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## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### [R80m facelift for Randburg Waterfront](#)

The seven-year-old Randburg Waterfront is currently undergoing an R80-million transformation into a unique outdoor shopping centre, complete with restaurants, a market, sports facilities, children's play areas, retail stores, a clear water stream and pool, common lawn areas, a musical fountain and a large centre court.

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### [R28m parkade project gets under way](#)

Construction of the new R28-million eight-storey First National Bank (FNB) parkade building started last week, and is expected to be complete by the end of November this year. The new parkade, to be built on the corner of Pritchard and Sauer streets in Johannesburg's central business district, will provide an additional 849 parking bays to employees of the financial services firm.

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### [East London IDZ awards R80m contract](#)

The East London Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) awarded an R80-million contract to a Western Cape company last week, for the construction of its external infrastructure. IDZ board chairperson Des Halley said Power Construction had been awarded the contract, which would kickstart the development of the duty-free zone.

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### [R30bn non-toll road project approved](#)

A R30-billion non-toll provincial and rural road infrastructure development programme was given the green light by Cabinet in February. The programme, which will be carried out over the next five years by the Department of Transport (DoT), will have a particular emphasis on providing access roads in rural areas and informal settlements.

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### [Sector may face lack of capacity](#)

MEMBERS of the R50bn construction industry have raised concern about a potential lack of capacity that may arise due to increased demand brought on by increased public and private capital spending.

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### ['SA is a haven for investments'](#)

Authorities say Fitch's upgrading of South Africa's rating confirms that the country is a haven for both foreign-direct and portfolio investments.

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### [Surge of interest in commercial market](#)

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International and local investors are flowing back into the commercial property market in Cape Town and numerous inquiries are being received for quality investment properties with a guaranteed income stream, says Chris Immelman, who heads up the broking division of Golding Commercial Properties.  
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### [Foreigners stake claim in bed/breakfast industry](#)

Foreign buyers are playing an increasingly significant role in expanding South Africa's bed and breakfast industry, especially in areas such as the Atlantic Seaboard, Bloubergstrand and along the KwaZulu-Natal north and south coasts.  
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### [Factory expands as housing demand rises](#)

Anticipating a growth in the demand for houses, town-houses and cluster homes in the next two or three years, a Muldersdrift, Gauteng, hollow-core floor producer expanded production capacity at its plant. Echo Floors' new R18-million plant will have a full production capacity of 50 000 m2 of hollow-core flooring once completed, explains sales and marketing director Silvio Ferraris.  
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### [Progress is made on contractor register](#)

The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) says it has made significant progress on its projects to compile national registers of contractors and projects and to develop a comprehensive delivery-management system as a means of accelerating the restructuring of business processes to improve public-sector construction-delivery effectiveness.  
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### [Steel makers worried](#)

The sharp drop in domestic demand for Iscor's steel a decline of 12% during the March quarter is worrying even if you are not a shareholder.  
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### [Former unionists in government play vital role in democratic SA](#)

VIRTUALLY all nine provinces in the country have their finance and economic affairs portfolios being managed by former trade unionists. Arguably, too, the best finance minister that SA has ever had, incumbent Trevor Manuel, is a former trade unionist.  
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### [Good year for Western Cape exports](#)

CAPE TOWN Total exports from Western Cape last year surged 48,7% to R28,4bn, boosted by a weak rand and an increase in steel exports from Saldanha Steel, according to figures provided by Wesgro based on SA Revenue Service statistics.  
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### [Number of anti-dumping cases declines worldwide](#)

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) secretariat reports that during the period July 1 to December 31 last year, 17 members initiated 149 anti-dumping investigations against exports from a total o...  
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### [Names of five new SNO hopefuls released](#)

The Communications ministry on Wednesday announced the names of five companies bidding for the second national operator (SNO) fixed line license. The ministry said they were: TeleAccess Investments (S.A.) (Pty) Limited, WIP Investments Nine (Pty) Limited (CommuniTel), Two Consortium, Detecon International/T-Systems, and an unspecified Chinese company.  
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### [Sasol's chemicals head quits](#)

South African synthetic fuels firm Sasol said yesterday Ralph Havenstein, director of its chemicals operations, had resigned to take up a position as chief executive of another unnamed, listed company.

