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## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### [Lack of skills hits building sector](#)

WHILE construction companies have hit hard times mainly because of the rand's strength this year, there is growing concern that the industry will not be able to meet demand in a few years.  
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### [Engineers seek empowerment](#)

SA's consulting engineers' association says there is extensive token empowerment in its profession. It was difficult to quantify the extent of it , but it had been employed extensively to procure contracts.  
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### [Training nets broader audience](#)

ABOUT six times as many blacks and women are attending commercial property association Sapoa's property education courses as there were 10 years ago, indicating that the organisation's transformation plans are paying dividends.  
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### [Market boom pushes up rentals](#)

A shortage of land for development is at the root of stiff rent increases, say Cape estate agents  
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### [Resort a hive of activity as investors move in](#)

THE price of property in surfing mecca Jeffreys Bay soared 36% for the year ending June 30 in comparison with figures for the previous 12 months. Local estate agents believe the trend is set to continue.  
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### [Mercantile building has needed facelift](#)

Gordon Verhoef & Krause (Cape) has carried out intricate structural repairs to the 100-year-old Mercantile Building in Hout Street in the city centre.  
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### [Capegate a sign of trust' in SA market](#)

Centre expected to be ready by 2005 Property Reporter THE developers of the R800m Capegate mixed-use development in Brackenfell, Cape Town, say it is another sign of financier confidence in the South African property market.  
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### [Nedbank buys stake in Capegate](#)

Nedbank has bought a stake in the R800 million Capegate mixed use development on the N1 in Brackenfell, another sign of financier bullishness about the South African property market - particularly the retail sector.  
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### [City Lodge gives itself tough act to follow](#)

CAPE TOWN City Lodge Hotels expected to spend about R75m on capital projects in the current financial year, including refurbishment of existing hotels and building two new hotels, it said yesterday.  
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### [ApexHi pays R54m for Johannesburg building](#)

Pretoria - ApexHi, the listed property loan stock company, has acquired 111 Commissioner Street in Johannesburg's central business district from private investors for R54 million.  
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### [High hopes for Newtown plan](#)

JOHANNESBURG Housing Company CEO Taffy Adler said that the new R100m Brickfields residential project in Newtown, Johannesburg, launched yesterday, would see the first high-rise residential buildings erected in the inner city.  
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### [Hillbrow property gems promise brave investors great returns](#)

Hands-on management, long-term commitment could deliver better yields than in northern suburbs  
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### [Buildings improve parking to attract tenants](#)

ADEQUATE parking is vital to attract A-grade tenants to commercial buildings, says Redefine Income Fund CEO Brian Azizollahoff.  
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### [JHI wins Lesotho ministry's portfolio](#)

JHI Real Estate has been awarded a contract to manage the R100m Lesotho finance ministry's property portfolio. The agency has been handling the Lesotho National Development Corporation's R300m property portfolio since 2001.  
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### [State set to inject billions to boost logistics sector](#)

The South African government is putting the final touches to a far-reaching logistics-improvement programme designed to keep pace with export-led demand.  
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### [Another large South African research project mooted](#)

A proposal to conduct a feasibility study for another large-scale scientific project – comparable to the South African Large Telescope and the Square Kilometre Array – has been made to the Department of Science and Technology. If shown to be feasible, the proposed project promises to bring numerous direct benefits in terms of scientific research, technology development and manufacturing, as well as international prestige, to South Africa, says Necsra radiation instrumentation engineer Tony Joel.  
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### [R150m water-treatment project proposed](#)

Due to an increase in housing development, there is a need to increase capacity in wastewater treatment, observes East Rand Water Care Company (Erwat) development executive manager Koos Wilken.  
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### [Limpopo ferrochrome furnace is 50% complete](#)

Johannesburg smelting technology and equipment specialist Pyromet Technologies has reached the halfway mark on a contract awarded to design, construct and commission an additional submerged-arc furnace at ASA Metals, in Steelpoort, in the Limpopo Province.

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[Powder-coating plant specialist designs a new curing oven](#)

Over the past two years, Foster Thermal has installed a number of powder-coating plants designed for the coating, curing and cooling of heavy engine blocks, ranging in weight from 75 kg to 320 kg.

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[R28-m met plant modernisation](#)

A R28-million metallurgical plant modernisation and smelter up- grade is under way at the Kloof division of Gold Fields, Mining Weekly can today exclusively report.

