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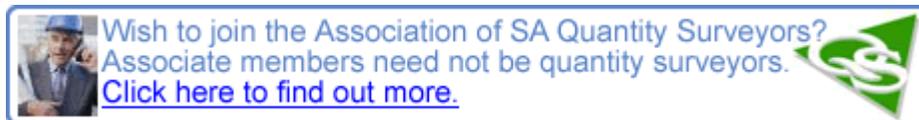
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### [Construction sector looks to elections boom](#)

GOVERNMENT's rally for support in the run-up to next year's elections could go some way to a long way to loosening the grip of the strong rand on the construction sector.  
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### [Sigcau to work with construction sector to push change](#)

THE public works department is compiling a transformation charter to boost black economic empowerment in the construction sector , Minister Stella Sigcau has revealed.  
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### [Property sector needs policing, says analyst](#)

Johannesburg - Concern has been expressed about the consistency of property valuations used by listed property companies. Len van Niekerk, an analyst at Andisa Securities, said yesterday there was a need for more vigorous valuations.  
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### [Rents cool in hot spots](#)

The phones have stopped ringing in residential letting agents' offices. Tenants are deserting rental properties in droves and stampeding to buy. Plunging interest rates make owning property much more affordable.  
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### [Tenants converting to owners](#)

The lowest interest rates in nearly 20 years are a godsend for thousands of South Africa's tenants who can now afford to buy their own property for the first time, says Neville Schaefer, CEO of national residential property company Trafalgar.  
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### [Recent interest rate cuts boost sales of office blocks](#)

The recent cuts in interest rates have boosted the sales at Rabie Property Projects/Absa's Greenford

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### [Draft law to upgrade inner cities confuses the plot](#)

Planners and developers, eager to kick-start inner city renewal, say new draft legislation is sowing confusion. It may apply only to traditional central business districts, leaving other decaying areas out in the cold.  
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### [Register suggested to fast-track approvals](#)

Developers, town planners favour move, but land affairs ministry yet to respond  
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### [Rand strength puts Aveng results in a fix](#)

Pretoria - Aveng, the listed construction, engineering and cement group, has warned that its financial results for the the six months to December were expected to be adversely affected by the strength of the rand.  
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### [Tshwane proposes tunnel for Gautrain](#)

OBJECTIONS to the route of the proposed Gautrain rapid rail link in Pretoria received a boost yesterday when the Tshwane metro council passed a proposal recommending that the route be by tunnel from Pretoria station to Hatfield station.  
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### [Sandton residential speculators at risk](#)

SPECULATORS interested in upmarket residential developments in Sandton run a major risk of getting their fingers burnt. The signs are that the bubble will burst in the next 12 to 18 months  
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### [Home decor hub being built in Gauteng](#)

About R190-million has been spent on the Northlands Deco and Business Park development, north-west of Johannesburg, and a similar amount is expected to have been spent when the project is completed in about four years, Engineering News has been told.  
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### [Russia shows interest in Mafikeng airport](#)

Russia has expressed interest in establishing an aircraft repair and maintenance centre at the Mafikeng Airport, in the North West.  
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### [Action taken to preserve historic Joburg post office](#)

The Johannesburg Property Company (JPC) is facilitating a R2-million project to ensure the protection and preservation of one of Joburg's oldest inner-city landmarks, the Rissik Street Post Office.  
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### [Westville starved of new developments](#)

(Residential) Residential property prices in Durban's upmarket suburb of Westville have paid scant attention to the national year-on-year average increase of around 20 percent and has instead recorded an impressive 30 percent growth over the same period. And the trend shows no sign of

the ASAQS-website which currently records about 150,000 hits per month.

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The International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) was founded with the objective of promoting co-operation between national and multi-national quantity surveying, cost engineering and project management organisations worldwide. ICEC has access to more than 40 000 professionals in over 30 countries. Following the established pattern of biennial World Congresses, ICEC has granted South Africa the privilege of hosting their 4th World Congress.