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### [SA natural gas grid to ease reliance on coal](#)

NEXT year will mark a major step in the drive to develop a South African natural gas industry when Sasol begins to pipe gas to Gauteng from its deposits in central Mozambique.

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### [Sappi likely to report flat earnings](#)

The world's largest producer of fine paper, Sappi, is expected to post flat second-quarter earnings next week, with the outlook for 2003 still uncertain for the weak industry, analysts said yesterday.

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### [Roads agency studies seven new toll options](#)

Some feasibility studies are being conducted and some traffic modelling has begun on the seven new toll-roads which are under consideration by the South African National Roads Agency, reports CEO Nazir Alli.

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### [Dube Port PPP model under review](#)

The final report on the most suitable public-private partnership (PPP) format for the multibillion-rand Dube trade port, in Kwazulu-Natal, is expected to be completed by July. If the National Treasury gives it the thumbs-up, a campaign to woo private investors will be launched immediately, Dube Trade Port (DTP) CEO Rohan Persad tells Engineering News.

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### [Non-grid electrification project gathers pace](#)

South Africa's National Electricity Regulator (NER) has invited tenders from suitably-qualified institutions to assist with the management and operation of non-grid electrification projects currently being undertaken in various parts of the country.

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### [Institute's main aim is education](#)

The main focus of the South African Institute of Tribology (SAIT) is to provide education for and about the industry, says institute president Rob Hodgson.

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### [Empowerment corrosion-control company established](#)

The involvement of previously-disadvantaged individuals in the fields of tribology and corrosion control is sadly lacking, believes ICE Corrosion Engineering consultant engineer Greg Combrink. The company was established as a joint venture between several companies involved in the field of corrosion, in order to establish an empowerment tribology and corrosion-control company.

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### [Construction industry welcomes BEE clarity](#)

The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) has hailed the government's broad-based black economic empowerment (BEE) strategy as providing the clarity that will provide added impetus to the process.

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### [Lax construction blamed for death toll in Turkish quake](#)

BINGOL Turkish authorities came under fire yesterday for failing to enforce tight construction standards as experts said the death toll in an earthquake in eastern Turkey would have been lower if buildings had been properly built.

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**RETAIL ROUNDUP**

**[Consultant gets Gateway moving](#)**

DURBAN Old Mutual Properties has hired a specialist retail consultant to help retail tenants at Gateway Theatre of Shopping in Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal.  
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**[Latest bill is also likely to land on its face in a gutter](#)**

Four years later and it is difficult to see any signs of vigorous or imaginative thought in the recently rereleased Liquor Bill. The 1998 Liquor Bill was abandoned at the final hurdle when the president referred it to the constitutional court, which held that the bill was unconstitutional because the regulation of the retail liquor industry was the exclusive preserve of provincial government.  
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**[Wool producers sue over brand](#)**

How much is it worth to be sure that your lambs wool jumper is the genuine article? The question is being asked by South Africa's wool producers, who are challenging audit firm KPMG's view that the Woolmark brand, adorning pure woollen clothes, has no material value.  
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**[Hydraulics company introduces a new supermarket concept](#)**

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#### [House of Health to supply Netcare pharmacies](#)

Durban - House of Health, the nutritional supplement group, has signed an exclusive agreement to supply the group of pharmacies contracted to Netcare, South Africa's largest listed private hospital group, with its range of health products.  
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#### [Rain or sunshine, Coca-Cola keeps delivering for ABI](#)

Johannesburg - Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI), Coca-Cola SA's biggest bottler, has demonstrated yet again why the world's wildest investor, Warren Buffett, is the largest shareholder in Coca-Cola.  
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**SAFCEC NEWS**

#### **LA MERCY LAGOON**

A public workshop on the proposed rehabilitation of the La Mercy Lagoon Recreation Area will take place on 7th May 2003. [Click here](#) for full details.  
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#### **SAFCEC CONVENTION**