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[Valve manufacturer gains from education programme](#)

Valves manufacturing and distributing company, Insamcor, of Edenvale, on the East Rand, has, in the last two years, introduced a skills development programme for its employees.

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[IDC likely to take 12,5% of smelter project at Coega](#)

Industrial zone vital to SA corporation CE Trade and Industry Editor THE Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) is expected to decide this month to take a 12,5% stake in the planned \$2bn aluminium smelter which is expected to be built at Coega.

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[Iscor expected to post record profit of R2bn](#)

Iscor, SA's largest steel producer, is expected to unveil its best set of financial results to date next week.

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[Contrasting strategies](#)

Sappi started its international expansion in the early 1990s, as did Anglo American's unlisted Mondi.

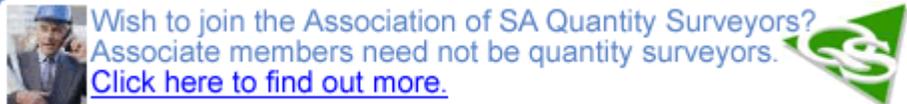
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[Petrol bosses worried about vagueness in law](#)

The South African Petroleum Industry Association has expressed some disquiet over provisions of a law before Parliament.

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

### RETAIL ROUNDUP

#### [Big grocers think small](#)

Wouldn't convenience stores be even more convenient — and profitable — if they sold the same high-quality perishables found in full-size stores?

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#### [Tiso Group hopes to kickstart media consolidation if R1.1bn offer for Nail succeeds](#)

Johannesburg - Empowerment firm Tiso Group hopes to kick-start consolidation in the media sector if it succeeds with a R1.1 billion bid for New Africa Investments Limited (Nail), its chairman says.

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#### [City Lodge profits by providing for traveller demand](#)

Cape Town - Strong demand from business travellers and tourists enabled the City Lodge group to widen its profit margin by 4.9 percentage points in the year to June.

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#### [Retail sector is best performer](#)

THE retail market is the best performing property sector, but this status does not apply across the board, Mariette Warner, head of fund management and securitisation at Standard Bank Properties, says in her listed property report for the third quarter.

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**EASTERN CAPE NEWS**

P E office is now on line with the tender data system. The P E Office will now be process Eastern Cape tenders directly onto the SAFCEC system. Zelda from the Head Office came down to Port Elizabeth to introduce the system to Jane. We look forward to having an up to date system, which will provide us with the tender data, results and awards. We have circulated the municipalities in the eastern part of the Eastern Cape and we hope to have meetings arranged shortly for our proposed visit in early September.  
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**SAFCEC PRESIDENTIAL AWARD**

Members are reminded that each year the President of SAFCEC makes an award for some outstanding achievement by a Member company during the year. The award is made on the personal recommendation of the President but the conditions for consideration are fairly open.  
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**JOHANNESBURG WATER GOLF DAY**

The Engineering Division of Johannesburg Water is holding a Golf Day to raise funds for a much needed children's library in Alexandra. Members are encouraged to support this initiative by enjoying an afternoon of golf with their colleagues or clients.  
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NEWS FROM AFRICA
<p><a href="#">\$53m for Congo basin conservation</a></p> <p>The US plans to invest up to \$53m in the Congo Basin over the next two years to shore up conservation efforts, stamp out illegal logging and poaching, and promote economic development in the region. (©www.bday.co.za)</p> <p><a href="#">Uganda seeks new lifeline for electricity project</a></p> <p>The government is considering deals with several energy groups to prevent a 'panic' following the pullout by US firm from one of the country's most ambitious power projects. (©www.bday.co.za)</p> <p><a href="#">Botswana denies plot to oust Mugabe</a></p> <p>Top US and British government officials allegedly behind a plan to topple the Zimbabwe</p>

VIRUS OR HOAX?
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regime GABORONE Botswana denied yesterday it was involved in plans to topple President Robert Mugabe's government in Zimbabwe.  
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[SA delegation to Angola finds big opportunities for construction](#)

A Cape Town trade mission to Angola has found that there are massive opportunities for local companies in the construction and manufacturing business.  
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[Malawi's tobacco earnings down](#)

Malawi will this year earn \$156m from tobacco, a small drop on last year's export revenue.  
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 **MINING NEWS**

[Bids in for R550m Phakisa project](#)