The ICEC World Congress 2004 will be held in Cape Town from the 17th to 21st April 2004. The congress is proudly co-hosted by the Association of South African

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### [Durban's uShaka's launch date to be announced next year](#)

A final launch date on Durban's world-class entertainment and tourist destination, uShaka Marine World, will be announced early next year. The destination, which is Africa's first marine theme park is about halfway through construction at Durban's Point  
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### [Boom time in Durban South](#)

A number of factors are facilitating a property revival in Durban South. Council's clean-up, declining interest rates and some of the lowest industrial rentals in Durban are making the area south of Edwin Swales Drive a hit.  
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### [Lodge planned for historic 'Valley of the Kings'](#)

Preparations are under way for the development of the first-ever tourist lodge to be built on the the historic 'Valley of the Kings' or Emakhosini Valley site in KwazuluNatal.  
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### [Cape properties up for auction](#)

FOUR properties on Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard will be sold by auction at one single sitting, says auction house Auction Alliance. Its director, Christian Stewart, says the locations include Granger Bay, Bantry Bay, Clifton and Bakoven.  
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### [Projects worth R5.8bn for Cape Town inner city](#)

The value of projects completed, planned or under way in the centre of Cape Town has reached R5,8-billion since the formation of the Cape Town Partnership four years ago.  
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### [Growthpoint buys Investec buildings for R975m](#)

Pretoria - Growthpoint has acquired Investec's Sandton head office and Cape Town foreshore buildings, plus the use of 580 parking bays at Merchant Place Parkade, for R975 million. The listed property company is managed by Investec Property Group so the acquisition was considered and approved at arm's length by Growthpoint's non-executive directors.  
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### [Award-winning town is 'bankrupt'](#)

Giving Beaufort West an award as the best municipality in the Western Cape was equivalent to giving Jack the Ripper an award for being kind to sex workers  
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### [SA shifts focus to 'social' roads](#)

The South African government is to shift its road construction focus to providing more community-based 'social' roads following success in upgrading national 'economic' networks.  
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### [IFC approves investments in Caspian oil projects](#)

The International Finance Corporation, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, yesterday approved investments in the Azeri-Chirag-Deepwater Gunashli (ACG) Phase 1 oilfield and the Baku-

Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) and the Cost Engineering Association of Southern Africa (CEASA). For further details [click here](#).

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Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline.  
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**Petro-chemical industry**

Complex balancing act needed if deregulation is to be successful.  
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**RETAIL ROUNDUP**

**Waterfront facelift at halfway mark**

About 50% of the refurbishment of the Brightwater Commons, formerly know as Randburg Waterfront, has been completed.  
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**Truworhs chalks up a 14% sales rise as spending booms**

Cape Town - Augmenting the current spate of good news on the retail front, Truworhs International has reported a 14 percent sales rise in the four months to November compared with a year ago, buoyed by robust consumer spending. The fashion retailer also put paid to speculation that it might be eyeing Pick 'n Pay's homewares business, Boardmans. Chief executive Michael Mark gave a firm no.  
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**Homeware unit helps Foschini deliver strong interims**

Cape Town - Helped by sassy performances from homeware, sports and jewellery, clothing retailer Foschini yesterday delivered finely stitched half-year results. This was in the context of healthy earnings growth in the previous two financial years.  
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**Mr Sandton City reflects on a life of achievement**

WOLF Cesman, also known as Mr Sandton City and the father of the Eastgate mall, was honoured recently with a South African Council of Shopping Centres Pioneer Award  
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**NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS**

**CSIR's Llewellyn van Wyk to head Commonwealth Association of Architects**

CSIR Building and Construction Technology's Llewellyn van Wyk has been appointed President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), the first time a South African has been appointed to this position. His appointment also marks the first time a South African has held such an office in an international architectural organisation.

