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### [Corruption jeopardising investment](#)

Real estate commentators are concerned at ongoing financial scandal and allegations of corruption at the highest levels of government that are damaging efforts to attract foreign investment to South Africa. Indeed, says the CEO of one large group, worries about corruption and its likely effects on the economy and South Africa's infrastructure are currently a bigger obstacle to foreign purchasing of SA property than fears about violent crime.

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### [The good and bad of African ventures](#)

"Arrogant attitudes and short-term thinking" by some South African building contractors threaten the future acceptance of local contractors in the rest of Africa.

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### [Volatile equity markets have investors eyeing property](#)

The volatile securities exchange, uncertain currency market and lower interest rates have encouraged more investors to look at residential property as a sound, appreciating investment.

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### [City property market puts Standard at leading edge](#)

The dynamic nature of the Cape Town property market, particularly in the commercial sector, has helped Standard Bank Properties to boost its property finance portfolio by R100 million a month, for the first six months of 2003, solidifying its position as a major property finance house.  
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### [Mossel Bay seeks to develop waterfront](#)

THE proposed Mossel Bay Waterfront development project may soon become a reality. Propnet has invited interested parties to submit expressions of interest for developing the earmarked property on a long-term leasehold basis.  
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### [R228m being spent on advanced air-traffic system](#)

With a possibility of a 100% increase in air traffic movement over the next ten years, it is imperative that industry participants tackle any shortcomings in the current air traffic control system with some urgency, believes Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) MD Dr Johan Van Vollenhoven.  
(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [Eskom to start building Coega supply lines](#)

ELECTRICITY utility Eskom said last night it would start building a R2bn electricity supply network dedicated to the proposed aluminium smelter at Coega, after having received instructions from French company Pechiney Pechiney to this end.  
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### [Airport contract is nearing completion](#)

Machine relocation and installation company Vanguard, which is reported to have installed most of the escalators in Johannesburg and about 90% of those in South Africa, is nearing completion of its largest contract at the Johannesburg International Airport.  
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### [Standard Bank Jo'burg revamp to cost R197m](#)

STANDARD Bank is to inject R197m into the Johannesburg central business district by revamping its head office in Simmonds Street. The upgrade, which will include leasing more buildings in the city centre, will consolidate the bank's corporate functional requirements.  
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### [Gautrain gets environmental OK](#)

Department yesterday gives the developer guidelines on how to protect the environment and sets out the rules that should be adhered to. In its authorisation, the department said the project was desirable and that the potentially detrimental effects on the environment resulting from its development and operation could be satisfactorily mitigated.  
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### [Broll shows unique style in property management](#)

Feeding a breeding pair of Barn Owls, determining the correct stocking levels of Blesbok, Springbok and Duiker and attending to the broken leg of a Blue Crane. All this sounds more like the work of a veterinarian than a property management company. ...  
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The ICEC World Congress 2004 will be held in Cape Town from the 17th to 21st April 2004. The congress is

The sorry sagas of Bonatla, a listed property company, and Arnold, a property loan stock company, are exposing a problem at the core of the institutional property industry. Both companies have had their value destroyed in a few years through th...

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**[Habitat buys Academia student complex for R29m](#)**

Habitat Property Investments, the first residential property income fund due to be listed on the JSE Securities Exchange before year-end, has acquired the Academia student complex in Stellenbosch for R29.6 million from Syfin Properties.

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**RETAIL ROUNDUP**

**[Retail, office property remain sound investments](#)**

Retail and office property - especially in areas with high-income demographics - remains a sound investment for entrepreneurs.

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**[Cresta takes retail to higher level](#)**

The unveiling of the extension to the Cresta Shopping Centre will become the stage for showcasing a highly innovative promotional concept. More than 200 Cresta tenants will participate in providing "reality shopping" entertainment when the new multi-million rand Cresta Gardens is launched this weekend.

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**[Retail sector is still a lucrative place for bosses](#)**

Johannesburg - The retail sector looks set to maintain its position as one of the more generous employers for top executives, with the 2003 annual reports from the sector showing remuneration packages increasing by between 37 percent and 97 percent.