South African gold-miners Harmony Gold and ARMgold, set to merge next month to create the world's fifth-biggest gold producer, reported this week that tenders for the main contract for the deepening of their Freegold joint venture's Phakisa mine closed on Monday (August 11).  
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[Xstrata tells sick miners to go to court](#)

Former employees of Duiker Exploration dying from mesothelioma may have to take their battle to court, after parent company Xstrata said it would not consider an out of court settlement.  
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[Mining equipment firm to sells US units](#)

Swedish supplier of drilling and excavation machinery Sandvik Mining and Construction has reached an agreement in principle to divest two units in the US.  
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[Continuous operations to create 2 000 Free State jobs](#)

Having reached agreement with labour unions this week, Harmony Gold Mining Company yesterday announced that it would implement continuous operations (conops) at its Free Gold joint venture, in the Free State Province, creating some 2 000 new jobs.  
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[Platinum king to be coronated](#)

The man waiting to be crowned king of South Africa's wealthiest tribe says he plans to use millions of dollars in mineral revenues to build infrastructure and diversify away from platinum.  
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**NEWS FLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS**

**INVITATIONS RECEIVED / REMINDERS OF IMPORTANT DATES**

CPD SEMINAR: Jointly hosted by Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) Gauteng Chapter, SAIA and the PIA : The next Generation of specification systems - what are the options for the SA Construction Industry?? This seminar takes place on Wednesday 3 September 2003 at 14:00 to 17:30 at the Sanlam Auditorium, Conference Centre, University of Pretoria, Lynnwood Road, Pretoria. Registration fee is R 200.00 per delegate and R 30.00 per student. RSVP's are essential and must be done directly with Inge Pieterse (before 27 August 2003) - telephone 012 420 4973 or [ipieterse@postino.up.ac.za](mailto:ipieterse@postino.up.ac.za) (Attached is the final programme of events and presenters).

**NEXT PIA BREAKFAST FORUM:** This is planned for Friday 5 September 2003 at 07:30 and we are pleased to advise that one of our past presidents, Niel Crafford will be addressing the members on Sustainable Tourism Development. Niel's lecture promises to be very interesting and we encourage our members to diarise this date and time - further information will follow next week. Harvey Roofing Products will be the sponsor for this not to be missed forum.

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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### NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

#### [Rate cuts expected to bring back balance](#)

Property market commentators have been quick to applaud this week's 100 point cut in the repo rate, which is already being followed up by the banks and should bring the home loan "base" interest rate to 14,5 percent by Monday.

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#### [Twice a month is not bi-weekly](#)

With the current focus on residential property investment and mortgage interest rates, buyers are increasingly aware of the fact that paying a little extra on their home loan each month can considerably reduce the term of the loan – and the total amount of interest for which they are liable.

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#### [Spotlight on: Westville](#)

Green, grand – and convenient. That's Westville, a leafy Durban suburb that is rapidly being revitalised by "new money", young families and entrepreneurial business.

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#### [Estates gaining favour over clusters](#)

Declining interest rates will increase the affordability of home ownership in family and golfing estates – developments that are already posing a serious challenge to the cluster market.

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

*Select a Standard Bank Home improvement loan that suits your individual requirements - Accessbond; Advance or Readvance.*

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 **SPECIAL REPORTS**

[It's worth challenging 'conventional wisdom'](#)

Sometimes the advice provided by financial advisers is based on "conventional wisdom". But it is often questionable whether such advice is accurate or appropriate.  
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[Invest direct if you want a property gem to polish](#)

Depending on what you do, you can make money by owning property directly, while the value of stock exchange investments are influenced by trends beyond your control. This was the message from Francois Viruly, a property economist, at a recent meeting of the NBS/Independent on Saturday Investors Club in Durban.  
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 **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

The indicators as on 15 August 2003 13:50		
	This week	09/08/03
Rand/\$	7.3350	7.3850
Rand/£	11.7285	11.8387
Rand/€	8.2676	8.3470
R150	8.98%	8.98%
Gold/oz	\$365.10	\$356.70
Gold Mining	2413.10	2181.40
JSE All Share	9042.80	8833.80

[JSE firmer in quiet trade](#)

The JSE was in positive territory in noon trade, helped by a

[NYSE on generators, stocks up](#)

US stocks opened higher in early trading on Friday, with the NYSE running on backup electricity generators.  
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[Companies invited to apply](#)

The Competitiveness Fund has called on companies to apply to it for funding to improve their competitiveness.  
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[FSB urged to stop 'kickbacks'](#)