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The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 sovereign states, which work together to achieve international goals. The Commonwealth's 1.7 billion people make up 30% of the world's population. The Commonwealth Association of Architects - an association of associations - represents 68 000 architects from 36 Commonwealth countries, ranging from Jamaica in the west; the UK and several countries in Africa to Bangladesh; India, Malaysia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea in the east.  
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### [CSIR's Chrisna du Plessis included in Who's Who](#)



Ms Chrisna du Plessis, research architect and project leader on sustainable development with the CSIR's Building and Construction Technology unit (Boutek) has been elected for inclusion in the 2003 Who's Who in the World edition. Chrisna's inclusion in the publication stems from her wide and extensive role in publishing and public speaking experience on sustainable development. Since she joined the CSIR's Boutek in November 1997, Chrisna has established herself as a highly regarded expert in the field of sustainable development. She is a popular keynote speaker at major international conferences on sustainable building and construction (with 11 keynotes under her belt and counting) and has been a guest lecturer at a number of overseas universities, including Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.  
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**47 days to go before Christmas** - and if you are not sure what to buy for someone special, perhaps local architect, Pieter Mathews's book called ARCHITEXTURE is just the thing. The PIA have stock of this dynamic book for sale at R 228.00 (incl. Vat @ 14%) (currently retailing in the bookshops at R 245.00). Our stocks are limited so please don't delay .. buy the book today!.

A reminder to members that the PIA office will be closed between the 15 December 2003 and 6 January 2004. Should you require documents please order and collect them before the 15th December 2003.

**Greetings to our members : bosses and secretaries** We trust that the bosses will allow the secretaries time off and also possibly pay for their breakfast (only R 40.00 - once a year ?) Seats are limited and you are requested to book before 25th November. Looking forward to receiving your booking on 012 341-3204 / 5.

**ETHICS - Moral concerns are unavoidable in life** The SAACE have sent through an invitation for members to attend a seminar on Tuesday 11 November 2003 @ 12:30 at the Constantia Hotel in Midrand. This practical seminar will inform professionals and others, in the way they think and conduct business when it comes to :

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A REMINDER OF THE PIA'S OWN WEBSITE FOR INTER-MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS, FORUMS, DISCUSSIONS, ETC. [www.pia.org.za](http://www.pia.org.za)

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## SAFCEC NEWS

### [From the Safcec newsletter:](#)

#### **LETTER TO ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

It has been brought to SAFCEC's attention that many local municipalities, in their tender documents and subsequent contract documents, are not requiring contractors to adhere to many of the legislative requirements of the many laws governing the industry.

#### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN CONSTRUCTION HEALTH & SAFETY – UPE**

The University of Port Elizabeth is presenting a four-day certificate programme on construction health and safety from 17 to 20 November 2003

#### **SAFCEC 2004 CALENDARS**

Orders for the 2004 SAFCEC calendars, featuring all the Photographic Competition winners, should be submitted on the attached order form to reach SAFCEC Head Office by absolutely no later than 3 November 2003. [Click here](#) to view the order form.

#### **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.

#### **NORTH BRANCH NEWS**

Some time this week has been allocated to re-constituting the North Branch Client Liaison Sub-Committee and the focus for the remainder of this year will be on meeting with local metro bodies.

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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

[DRC hails US support after Kabila visit](#)

US tries to consolidate peace, set up a new army and resume co-operation with the World Bank and IMF.

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[Guinea-Bissau needs \\$35m in aid](#)

President Henrique Rosa holds talks with Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso.

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[Egypt reports biggest gas find](#)

The gas field recently discovered by US company Apache Corporation has been appraised as the biggest in the country's western desert.

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[RWE makes gas find off Egyptian coast](#)

RWE Dea and partner BP have made another significant gas find in the Mediterranean Sea off Egypt.

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[Brazil president, business leaders visit Mozambique](#)

MAPUTO Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva arrived in Mozambique yesterday during his five-nation African tour aimed partly at rallying support for his campaign against wealthy nations' farm subsidies.

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[\\$2-million reward for Charles Taylor](#)

The United States has included a generous reward for former Liberian president Charles Taylor in its \$87,5-billion special budget for Iraq and Afghanistan.