The date and venue for the 2003 SAFCEC Annual Convention has now been finalised. It will take place at the Golden Horse Casino, Scotsville, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, on Monday, 20th October 2003. Golf will be played at the Victoria Golf Club the previous day, Sunday, 19th October 2003. There will be a great line up of speakers which will be advised at a later date, but members are requested to diarise this date now !  
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#### **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The new Construction Regulations that are due to be promulgated in May/June of this year, places a heavy emphasis on the development and production of Risk Assessments. Contractors are also experiencing an increasing demand by clients for this.  
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#### **THE NEW CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The abovementioned regulations are due to be promulgated under the Occupational Health & Safety Act (85 of 1993) in May or June 2003.  
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#### **SARF COURSE ON GIS**

The SA Road Federation are presenting a two-day course on Geographic Information Systems in Midrand on 28 and 29 July 2003.  
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**VISIT SAFCEC**

Sixty three years constitute two generations. [The South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors](#) has celebrated over sixty years of being the "midwife" of the development of South Africa. Its members were intimately involved in the creation of the infrastructure that became the envy of our continent. In the same spirit, SAFCEC has prepared itself for the challenges awaiting us in the new millennium.

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**NEWS FROM AFRICA****[SA food donation to Zimbabwe](#)**

South Africa's more than R170m food donation through the United Nations World Food Programme touched the hearts of over 200,000 Zimbabweans.  
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**[Local company seals DRC bridge deal](#)**

The South African government recently completed brokering a peace deal in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), ending one of Africa's most convoluted and bloody wars, and now a South African industrial painting company is assisting in the rebuilding of the former Belgian colony's infrastructure.  
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**[Tanzania wants \\$5bn aid for roads](#)**

Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa has appealed for \$5bn in support from donors to help improve east Africa's road network to facilitate economic integration in the region.  
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**[New gold targets to be drilled in Mali](#)**

Canadian company Etruscan Resources has announced that a drilling programme is scheduled to begin next week on the Finkolo gold property in Mali.  
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**[New global-competitiveness hub for Gaborone](#)**

Assistant US Secretary of State for African Affairs Walter H Kansteiner III will join Botswana's Minister of Trade and Industry, Jacob Nkate, as well as business leaders from countries throughout southern Africa, on May 8, to officially dedicate the Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub.  
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**[Angola plans to end gem-marketing monopoly](#)**

Angola's government, eager to make better use of its rich natural resources, after ending years of bloodshed, has approved a plan to reform the diamond sector and end a marketing monopoly, a senior official said.  
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In case you've received an e-mail containing a virus warning please check carefully for 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.

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 **MINING NEWS**

**[Non-compliant countries face penalty](#)**

Countries that have not implemented the Kimberley Process of diamond certification by July 31 will find themselves marginalised and isolated.

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**[State open to talks on royalty tax](#)**

But Finance Minister Trevor Manuel says the fundamental principle of the bill is not negotiable.

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**[Spoornet moves to keep mining empowerment on track](#)**

Rail utility has made significant improvements' to relieve capacity and inefficiency problems that had negatively affected sales in the recent past.

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**[Glitch does not disprove soundness of AngloGold](#)**

INVESTORS have tended to favour AngloGold during times of rand volatility because it runs a hedge book and its operations are geographically diverse. That piece of conventional wisdom has been called into question, though, by a 43% drop in net profit for the first quarter little better than the unhedged and SA-based Harmony's 49% earnings slump.

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**[Royalty tax 'threatens expansion'](#)**

GOLD mining companies Harmony Gold and Durban Roodepoort Deep warned yesterday that the proposed Royalties Bill, which will force gold miners to pay a 3% royalty on their revenues, would hit investment in SA's mining industr...

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**[Companies rush to find black partners](#)**

Royalties may hurt marginal producers, writes Julie Bain. THE introduction of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act in SA has seen a flurry of black economic empowerment transactions in the past few years, as mining companies seek to bring black participants into the white-dominated industry.

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**[Mining powerhouses to merge](#)**

Two of South Africa's leading gold mines, Harmony Gold Mining Company, which is listed in New York, and ARMgold, are planning to merge to create the country's biggest gold producer.