The Financial Services Board has been urged to investigate and stop the trend of paying "kickbacks" to financial brokers.  
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[Cheers all round for prime-rate cut](#)

Reserve Bank governor Tito Mboweni has cut interest rates by one

slightly weaker rand, a strong close on the Dow overnight and positive US futures  
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percentage point - but you can translate this into thousands.  
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**ASAQS NEWS**

**CPD SEMINAR - PRETORIA  
THE NEXT GENERATION OF SPECIFICATION SYSTEMS -WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS  
FOR THE SA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ?**

DATE AND TIME: 3 September 2003 at 14:00 17:30 (13:30 for 14:00)  
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**DID YOU HEAR ?**

**QS vs Lawyer**

A good-looking lady-QS and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from Joh'burg to Cape Town. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game? The qs, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me R5.00, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me R5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you R500.00." This catches the qs's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The qs doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a R5.00 coin and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay" says the lawyer, "your turn." She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?"

The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone

## CUG HITS THE 1000-MARK

The ASAQS closed user group has hit the 1,000-mark! This means that more than 1,000 quantity surveyors have now registered to gain access to the closed-area of our website which is exclusively maintained for members of ASAQS.

Unfortunately this also means that we have run out of user-accounts for this space which is hosted on a M-Web Business Solutions web-server. We have, for the past two weeks, frantically been busy trying to secure a further block of 500 user-accounts but have run into a wall of ignorance at MWeb. If you have recently applied and not yet been given access to the CUG - please be patient - we will hopefully have this problem solved soon.

### Meetings scheduled for the days Tuesday 19 August 2003 to Thursday 21 August 2003 in the ASAQS / SACQSP offices in Midrand.

ASAQS EXCO 19/8/03 Tuesday 09H30 - 16H00  
 ASAQS MARKETING/ICEC 19/8/03 Tuesday 16H15 - 18H15  
 ASAQS FINANCE 20/8/03 Wednesday 08H30 - 13h00  
 SACQSP WORKSHOP 20/8/03 Wednesday 14H00 - 18H00  
 SACQSP EXCO 21/8/03 Thursday 10H00 - 16H00

## NEW RATES

New DPW rates for travelling, etc. have just been published in the CUG

## Deadline looming

The Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 made it a legal requirement that all public and private bodies must prepare and submit their Section 14 and Section 51 manuals in terms of the act to the South African Human Rights Commission by 28 February 2003. (Now 31 August 2003).

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with his modem and searches the net, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mail to all his friends and co-workers, to no avail.

After half an hour, he wakes the qs, and hands her R500.00. The qs says, "Thank you", and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the qs and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the qs reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer R5.00, and goes back to sleep!

**And following on the qs's question, do you know..**

What has four legs and one arm?

A happy pit bull !

### True-false

A little kid's in school, taking a true-false test and he's flipping a coin. At the end of the test he's flipping the coin again. The teacher says, "What are you doing?" He says, "Checking my answers."

### An architect, an artist and an engineer...

... were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress. The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship. The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there. The engineer said, "I like both."

The other two went, "Both?"

And the engineer said, "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each

### **Zeerust - Game Ranch**

Zeerust Game Ranch 2800 hectar with 1300 head of game

### **Q.S Student**

I am currently a fourth year BSc(Q.S) student at the University of the Witwatersrand. I am seeking employment for next year, both locally or internationally. An updated c.v will me e-mailed if required.

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### **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)

27 August 2003 - one day Constantia Conference CentreMidrand Principal Building Agreement

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

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

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

#### **Date : 25-26 August 2003 Durban**

Event: Project Management Demystified - NQF Level 4

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 25 to 26 August 2003 in Durban. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 082 557 3119

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

#### **Date : 25-28 August 2003**

Event: D E E COST ENG AND ESTIMATING

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Focused on Detailed Estimating and Escalation. These skills a must for all Cost Control Professionals. Contact: Marié Voogt 011 766 2805 or [secretary@ceasa.org.za](mailto:secretary@ceasa.org.za)

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

**We currently more applications to the join the CUG than we have user-accounts for!**

**Please be patient while we try to secure more space.**

**New members to the CUG**

*No new members this 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

assume you are spending time with the other woman, and you can go to the office and get some work done."

We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse.

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

### **Sign at a railroad station**

"Beware! To touch these wires is instant death. Anyone found doing so will be prosecuted."

**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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