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 MINING NEWS

[Trans Hex prepared to start second Angolan mine](#)

South African diamond miner Trans Hex is preparing for the start-up of its second alluvial diamond project in Angola, with first production expected towards the end of the year.

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[Harmony sells Kalgold to Aflase](#)

## PC Assistant

## VIRUS OR HOAX?

In case you ever receive an e-mail containing a virus warning please check carefully whether it refers to a real virus or a hoax. Usually e-mail warnings encouraging you to forward the information to all and sundry are hoaxes. You can make sure by visiting the [Virus or Hoax?](#) web site or by visiting the hoax list on [Symantec](#)

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South African miner Harmony Gold, the world's fifth largest gold producer, said at the weekend it had sold its Kalgold operations to Afrikander Lease (Alease) for R275-million.  
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#### [Metorex to extract more value from Barberton buy](#)

South African mid-tier mining company Metorex announced yesterday that the group was pushing ahead with two expansion projects and that it still believed significant value could be extracted from its Barberton Mines acquisition.  
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#### [Mvela poised to become major platinum producer](#)

In line with its strategy to become a major producer of platinum-group elements (PGEs), Mvela Resources has announced that it is in negotiations for the acquisition of a 50% joint venture interest in a significant PGE resource on the eastern limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex.  
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#### [Junior in talks with Anglo on Asian copper-gold target](#)

Australian junior miner Red 5 is moving to expedite a drill programme targeting two outstanding copper-gold and one major copper target delineated at its Siana Gold Project in the Philippines.  
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#### [Copper revival hinges on US demand](#)

The CEO of WMC says that copper prices are unlikely to rise much until sentiment among US consumers for the metal improves.  
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#### [Vedanta plans LSE listing](#)

The planned initial public offering of shares could raise as much as \$700m.  
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#### [Gold Fields raises \\$195m for offshore growth](#)

South African gold miner Gold Fields said today it has issued 15-million new shares to institutional investors at \$13 a share, raising \$195-million for capital spending and offshore growth.  
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#### [Zarara opts for Northridge offer](#)

Zarara Energy's board has decided to accept the outstanding 13 cent per share cash offer to buy out the company from Northridge Field Operations.  
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#### [Gold Fields set to issue shares to fund projects](#)

Johannesburg - Gold Fields hoped to make up to R1.36 billion selling new shares internationally, South Africa's second-largest gold producer said yesterday. The company may offer between 12 million and 15 million new shares, or between 2.5 percent and 3 percent of its issued share capital, to international institutional investors to fund expansion outside South Africa.  
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#### [Angloplat, Mvela in talks over Booyendal](#)

Johannesburg - Anglo American Platinum (Angloplat), the world's biggest platinum producer, is in talks with Mvelaphanda Holdings to form a joint venture to develop the Booyendal platinum deposit in South Africa.  
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### **ProjectPro ...linking vision to reality**

#### **[Project Management Excellence Award Deadline Draws Near](#)**

Entries for the prestigious Project Management Excellence (PME) award 2004, which adjudges the best managed project in South African, close on 30 November 2003.

#### **[Project Management Standard Generating Body \(PMSGB\)](#)**

The Project Management Standards Generating Body holds regular workshops on Saturday mornings north of Johannesburg at Serendipity Lodge.

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

#### **[Dealing with noise in ST schemes](#)**

Probably the most frequently asked question about sectional title living is who decides what is reasonable and what is not, when it comes to noise?

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#### **[Spotlight on: Pinetown](#)**

The demand for homes in the Pinetown area just west of Durban continues to outstrip the supply, and the turnaround time on realistically priced homes is now only about 12 days from date of listing to actual sale.

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#### **[Corporate transferees now more picky](#)**

Corporate relocations to Johannesburg are on the increase – but investors should note that the profile of transferees has changed, as has the type of rental property now most in demand for this purpose.

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#### **[There's financial security in a home loan](#)**

Even if you have cash in hand to buy a property, it is a good idea to register a mortgage bond as a “financial safety net” for the future.