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**[Shoprite chief executive's total pay doubles while profit slumps by a fifth](#)**

Johannesburg - Shoprite Holdings, Africa's biggest grocery chain, doubled chief executive Whitey Basson's pay in its latest financial year as profit slumped by a fifth.

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**[Sasol-Exel merger to focus on stations](#)**

Durban and Johannesburg - Sasol, the country's largest oil company, said yesterday that after merging its liquid fuel business with Exel, the two companies planned to have 150 Exel and 150 Sasol service stations operational by mid-2004.

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### NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

#### [Reservation of Work](#)

Should an Architect be appointed on all structures exceeding 500m2 in area? Find out by downloading the notice of amendments to the Architect's Act 1970. (In PDF format)  
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#### **THE VIBRO GROUP OF COMPANIES, PROUDLY IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRETORIA INSTITUTE FOR ARCHITECTURE**

Cordially invites you to attend a cocktail on Tuesday the 7th October 2003 at 17:30 for 18:00 at the Centurion Country Club.

Guest Speaker : Prof. Alex Visser - "Fun with Concrete Block Paving"

Wynand Classen, former Springbok rugby captain / selector and architect - "Our World Cup Chances"

RSVP: - Shanti on 012-374 2032 or vibro@vibro.co.za - before 2nd October 2003

Thanks to the PIA for the information - drop them a note at [admin.pia@saia.org.za](mailto:admin.pia@saia.org.za)

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### CPAF INDICES – AUGUST 2003

The CPAF Indices for August 2003 have been published by the STATSSA and an amended schedule [is attached](#) to this Newsletter Ref. HFR  
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### INVITATION TO OPEN DAY XXIIInd PIARC WORLD ROAD CONGRESS

The XXIIInd PIARC World Road Congress is scheduled to take place at the Durban Exhibition Centre from 19th to 25th October 2003. The South African National Roads Agency has extended an invitation to all stakeholders in the roads sector to join the Congress for an Open Day in Wednesday, 22nd October 2003. [See attached](#) for further details and a registration form.  
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### MOZAMBICAN LAW AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Further to the article in last week's Newsletter on this subject, please [find attached](#) a recommended qualification to be included in the covering letter of all tenders to the Mozambican Ministry of Public Works and Housing.  
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### CONTRACTS CLAIMS COURSE, DURBAN

SAFCEC KZN will present a one-day course on Contract Claims on Thursday, 6th November 2003, in the MBA Building, 40 Essex Terrace, Westville, commencing at 09:00.

The course is targeted at Site Agents and Contract Managers and is designed to sensitise this level of management to the possibility of claims and how to deal with them.

The course content is summarised as follows:

Causes of claims; Disputes; Ambiguity or vagueness of documentation;  
Recognition of claims situations; Treatment of claims in terms of GCC90, the new FIDIC, NEC, etc;  
Differences in interpretation of contract documents;;  
Claim procedures; Importance of time restrictions; Formulation of a claim; Quantification of claims in terms of time and money;  
Rights and responsibilities of the Employer, the Engineer and the Contractor;  
Resolution of claims; Conciliation, mediation, arbitration and litigation; Analysis and appraisal of each method;  
Settlement of claims – practical issues; Examples of claim situations and disputes and their resolution

Mr Patrick Hill will present the course.

The cost of the course is a bargain R800, plus VAT, and includes course notes and lunch. A registration form [is attached](#)  
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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.

To catch up on the latest news [click here](#)



**NEWS FROM AFRICA**

**PC Assistant**

**VIRUS OR HOAX?**

### [Botswana comes out tops](#)

Bank of Botswana Governor Linah Mohohlo has been voted central bank governor of the year for sub-Saharan Africa.  
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### [Swaziland seeks to construct hydropower station and dam weir](#)

Swaziland's Electricity Board is seeking contractors to design and operate electromechanical equipment for the Maguga hydropower project, as well as a construction company to build a regulating weir for the Maguga Dam, near the power station.  
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### [Kenya urged to speed up economic reforms](#)

There is need 'to give big space to the private sector to play a leading role'.  
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### [EIB seeks to boost venture capital projects](#)

The European Investment Bank is adopting a 'more risk-taking attitude'.  
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### [IMF, Gabon delays signing of reform deal](#)

