

# The Weekend Property and Construction News

Published on behalf of

Weekend 28 / 29 June 2003

**Circulation : exceeds 1,700 subscribers**



The Association of South African  
Quantity Surveyors

Property and Construction related articles featured on the Internet during the past week brought to you by [ASAQS](#).  
Editor: Bert van den Heever  
News specific to the quantity surveying profession is reflected at the bottom of this newsletter. Click on the blue headline if you wish to read the full article on the Internet.

Past issues of this newsletter can be found at [http://www.asaqs.co.za/news/property\\_news.html](http://www.asaqs.co.za/news/property_news.html)

## INDEX

- [Construction and Development News](#)
- [Retail Roundup](#)
- [SAFCEC News](#)
- [News from Africa](#)
- [Mining News](#)
- [News for Estate Agents and Home Owners](#)
- [Property Links](#)
- [The Agent's tool kit](#)
- [Building Terms](#)
- [Special Reports](#)
- [Economic Indicators](#)
- [ASAQS News](#)
- [Did you hear?](#)
- [Update your information](#)
- [Subscribe](#)

## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### [Mixed bag for SA property market](#)

THE nonresidential property market remained under pressure in the first quarter, but glimpses of a recovery were noticed say property economists Rode & Associates in their latest property-market review.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Shifting sands](#)

The SA property industry has begun preparing for an upswing in the market with a round of expansions, resignations and the poaching of senior staff.  
(©www.fm.co.za)

### [JSE sector loses a key person, too](#)

Investors have a growing interest in listed property. Yet they find it difficult to get regular information on the 25 property unit trusts and loan stock companies that form the heart of the JSE's real estate sector.  
(©www.fm.co.za)

### [SA Retail well placed to grow earnings](#)

LISTED property loan stock company SA Retail Properties announced yesterday it was well positioned to increase earnings and market share next year.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Mall liquidators withdraw their demand for 10% commission](#)

THE liquidators of a Randburg shopping complex, who have been engaged in a long running dispute with Nedcor Investment Bank, now Nedbank, over fees, have backed down on their demands for a tariff of 10% of the purchase price...  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Tuscan cluster for the south](#)

BUILDING has started on what is said to be Johannesburg south's first cluster development on the northern portion of the Panorama drive-in. Sole end-user finance rights have been awarded to Bond Choice. Group 4 Properties owner Steve Wall says the Tuscan development, Prima Vista Estates, is a first for the southern suburbs.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Rejuvenation puts sparkle back into Braamfontein](#)

Office occupancy rising as major companies and council support urban project  
(©www.bday.co.za)

## Update your information

First Name:

Your

profession    Quantity Surveyor

We wish to collect the names and professions of our old subscribers in order to personalise our newsletter in the future. All you need to do is submit your name and select your profession... our computers will do the rest!

Subscribe to The Weekend  
Property and Construction  
Newsletter

First Name:

E-mail:

profession

Quantity Surveyor

Your

**Subscribe:**

**Un-subscribe:**

Please make sure that you are  
connected to the Internet before you  
press the GO! button. We value your  
subscription.

### [KwaZulu-Natal offers investors better value](#)

INFRAMAX Developments believes the Cape residential market is not offering investors the same value as KwaZulu-Natal.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Investors reluctant to back hotels](#)

RESEARCH by a Witwatersrand University master of science student has found that investors prefer commercial and industrial property to hotel developments, because of the greater risks involved in investing in hotels.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Affordable housing for unemployed and poor](#)

HOUSING plays a vital role in achieving Ekurhuleni's goal of building communities that are sustainable. Neville Chainee, executive director of housing with Ekurhuleni, says the department focuses on ensuring that residential developments comply with the municipality's integrated development plan.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Artisan alert](#)

Government's ambition to grow SA's manufacturing base risks being stillborn unless the country addresses a worsening skills crisis.  
(©www.fm.co.za)

### [Buoyant Cape market sustains bull run at Spearhead Property](#)

Cape Town - Bucking the trend of recent depressing trading statements, Spearhead Property warned yesterday that its profit for the year to June was likely to be above its own forecasts and the predictions of most analysts and investment consultants.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Beneath Transkei's splendour lies a host of development hurdles](#)

Over the years a lot has been written and said about the importance of tourism to the regeneration of the Transkeian economy.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Securicor Gray takes over security at Century City](#)

Securicor Gray has been appointed to head up security at Century City. Securicor Gray is part of Securicor PLC, an international security solutions business and one of the world's largest providers of security services. It operates in approximately 50 countries.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Muizenberg's facelift pays off](#)

The Muizenberg area, emerging steadily from crime and grime thanks to the efforts of active residents, is enjoying a new lease of life - and being discovered by foreign buyers.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Bank's property unit in empowerment deals](#)

Pretoria - Absa Real Estate Management (REAM), the property services division of Absa Bank, has outsourced its residential valuations department via several black economic empowerment transactions valued at a total of R375 million over the next five years.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Civil sector slows, but big projects could buoy 2004](#)