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#### **[Check the small print before you sign on the dotted line](#)**

IT PAYS to do some upfront homework before you buy any property, and investing in a golfing estate is no exception. However, shopping for a home or a stand at a golfing estate is a little different to buying a home in the suburbs.

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#### **[Pam Golding lands management deal for Art Deco gem](#)**

The management contract for Mutual Heights, the Art Deco building in Darling Street being converted to apartments, has been awarded to Pam Golding Sectional Title Administrators, a member of Golding Commercial Properties

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#### ***Tip of the week***

*First home? Can't afford the deposit and up-front costs? JumpStart could include the deposit and transfer fees.*

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## SPECIAL REPORTS

### [Impact of current trends on construction industry participants internationally](#)

Llewellyn van Wyk was the guest speaker at a breakfast meeting of the Pretoria Institute of Architects held earlier this year. His talk, entitled 'Current trends impacting on construction industry participants internationally', examined how emerging international trends were likely to impact on the role of the built environment professions. The presentation was based on research work he is currently undertaking on the role of the built environment professions in enhancing construction industry performance in South Africa.

Download the talk in pdf format:

[Current trends impacting on construction industry participants internationally](#) [File size 143KB]

### [Maintenance: Keeping Your Web Presence Up to Date](#) (Part 5 of 8)

Your finally got your company web site is finished and online. It looked great and you got compliments from almost everyone who drop by.

After a few months the compliments stopped coming. What happened?

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### [Legal issues in project management](#)

As a project manager you are probably finding that your role is increasingly taken up by dealing with legal issues. But are you confident you have the necessary knowledge or training to cover these areas? The RICS Project Management Faculty commissioned the College of Estate Management, together with Dechert, to research into the extent these issues impact on your job.

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### [An Introduction To Project Extranets](#)

This report provides an introduction to extranets, which are being increasingly promoted as the panacea to the industry's communications problems.

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The indicators as on 7 November 2003 11:34		
	This week	01/11/03
Rand/\$	6.8963	6.8963
Rand/£	11.6916	11.6916
Rand/€	7.9878	7.9878
R150	8.38%	8.38%
Gold/oz	\$384.60	\$384.60
Gold Mining	2515.54	2515.54
JSE All Share	9813.94	9813.94

**[Rand takes dip against major units](#)**

Johannesburg - The rand lost against major currencies yesterday as the Bank of England raised interest rates and further signs of a strong US economic recovery emerged. The Bank of England became the first of the world's top four central banks to hike rates to curb consumer debt and cool house-price inflation.

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The SA Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession has granted special bonus points for professionals participating in the ICEC 2004 Congress in Cape Town in April 2004

- o Attendance at the Congress 50 + 10 bonus points = 60 points
- o Attendance at a half-day Workshop 10 + 5 bonus points = 15 points
- o Attendance at a full-day Workshop 20 + 10 bonus points = 30 points
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South African mining companies warned yesterday that a buoyant local currency was not only putting jobs and earnings at risk, but threatening government plans to put more of the economy in black hands.

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**[Local spending helps PPC build headline profit 38%](#)**

Pretoria - Stronger-than-anticipated growth in local retail and infrastructure spending assisted PPC, the cement and lime manufacturing company, to report a 38 percent improvement in headline earnings a share to R11.54. PPC, the listed subsidiary of Barloworld, yesterday declared a total dividend of R13.75 for the year to end September.

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**[JSE still looking sunny at noon](#)**

The bright tone on the JSE was maintained during the morning session, with the market moving even higher by midday.

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**Did you hear?****An elderly couple...**

...was getting on in years and losing their memory. So they decide to take a memory course. They take the course and the husband is thrilled; he feels it has changed his life.