The IMF has delayed signing a three-year structural adjustment plan with debt-laden Gabon until the end of the year.  
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### [Chad to inaugurate oil-pumping](#)

Chad will officially inaugurate its oil-pumping infrastructure in the country's southern Doba basin with a high-profile ceremony on October 10 .  
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## MINING NEWS

### [Conservationists square off against Mineral Commodities over Pondoland](#)

An Australian company's claim that its plans to mine titanium ore on the Eastern Cape's Wild Coast will not be hindered by the establishment of a new national park in the area has been greeted with scepticism by conservationists.  
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### [DRD retrenchments continue](#)

Johannesburg - The retrenchment of around 3 000 workers at the Durban Roodepoort Deep (DRD) gold mine in the North West was continuing as planned, company spokesperson Ilja Graulich said on Friday.  
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### [DRD chief the highest paid gold industry executive](#)

Johannesburg - Mark Wellesley-Wood, the chief executive of Durban Roodepoort Deep (DRD), made more money than the head of any other South African gold firm in the past fiscal year, the firm said yesterday, a day after it fired about 14 percent of its workers.  
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### [NUM, Northam Platinum sign wage agreement](#)

The National Union of Mineworkers and Northam Platinum Mines have signed an annual wage agreement for 2003.  
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### [Strategic move to add debt to balance sheet](#)

Impala Platinum aims to introduce debt to the company balance sheet in a move to optimise the cost of capital.  
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### [Well placed to meet challenge of economic empowerment](#)

Impala Platinum is well positioned when it comes to fulfilling the requirements of SA's new minerals legislation  
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### [Oil prices barely move](#)

Oil prices were little changed after rising overnight on talk of another OPEC production cut in December.  
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### [Gold Fields finds 7.7m ounces of new reserves](#)

Johannesburg - Gold Fields, one of the few global resource companies to increase exploration expenditure, said yesterday it had found 7.7 million ounces of new reserves in its past financial year.  
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### [Implats looks to a flagship empowerment mining vehicle](#)

Cape Town - The aim of Implats' sale of its \$800 million, 27.1 percent interest in Lonmin was to form a sustainable, flagship mining group that would have a broad-based majority shareholding by black South Africans, Brian Gilbertson, a consultant to the Lonmin group, said yesterday.  
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### [Implats to sell stake in Lonmin for equity law](#)

Johannesburg - Impala Platinum Holdings (Implats) yesterday announced plans to spin off a major holding in Britain's Lonmin for \$800 million in a bid to meet black empowerment laws. Analysts applauded the deal, saying Implats, the world's second-biggest platinum producer, had got a good price for its 27.1 percent holding in Lonmin's platinum activities.  
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### [Search for Hope Downs partner to start this month](#)

South African iron-ore giant Kumba Resources this week confirmed that it is in the final stages of drawing up an information memorandum calling for offers for part of the Hope Downs project in Western Australia.  
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### [Avgold board mulls Free State mine options](#)

Gold miner Avgold is expected to announce details of its preferred option for exploiting the large gold resource to the north of its Target mine in the Free State at its September quarterly results presentation later this month.  
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### [Atlas Copco acquires two SA drilling-equipment firms](#)

After approval from the regulatory authorities, Swedish exploration drilling equipment company Atlas Copco yesterday announced that its South African operations had acquired the businesses of two local companies.  
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### [Gold Fields increases mineral resources](#)

South African gold miner Gold Fields announced yesterday increases in both its mineral resources and reserves for fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

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### **NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS**

#### **[Revenue set to act on transfer-duty avoidance](#)**

THE South African Revenue Service is set to take legal action against individuals who have registered residential property in trusts, close corporations and companies to avoid paying transfer duty.

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#### **[Corporation sees a gap in servicing the home market](#)**

Johannesburg - About 46 percent of South Africans earning up to R8 000 a month could not access mortgage finance because of high-risk profiling by the banks, the National Housing Finance Corporation said yesterday.

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#### **[Take the pressure off with an option](#)**

The pressure is still on, in many areas, for homebuyers to sign offers to purchase before they are really certain of their decision to buy, just in case someone else snaps up the property while they're thinking it over.