Despite an expected contraction in the civil engineering industry during 2003 and early 2004, the sector could be set for renewed strong growth in the second half of next year should several large-scale infrastructure projects proceed, a newly released report by the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (Safcec) report states.  
(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [PBMR's Koeberg EIA approved](#)

Director-general of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Dr Crispian Olver yesterday ruled that the environmental-impact of the proposed

pebble-bed modular nuclear reactor (PBMR), at Koeberg, and the manufacturing and transportation of nuclear fuel to and from Pelindaba, was acceptable.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [BEE strategy under fire](#)

The government's Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) strategy came under fire at Parliament on Wednesday, with both business and labour expressing serious concerns.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [East Cape launches development plan](#)

Eastern Cape Premier Makhenkesi Stofile yesterday launched a ten-year provincial growth and development plan (PGDP), at the Good News Church, in King Williams Town.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [South Durban pollution study given go-ahead](#)

Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Rejoice Mabudafhasi, who is responsible for implementation of the multi-point plan, has given the go-ahead for the execution of the health study for the South Durban Basin.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [New head appointed to petroleum body](#)

The South African national committee of the World Petroleum Congress (WPC) announced yesterday that managing director of Afric Energy Resources Zellah Fuphe, was appointed chairperson of the South African chapter of the organisation.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [Big welding wire contract awarded](#)

South African company Arc Engineering announced yesterday that it has received an order valued at R1-million for the supply of 120 t of ESAB wire from Bell Equipment for the welding of truck bodies.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [SA wire industry mulls new export hub](#)

The South African wire industry has mooted the creation of a coastal-based manufacturing hub, tentatively known as 'Wirepark', in a bid to boost value-added wire exports.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [SA defence firms could win Portuguese submarine work](#)

South African defence equipment manufacturers Denel Eloptra and Avitronics could be beneficiaries of the Portuguese Navy's new submarine acquisition programme.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [SA needs new power station investment](#)

South Africa's fast-dwindling peak electricity generation capacity is expected to run out by 2007, and construction of the country's next power station – which should, preferably, be gas-fired – must start before the end of next year, if a major energy crisis is to be averted.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [Supplier park establishes its logistics network](#)

One of the crucial steps in the development of the Automotive Supplier Park (ASP) is the formation of a strong logistics network.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [German research organisation supports supplier park project](#)

German applied re- search and consulting group, the Fraunhofer Institute, has been involved in the development of the local automotive sector since the conception of the Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC) in 1999.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [Automotive industry is a Gauteng growth sector](#)

As the largest manufacturing sector, the automotive industry was selected as a growth area by the Gauteng Provincial Government.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [Major overhaul for Durban port](#)

The Port of Durban has been plagued by delays and criticism of inefficiency in recent times. This will now, hopefully, be a thing of the past, as this busy hub on the Kwazulu-Natal coast has several major capital projects in the pipeline that are designed to increase capacity, and improve sustainability and safety of navigation.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [Transnet seeks key to pension fund crunch](#)

TRANSNET has submitted a report to government on plans to deal with a cash crunch facing one of its newly created pension funds, which could see the stateowned transport group topping up the fund.

(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Cold commissioning set for the end of the year](#)

The underground development of declines is progressing as designed at South Africa's second-largest platinum producer, Impala Platinum's greenfields Marula platinum project, reports group engineering manager Rob Dey.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

### [Company reports 80% project completion](#)

Gauteng-based Concor Engineering reports that it has completed about 80% of the contract awarded to it by Dowding, Reynard & Associates (DRA) for the structural steel, platework fabrication and equipment erection at Impala Platinum's Marula Platinum project, in the Limpopo Province.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)



### [R12m process equipment contract completed](#)

Earlier this month, Outokumpu Technology completed a R12-million contract for the supply of process equipment to the Marula Platinum project.

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)



[Back to Index](#)

	<p>Wish to join the Association of SA Quantity Surveyors? Associate members need not be quantity surveyors. <a href="#">Click here to find out more.</a></p>	
---	--	---

## ★ ASAQS WEBSHOP ★

Visit our new [online Webshop](#) to purchase DOCUMENTS and SOFTWARE online.

### SPECIALS

#### **Norton Antivirus 2000 -**

Just R250,00 per package - limited stock!

**MSFrontpage 2000** upgrade - normal price R1,399-00, yours for only R700,00

**Series 2000 Major Works** - your solution for the preparation of JBCC payment certificates, advice statements, N/S subcontractor notifications and recovery statements - **AT THE INCREDIBLE PRICE OF R565!** Usual price is R995 Unlimited packages available.

## RETAIL ROUNDUP

### [CNA liquidators 'unconsonable'](#)

Cape Town - The liquidators of CNA group, who have charged R21 million in fees, have been accused of being unrealistic and unconscionable in charging exorbitant fees.

(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Netcare's move into Alsi 40 proves medical care is good business](#)

Johannesburg - Doctors are not always known for their entrepreneurial flair, but leading private healthcare provider Network Health Holdings (Netcare) believes it has broken the mould.

(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Department to act against Mr Price](#)

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism said it would take "appropriate legal action" against clothing retailer Mr Price for not adhering to the Plastic Bag Memorandum of Agreement.

