many millions worth of transactions per month now being recorded in the booming Mpumalanga mining town.

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[Pretty in Pretoria](#)

It's safe to say that Johannesburg and Pretoria aren't the prettiest cities in the world. However, there are pockets within these two metropolises that go against the grain. Faerie Glen in Pretoria east is one of these, says Marlene Odendaal of Century 21 Pretoria East, which has long serviced the area.

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[Luxury Sandton penthouses from R9.485m](#)

Seven exclusive penthouses in the new 10 storey AAA grade iconic building, Katherine & West, offer a premium city-living lifestyle.

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[EC housing beneficiary challenges](#)

The Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlement has been called to address challenges posed by beneficiary absenteeism on its housing programmes.

[The call to Hermanus](#)

You can't help wondering if the Whale Crier hasn't called more than whales to the historic fishing village of Hermanus. Difficult to imagine – because he's become such an icon of tourism in Western Cape – but the tradition of the Whale Crier goes back only as far as the early 90s, when the local tourism office's Jim Wepener came up with the idea of alerting locals and visitors to sightings of the Southern Right Whales that migrate to this part of the coast to mate and calve every year from about June to December.

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[Over 50s Swartland retirement village](#)

A new security village is set to launch in the quaint Swartland town of Porterville, about 90 minutes' drive from Cape Town.

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[Caledon Home Prices Shoot Up](#)

Home prices in the Overberg town of Caledon have increased by up to 25% since the middle of last year thanks to younger buyers increasingly targeting the town and taking up available stock.

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[Property Price Gap Closing in City Bowl](#)

Several agencies have commented recently on how well residential sales and property prices are doing in Cape Town's CBD, City Bowl and Atlantic Seaboard areas.

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[Sectional Title: Watch Out for In-House Security](#)

While some types of crime have decreased, the number of home robberies have increased by almost 70% over the past nine years, according to the South African Police Service's latest crime statistics. It is no wonder that residential security is a growing concern for most South Africans.

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[No Maintenance, No Home Loan](#)

Maintenance defaulters are shortly going to find it much more difficult, if not impossible, to buy property, thanks to proposed amendments to the National Credit Act (NCA) regulations.

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[Home-buying Homework for Millennials](#)

Millennials all over the world have been much slower to enter the property market than their parents or grandparents were, but that doesn't mean they don't want to be homeowners.

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[No Rate Change, But High Debts Hamper Homebuyers](#)

Not surprisingly, the real estate industry has welcomed today's decision by the Monetary Policy Committee to leave interest rates as they are, at least until November.

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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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[You want HOW much?](#)

Many tenants are starting to query the amounts they are being forced to pay to rental agents when signing a new lease. In one particular instance, the tenant had to fork out R975 for a lease fee as well as R150 for a credit check.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[GBCSA honours South Africa's brightest Green Stars](#)

South Africa's top rated Green Star buildings and top green building professionals were announced at the Green Star Leadership Awards 2014, held at the Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) Convention, sponsored by Nedbank, in Cape Town last week.

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[New green rating tool for SA homes](#)

The GBCSA announced the launch of the EDGE rating system for homes in SA offering ordinary South Africans a tool to make their homes greener.

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[Inspiring a Green Building legacy in Africa](#)

By 2030 an expected 40% of Africans will be living in cities. How do we build an African Urban Green Legacy?

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[RICS CEO invited to UN Climate Summit](#)

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Chief Executive Officer, Sean Tompkins will join governments, business leaders and civil society organisations at a special meeting to speed up progress on a global climate change agreement.
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[The world's going green](#)

When we used to think of "greenie" types, we generally thought of long-haired hippy youngsters who chain themselves to trees and refer to themselves as eco warriors. Times have changed and, these days, most of us have become far more aware of the environment – and as such have all become a little greener.
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[Cladding: More Than Just a Pretty Façade](#)

Cladding materials should be chosen to minimize environmental impacts and help maximize a building's energy performance.
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["Sun, Wind & Light" Adopts Net-Zero Focus](#)

This leading textbook emphasizes preliminary design strategies to reduce energy loads with a new intent of preparing architects for net-zero design.
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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.
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[South Africa's Strong Case for Green retrofitting](#)

GBCSA says cost saving payback is between three to five years. 95% of office buildings don't comply. Despite South Africa being the fastest growing green building market in the world, most buildings in the office sector do not comply with environmental sustainability standards. But there is a strong case for green retrofitting.
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[Transforming the Transportation Industry with Renewable Energy](#)

When you think of green energy, are solar and wind power the first things that come to mind? Perhaps you think of hydropower, geothermal or biofuels instead.
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[New Micro-Parallel Inverters Aim to Reduce System Costs, Improve Performance](#)

Traditionally, there have been two main options for solar installation designers and engineers to convert DC to AC power: string inverters or micro inverters.
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[REC Solar Breaks 28 MW Installed Capacity in Hawaii](#)

Six new solar energy installations at two notable Hawaiian landmarks are ramping up the stakes in a race that may bring the 50th state to number one status where U.S. solar deployment is concerned.
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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Indicators as on 19 September 2014 15:00		
	This week	13/09/2014
Rand/US\$	11.01	10.98
Rand/BP	18.01	17.83
Rand/Euro	14.16	14.21
Gold/oz	\$1223.40	\$1263.65
JSE All share	51751.66	51201.19

[Repo rate unchanged, GDP forecast revised down](#)

The Reserve Bank on Thursday kept the repo rate unchanged at 5,75% per annum amid concerns over inflation and economic growth.
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[South Africa's rand hits 7-month low as Marcus signals exit](#)

South Africa's rand weakened against the dollar on Thursday, falling to a 7-month low after respected Reserve Bank Governor Gill Marcus said she would not renew her contract when her five year term ends in November.
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[SA electricity prices hurting the poor, despite protection measures – Frost & Sullivan](#)

Despite apparent legitimate reasoning behind State-owned power utility Eskom's electricity tariff increases, increased costs would undoubtedly hurt those in the lower portion of South Africa's income distribution, consulting firm Frost & Sullivan Africa energy and environmental research associate Thembe Chehore said on Thursday.

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[JSE sentiment improves](#)

Sentiment on the JSE improved dramatically, with uncertainty about a possible rate hike out of the way and as markets across the world were also higher.

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[Oil prices dip on Opec uncertainty](#)

Crude oil prices have eased as financial markets focused on Scotland's independent vote, while reacting to US data and uncertainty over Opec's outlook.

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Economic Data and Forecasts

Economic data and economic information about South Africa and the region. Market trends, economic reviews and forecasts. Economic indicators such as interest rates, exchange rates, repo rate, interbank rate, forward rates, monetary aggregates, consumer price index and producer price index.

A summary of data available from various institutions is available on the [SA Financial Sector Forum Website](http://financialsectorforum.com/category/economic-information/) at <http://financialsectorforum.com/category/economic-information/>



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