Special "early bird" rates are available

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### **[World Bank Procurement Methods and Procedures: The Role of the Quantity Surveyor](#)**

The profession of Quantity Surveying has developed over the years from its origins of being technical measurers and assessors to the Building Industry to the present multi-faceted field of expertise serving cost and procurement management services to an ever increasing array of projects. In a world becoming a 'Global village', driven by spectacular advances in internet, telecommunications, computers and other technologies, the World Bank with 184 member countries, increasingly plays dominant role in procurement methods, by developing standards that are applicable to its funded projects in all member countries. The challenge before the Quantity Surveying profession and indeed all other participating professions is to optimize their opportunities within the set rules and procedures of the procurement process. [Click here](#) to read the full paper presented at the ICEC Region 3 Meeting and Ghana Institution of Surveyors (QS Division) Annual Seminar and Workshop, Accra, Ghana, July 2003

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#### **Hotel Project in Mauritius**

Construction firm based in Mauritius has various posts available for a minimum 1 year contract on a major hotel project in Mauritius required:

6x Site supervisors

2x Quantity Surveyors

2x Planning Engineers

3x Site Engineers

Great salaries on offer with return air tickets company car and medical insurance

#### **Project Manager**

Experienced Project Manager required for a professional firm in Qatar

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

**Dates :**

He and his wife meet their friend on the street and the husband says to him, "Bill, you just have to take this incredible memory course my wife and I just attended, it's fantastic! You won't believe the improvement."

Bill says, "Wow, great, what's the name of the course?"

The man says, "What's the name of that flower? You know the one with the long stem and the thorns?"

"You mean a rose?" his friend replies.

"Yeah, that's it!" answers the man, who then turns to his wife. "Rose, what was the name of that memory course we took?"

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### **One day a first grade teacher...**

...was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home.

She read, "And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'"

The teacher paused and then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?"

One little boy raised his hand and went, "I think he probably said, 'I'll be damned! A talking pig!'"

**11 November – Gauteng**  
**14 November – Durban**  
**17 November – Cape Town**

Event: Lightweight Roof Structures Seminars

Time: 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Information: The Southern Institute of Steel Construction, in conjunction with the International Zinc Association (South Africa) brings you this opportunity to hear more about the use of lightweight roof steelwork from international and local specialists.

Meet the leaders in the lightweight roof structures industry over breakfast and discover the abundant opportunities and options available. These seminars will deal specifically with lightweight cold-formed steel roof trusses, purlins, battens and brandering.

- Structural engineer
- Architect
- Quantity Surveyor
- Town engineer
- Developer
- Builder
- Truss manufacturer

You will miss out if you are not there.

Please click to see the details at: [http://www.saisc.co.za/roof\\_03.htm](http://www.saisc.co.za/roof_03.htm)

Contact: 011 838 1665 info@saisc.co.za

**Date : 17- 18 November 2003**

Event: Project Management Demystified- Introductory

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 17 to 18 November 2003 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 082 557 3119

Contact: Antoinette Monama training@projectpro.co.za

**Date : 17 - 20 November 2003**

Event: D.E.C. COST ENGINEERING

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Focus on Detailed Estimating, Cost Control and Escalation.

Contact: Marié Voogt 011 766 2805 or secretary@ceasa.org.za

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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:

*Brian Alcock - Bennett Fendt and Assoc.*

*Brendan Benson - FGM Construction*

*Gerhard van der Linde - Van Der Linde & Venter Konstruksie*

*Pieter Briers - Student*

**Please note :** Only paid-up members of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors are

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**Bumper Sticker:**

Gene Police: YOU!! Out of the pool!

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“The crime bill passed by the Senate would reinstate the Federal death penalty for certain violent crimes: assassinating the President, hijacking an airliner, and murdering a Government poultry inspector.”

– Knight Ridder News Service

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**Blind Man Reward**

A blind man was standing with his dog in a corner when the dog raised his leg and let rip on his trouser. The man took out a biscuit from his pocket and was about to give the dog the same. Suddenly, he heard a lady saying, "You should not do that. He'll never learn anything if you reward him when he does something like that."

The blind man retorted, "I'm not rewarding him. I'm just trying to find his mouth so that I can kick him in the butt for what he just did".

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**Some thoughts on marriage...**

Marriages are made in heaven. But so again, are thunder and lightning.

A man is incomplete until he is married. After that, he is finished.

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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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