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#### **[Non-disclosure on levies spells trouble](#)**

Levies are a critical factor for buyers to consider when determining whether they can afford to purchase a sectional title home – but one that is all too often ignored, to the financial detriment of the buyer and the other owners in the scheme.

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**[Spotlight on: The Atlantic Seaboard](#)**

Strong demand and shortage of stock on the Atlantic Seaboard continue to push up property prices in this popular part of Cape Town.  
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**[Fresh approach delivers results for investors](#)**

Success in the competitive real estate industry today means much more than selling houses and letting shops. There are many other good opportunities waiting to be exploited, but they may demand innovative thinking or unusual solutions.  
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***Tip of the week***

*Go to Standard Bank's website to get a nifty step-by step guide to canceling your loan.*  
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** SPECIAL REPORTS**

**[Rand Shock Wave Passing Through](#)**

Business Brief by Dr Cees Bruggemans, Chief Economist First National Bank examines the effects of the strengthening of the Rand and speculates on the the real trade-weighted Rand is now overvalued.  
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### [Setting up a Project Office](#)

Guidelines for setting up a Project Office. Includes a checklist to help you determine the mandate for a Project Office

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### [Environmentally Sound Business is Becoming Profitable](#)

Recycling has not only become increasingly legally mandated, but thanks to many innovations it has become increasingly profitable too.

Over the past three decades, recycling has gone from being a fashionable trend to a way of life for American industries and businesses.

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### [Why Your Company Needs a Web Presence](#)

I deal with professionals in the construction industry every day. If I had a nickel for every President, CEO or Sales Manager that told me their company didn't need a Web presence I would be a very rich man. I've been told everything from "We are already too busy" to "I don't advertise...all of my customers are from referrals." To these people, I smile and give them "Webmaster Pitch #42" to enlighten them as to what a Web presence can do for them and their companies.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 3 October 2003 16:49		
	This week	26/09/03
Rand/\$	6.8750	7.1900
Rand/£	11.4526	11.9257
Rand/€	8.0068	8.2554
R150	8.98%	8.98%
Gold/oz	\$32.60	\$380.40
Gold Mining	2368.70	2511.50
JSE All Share	9108.70	9081.50

### [Oil holds steady despite threat of strike, storm](#)

London - World oil prices held generally steady on Friday, although traders warned of nervousness over a possible general strike in oil rich Nigeria and Tropical Storm Larry's approach towards the Mexican coast.

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### [Slabbert warns on rich-poor gap](#)

The growing gap between rich and poor could pose the greatest threat to SA's economic and political goals, says Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert.

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### [Rand a tad weaker vs dollar](#)

Johannesburg - The rand was marginally weaker against the dollar in late afternoon trade on Friday after the latter firmed on the back of better-than-expected non-farm payrolls data released at 14:30.

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### [Manuel firm on inflation target](#)

Cape Town - Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has reaffirmed the government's commitment to its inflation targeting framework for monetary policy, saying price stability was "fundamentally important" in the country's quest for economic development and freedom.

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### [Dual-listed stocks give JSE a lift](#)

The JSE was in positive territory in noon trade on Friday, propelled by heavyweight dual-listed stocks, which were up offshore

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## ASAQS NEWS



### [Fee scales](#)

Did you know that you can download the latest Architect's and Engineering fee scales from the CUG?

### [Elpavo Newsletter](#)

"Through statistical comparisons, it was found that broad brush estimating is no less accurate than micro estimating. In order to get at least two percent of a 100 percent accurate estimate (which in reality does not exist), one must exert 50 percent more effort. Broad brush estimating can obtain 98 percent accuracy, as compared to micro estimating and can be completed with 20 percent of the normal worker allocation." says Adek Apfelbaum an estimator of 40 years standing in their latest Elpavo Training Consultancies newsletter, do you agree?

### [JBCC SEMINARS](#)

JBCC have advised us of the following seminars being presented. Further enquiries and registrations please contact JBCC direct on (011) 646-0174 or [jbcc@mweb.co.za](mailto:jbcc@mweb.co.za)

7 October 2003 - ½ day Johannesburg Country Club Auckland Park Minor Works Agreement

8 October 2003 - one day Johannesburg Country Club Auckland Park Principal Building Agreement

9 October 2003 - one day Johannesburg Country Club Auckland Park Principal Building Agreement

**Note : The seminar on the 8th was over-subscribed resulting in an extra seminar on the principle agreement arranged for Thursday - those who wish to attend should phone first thing on Monday morning.**

### [Interesting call from the Netherlands...](#)

I received a call from a construction firm in the Netherlands on Friday who have discovered the value of quantity surveyors and hope to recruit a quantity surveyor trained in South Africa to work in Holland.