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**[Anglo sells Avmin stake to ARMgold/Harmony](#)**

Mining giant Anglo American Plc said on Friday it had sold its stake in South Africa's Anglovaal Mining to a consortium comprising African Rainbow Minerals Gold Ltd and Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd.

**NEWS FLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS**

Information and examples of Architecture around the 1930's of houses built in the Pretoria / Gauteng area is required by Theo Gerber, Interior Design – contact details tgerber@cochrane-mcgregor.com.

The Department of Building Science at the Technikon Pretoria extends an invitation to a one-day seminar to discuss issues surrounding women in construction. Further information is available from Ms R Geertsema at 012 318-5242 or geertsemar@techpta.ac.za

Die volgende ontbytforum vind plaas op Vrydag 9 Mei 2003 vanaf 07h30 – 09h30 by die Arcadia Hotel, Proesstraat 515, Arcadia. Koste is R 30.00 vir lede en R 40.00 vir nie-lede.

Our guest speaker will be Mr Mauritz Lombard who will address us on legal matters pertaining to the running of a practice.

Indien u vrae / probleme het in verband met bogenoemde stuur dit asseblief na die PIA kantoor voor 15 April 2003 en ons sal dit aan die spreker voorlê vir oorweging. A detailed invitation will be sent out during the course of next week but please diarise this date and confirm your attendance by calling the PIA Office (012 341-3204).

PIA CPD COURSE – FRIDAY 30th MAY 2003 - 08h00 – 17h00 - This is the second course hosted by the PIA for this year, and there are only 6 seats available. The presenters are Eugene Barnard and Eyvind Finsen. Cost R 350.00 for members and R 450.00 for non-members. The venue is the Shelanti Conference Centre in Jean Avenue, Centurion.

SPORT ACCORD – The International Sports Convention: we have received an invitation through the UIA Sports and Leisure Programme for any of our members / interested persons to attend the above convention. This convention will be held in Madrid from 2003.05.12 to 2003.05.16.

The convention comprises addresses (19 speakers), panel sessions / discussions,

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### [AngloGold set to defer SA capex](#)

South Africa's biggest gold producer, AngloGold, is set to focus on cost-cutting and capital expenditure deferment this year, after its first-quarter earnings took a knock from the strong rand, the company said yesterday.

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### [Mills appointed as AngloPlat project director](#)

South African platinum producer Anglo Platinum has announced the appointment of Robin Mills, as executive director: projects, to the company's board, with effect from May 1.

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### [Gold investment demand hits 35-year high – survey](#)

The sharp rise in gold prices in 2002 boosted global investment demand for the yellow metal to a 35-year high, but cut its use in fabricated products, precious metals research firm CPM Group said.

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### [Finance sought for new platinum project](#)

Platinum company Aquarius Platinum sees its Everest South project to be robust, despite the proposed new royalty regime, and has initiated financial discussions for the project.

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### [Rand bites gold producer's earnings](#)

The world's second-biggest gold producer, AngloGold, posted weaker-than-expected first-quarter earnings yesterday and became the latest South African miner to blame a strong rand for eating into revenues.

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### [Cash-flow woes threaten empowerment tin hopeful](#)

Cash-flow problems experienced by black-controlled resources company Phamine Mining Holdings have resulted in its Leeuwpoort smelter standing idle, CEO Johan de Witt informs Mining Weekly.

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### [R2-billion Finsch project to extend mining by eight years](#)

Diamond-mining giant De Beers' project to mine the Block 4 resource at Finsch mine, in the Northern Cape, in an effort to extend the mine's operating life by about eight years, is proceeding satisfactorily, Mining Weekly has been informed.

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### [No word yet on third Namakwa furnace](#)

NO decision has been made on a potential third furnace for Anglo Base's heavy-minerals mine, Namakwa Sands, in the Western Cape.

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### [Mining bosses get R50m reward](#)

Johannesburg - Six of the top executives at Durban Roodepoort Deep (DRD), which has just announced it would be retrenching 1 000 workers and might have to close two of its mines, made a combined R50 million profit last year by exercising share options.