I wonder when the EU-countries will see the light and start training quantity surveyors of their own?

Their advert follows:

QUANTITY SURVEYOR [min 7 years experience]

We are an international construction company based in Holland operating outside Western Europe in the fields of general civil engineering and marine works. We are looking for a QS to be initially based in our head office, where pre and post contract advice to tender teams and construction sites is provided.

Any takers?

Editor

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## Did you hear?

### Virus warning

This is a Polish virus. We do not have programmers for this virus, so it is on the honor system. Please delete all files from your hard drive and send this e-mail to everyone that you know.

### A GUY BOUGHT HIS WIFE...

... a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." He says, "She did but where was I gonna find a fake Jeep?"

### Track Records

Some race horses staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. "In the last 16 races, I've won 8 of them!"

Another horse breaks in, "Well in the last 27 races, I've won 20!!"

"Oh that's good, but in the last 37 races, I've won 29!" says another, flicking his tail.

At this point, they notice that a greyhound dog has been sitting there listening.

"I don't mean to boast," says the greyhound, "but in my last 91 races, I've won 89 of them!"

### **QUANTITY SURVEYORS**

Vacancies exist in our King William's Town and Port Elizabeth offices for QS's with at least 3 years experience after registration. Applicants must have experience in and be able to execute all normal QS functions independantly. Computer literacy with knowledge of QSPlus would be an advantage. Submit short CV.

### **QS reqd for Dubai**

QS with min. 7-8 years of experince, required for post contract QS services on site, in Dubai for a period of minimum 12 months.

### **QS / Cost Engineer**

I have recently arrived back from London and have been working in a Project Management team in the Rail Industry for the past 4 years.I am a qualified QS and my last role in London was as a Cost Engineer.I am interested in continuing to pursue a career as a Cost Engineer or use my skills in a Property Finance Institution/Project Management Team.I have gained a great deal of experience in Budget/Contract Value Management, Cost Forecasting, Accruals, Cash Flows and Cost Reporting.

### **Stunning German Shepherd Puppies - KZN**

6 weeks old, dewormed & innoculated. Parents pedigreed & can be viewed. Excellent watch dogs & family companions. Used to children and raised inside the home. Excellent condition. Litter of 3 so they are big and beautiful. 1 male and 2 females.

### **Flat required**

I am interested in buying a 1 or 2 bedroom flat in the Aucklandpark/ Melville areas - or within reasonable travel distance to RAU

### **Dainfern Proper**

Magnificent upmarket home. 450sq 3 bed 2 1/2 bath, 4 lounges,kitchen parking undercover2 cars, huge flatlet, magnificent views and backyard faces the 12th fairway

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### **[Seen on the Calendar](#)**

#### **Date : 15- 17 October 2003 V&A Waterfront**

Event: Project Management Professional Workshop

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 15-17 October 2003 at the V&A Waterfront, Lifestyle Studios, Cape Town. For more info please contact Terry Deacon at 082 557 3119

Contact: Antoinette Monama [training@projectpro.co.za](mailto:training@projectpro.co.za)

#### **Date : 13 - 16 October 2003**

Event: D.E.E Cost Engineering and Estimating

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Focus on Detailed Estimating and Escalation. Contact: Marié Voogt 011 766 2805 or [secretary@ceasa.org.za](mailto:secretary@ceasa.org.za)

The horses are clearly amazed. "Wowwww!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog."

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What's the worst thing about 5 lawyers going over a cliff in a Mercedes Benz?

A Mercedes has space for 6.

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### **A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER...**

...was discussing the ten commandments with her 5 and 6 year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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

We wish to welcome the following new members to the ASAQS Closed User Group:

*Elmari Heyns - Elmari Heyns Quantity Surveyors*

*Gavin McEwan - McIntosh Latilla Carrier & Laing*

**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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