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**NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS**

**[Beware builders with insufficient funds](#)**

Frantic activity in the home building industry has been artificially fuelled and many developers could now be headed for a crash landing - leaving off-plan buyers with incomplete homes.  
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**[Upbeat year predicted for owners](#)**

While there is uncertainty about exactly when interest rates will be reduced, MortgageSA MD Saul Geffen says the positive exchange rate, good foreign investment and increased tourism will ensure that property owners do feel some relief this year.  
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**[Satellite TV in sectional title schemes](#)**

As the price of decoders comes down, the demand for satellite TV is increasing - as is the number of sectional title schemes that have to deal with the issue of satellite 'dish' installations.  
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**[Privatisation of security must be tackled before it hits development](#)**

Policy on gated communities needs to address fears but ensure steps do not destroy social fabric.  
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**[Home builders' council moots qualifications for constructors](#)**

IF THE national home builders authority has its way, all builders of new houses will have recognised official qualifications within the next three years.  
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**[Affordable security in Nelspruit](#)**

There is high interest from Nelspruit homebuyers and investors in The Terrace, a new development at the

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**Security still top concern for homebuyers**

The desire for greater security is still the primary factor influencing the decision to move from one home to another, according to a recent online poll by Property24, South Africa's top real estate portal.  
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**Tip of the week**

*Avoid paying occupational rent for longer than necessary by settling transfer duties timeously, which will ensure the bond gets registered quicker.*  
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 **SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Guidelines for sand-cement screeds and concrete toppings revisited**

The practice of laying semidry sand-cement screeds tends to be used to ensure quick installation of these surfaces. However, this often compromises the integrity of the flooring. To ameliorate this, the Cement and Concrete Institute (C&CI) has extended and revised its guidelines for the correct application of sand-cement screeds and concrete toppings.  
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**Overhead Creep**

Every business owner has the same problem - there are only 24 hours in a day. There isn't enough time to stay on top of everything. One of the items that can creep up on a business owner is an increase in overhead expenses. The definition of overhead is "expenses that can be charged to more than one job." This includes both fixed and variable expenses. There are some gray areas, but as long as you are consistent you can accurately track your overhead expenses.  
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**Road Map to Project Success**

A project is like a journey; it has a beginning and an end, undertaken with specific objectives. To have a successful journey or project one needs a vehicle, a driver and a road map. All three have been provided in the Project Management Institute's (PMI) guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK TM ). Regular updates to the PMBOK by the

best project management brains throughout the world have identified the essential knowledge, practices and processes that are applicable to most projects most of the time.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on May 03 2003 11:03		
	This week	25/04/03
Rand/\$	7.4780	7.3087
Rand/£	11.9994	11.6269
Rand/€	8.3985	8.0408
R150	10.84%	10.96%
Gold/oz	\$341.20	\$333.70
Gold index	1921.10	2027.40
JSE All Share	7659.30	7479.80

### [Petrol price to drop 38c on May 7](#)

This means that the retail price of 93 octane petrol falls to 388 cents per litre in Gauteng and 376 cents at the coast

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### [SA plans high-level interventions to salvage Doha talks](#)

The South African government will take part in a range of formal and informal gatherings over the next few months in a bid to find innovative ways of breaking the deadlock in the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) talks currently under way at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva.

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## ASAQS NEWS

### [INTERNATIONAL ROUNDUP](#)

Catch up on international news relevant pertinent to quantity surveyors and cost engineers. The latest issue of the ICEC e-zine contains the following articles of interest:

- *Change Should Not Mean Uncertainty*

### [Weak rand, strong gold price buoy JSE](#)

The JSE was off to a strong start on Friday, with a weak rand and strong gold price lifting heavyweight dual-listed stocks, as well as gold stocks

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### [Oil price lower again](#)

Oil prices slipped again on Friday after initially rising on speculation that industry cartel Opec might cut production once more, as a tense oil rig stand-off in Nigerian appeared to be resolved.

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### [Visa, MasterCard in \\$3bn claim](#)

Bank card giants Visa and MasterCard settled for some \$3bn in a seven-year-old antitrust case that claimed they strangled competition in the use of debit cards.

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### [Investors must navigate minefield of socially acceptable offerings](#)

THE challenges and issues that plague socially responsible investing (SRI) are not unique to SA, but they may be more pronounced here, says Cobie Legrange, senior investment analyst at M-Cubed Asset Management.

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#### DID YOU HEAR ?

*A couple of jokes about our legal friends...*

A man died and was taken to his

- *Comparative Highway Construction Costs Around the World*
- *History, Preservation Architecture, and Compensation by the Public: Should Old Buildings be Preserved?*
- *Office Building Design Trends Evolving: The Impact of Sustainability*
- *Mapping Pathways to Project Management Career Success*

### **MEDIATION ON THE UP**

For a number of years mediation has been talked up as a way of avoiding costly arbitration and litigation. Courts are now adopting the same view and are prepared to penalise parties who refuse mediation without justifiable grounds  
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### **Seminars, etc.**

#### **Women in Construction**



Whether you are a woman who owns a business, strive to own a business or work in the construction field, we know that, when it comes to your career, you have dreams to realise and goals to achieve. Technikon Pretoria invites you to attend a one-day seminar on Women in Construction: A career choice in South Africa.

Date: 14 May 2003

Time: 08:30 – 15:00

Venue: Prestige Auditorium, Building 21, Technikon Pretoria, Staatsartillerie Road, Pretoria West

Cost: R350

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Seen on [Classifieds](#):

#### **Quantity Surveyor - UAE**

Wanted young graduate Q.S.for Major Curtain Walling Company.Main or Subcontractor experiance preferred.Long term employment oportunity with good Tax Free salary + package.

#### **Project managers**

Project Managers for Middle East contracts. 5 years experience in highways, earthworks or coastal projects.

#### **Senior QS**

Pretoria, R500 Million project, Exp in Office blocks/Commercial/Shopping malls etc

#### **Gold Medal QS Student**

Top QS Students -with/without exp, Excellent results (A/B) to be mentored into a Midlevel QS position

#### **Half day QS position**

This position will suit a mature (45+) candidate with relevant QS exp. Will work on a well known Retail company's account and do QS on refrigeration, shelving, stores etc

#### **Mid level QS**

place of eternal torment by the devil.

As he passed sulphurous pits and shrieking sinners, he saw a man he recognized as a lawyer snuggling up to a beautiful woman.

'That's unfair!' he cried. 'I have to roast for all eternity, and that lawyer gets to spend it with a beautiful woman.'

'Shut up,' barked the devil, jabbing the man with his pitchfork. 'Who are you to question that woman's punishment?'

Q: If you are stranded on a desert island with Adolph Hitler, Atilla the Hun, and a lawyer, and you have a gun with only two bullets, what do you do?

A: Shoot the lawyer twice.

A man walked into a curio store and was looking around. After awhile, he chose a brass rat and brought it up to the counter.

The proprietor said, that will be R10 for the brass rat and R1,000 for the story behind it.

The man said, 'Thanks, but I'll just pay the R10 and pass on the story.'

He purchased the brass rat and left the store.

As he was walking down the street, he started noticing all sorts of rats following him. The

large International PQS company is looking for a QS with minimum 7 yrs QS exp with Commercial exp, for project in Pretoria

**QS (Site)**

Road Construction Project in Botswana is looking for a Qualified Site QS with min 7 yrs exp on site for a 2 year contract - to be extended

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**Remember:** Visit the [ASAQS website](#) for new updates!

**We currently have more than 950 access accounts to the CUG!  
New members to the CUG**

*To be announced next week*

**Please note** : Only paid-up members of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors are allowed entrance to the CUG. We still receive a number of applications every month from non-members. If you have any questions regarding membership contact Mrs Barbara Morgan on 011-3154140

**Also note** that your registration to the CUG will remain in force as long as you remain a member of ASAQS and there is no need to register every year. If you have not received an e-mail confirming your registration contact [ASAQS](#).



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further he walked -- the more rats followed. He walked down to the wharf and still more rats came out and followed him. So, he decided to walk out into the water, which he did -- and all the rats drowned.

He returned to the store where he purchased the brass rat, and when he walked in, the proprietor said, 'Ah ha! You came back to pay the R1,000 for the story, right?'

'Nope,' replied the man, 'Just came back to see if you have any brass lawyers!'

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