(©www.bday.co.za)

### [High interest rates hit consumers' pockets](#)

Johannesburg - High interest rates have squeezed borrowers into the bad books.

(©www.busrep.co.za)



[Back to Index](#)

## BUSINESS INCENTIVES

[Cash Grants](#)  
[Cash Sharing Grants](#)  
[Competitive Enhancement](#)  
[Development Finance](#)  
[Empowerment](#)  
[Export facilitation](#)  
[Human resources](#)  
[Investment incentives](#)  
[Matching grants](#)  
[Sectoral](#)  
[Small, Medium](#)  
[Social Benefit](#)  
[Tax Incentives](#)  
[Technology \(research\)](#)  
[Tourism](#)

(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

[Government Tender Bulletin](#)  
[Trade by Industry](#)  
[SA Business Brief](#)  
[Worldwide telephone directories](#)

### **ProjectPro ...linking vision to reality**

ProjectPro® is a South African based organization that specialises in the field of project management.

[Visit ProjectPro® today](#)

## SAFCEC NEWS

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

#### **CONTRACTS CLAIMS COURSE**

SAFCEC will present a one-day course on Contract Claims on Wednesday, 16th July 2003, in Construction Centre, 12 Skeen Boulevard, Bedfordview, 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; Differences in interpretation of contract documents;;

Treatment of claims in terms of GCC90, the new FIDIC, NEC, etc;

Claim procedures; Importance of time restrictions; Formulation of a claim; Rights and responsibilities of the Employer, the Engineer and the

Contractor;  
 Quantification of claims in terms of time and money;  
 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, who presented the SAFCEC FIDIC Contract Course in March this year, will present the course.

The cost of the course is a bargain R800, plus VAT, and includes course notes and lunch. Contact SAFCEC on 011- 455-1700.  
 (@www.safcec.org.za)

 [Back to Index](#)

VISIT SAFCEC
Sixty three years constitute two generations. <a href="#">The South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors</a> 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 <a href="#">click here</a>

 NEWS FROM AFRICA
--

[Kenya welcomes lifting British airline ban](#)

President Mwai Kibaki has welcomed Britain's decision to partly lift its ban on flights to Kenya, saying 'it will improve our damaged tourism sector'.  
 (@www.bday.co.za)

[Morocco expects 7% economic growth](#)

The economy will grow by 7.4% this year thanks to improved results in the agriculture, building and public works sectors.  
 (@www.bday.co.za)

[Kenya to receive \\$110m in loans, grant](#)

The World Bank is to give Kenya over \$110m in loans and a grant to finance development in the country.  
 (@www.bday.co.za)

[Sub-Saharan Africa needs more help](#)

A senior US senator calls for the expansion of US legislation to bolster US-Africa trade ties.  
 (@www.bday.co.za)

[Metallon gives Zimbabwean investors 30% of gold mine](#)

Johannesburg - Metallon Corporation, the black-controlled mining company headed by mining magnate Mzi Khumalo, has agreed to give the Manyame Consortium, a group of Zimbabwean investors, 30 percent of Independence Gold Mine.  
 (@www.busrep.co.za)

[Mali cotton output seen exceeding forecast](#)

Cotton output in West Africa's biggest producer, Mali, may exceed initial forecasts of 600 000 t for

VIRUS OR HOAX?
----------------

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.

If you suspect that you have opened an e-mail containing a virus visit the virus information section on [Virus or Hoax?](#) The site also links to free virus-removal programs.

[You can also try the BitDefender online virus scanner](#)

FREE ANTI-VIRUS
-----------------

Free Anti-Virus Protection!  
 Use our unique offer - AVG 6.0 Free Edition. Download, install and use AVG 6.0 Anti-Virus system to reliably protect your computer and data free of charge. Go to [Free Download Page](#) to get more information.

PC PITSTOP
------------

At PC Pitstop they will help you get your PC in top form -- running fast, stable and secure. PC Pitstop runs diagnostics on your PC to identify things that might help improve performance.  
[Visit PC Pitstop](#) - it's free.

the 2003-04 season, state cotton firm CMDT said late on Wednesday.  
(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)

#### [Egypt to boost aluminium output by mid-2004](#)

Egypt Aluminium reckons it will finish work on upgrading one of its pot lines by mid-2004, boosting output by 50 000 t a year at the country's sole aluminium producer, an official at the plant's state holding company Metallurgical Industries, said yesterday.  
(©www.engineeringnews.co.za)



[Back to Index](#)



### MINING NEWS

#### [Randgold confident of FTSE index entry in near future](#)

Johannesburg - Randgold Resources would have ample liquidity to make it on to the FTSE 250 index without its principal shareholder, holding company Randgold & Exploration (R&E), having to sell any more of its 45 percent stake in the gold exploration and development company, Roger Kebble said yesterday.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

#### [Implats' R9bn complex is still on wish list](#)

Johannesburg - Impala Platinum (Implats) stressed yesterday that its R9 billion plan to build the mining industry's biggest shaft complex was still just an item on its wish list.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

#### [SA set to study big titanium value-addition project](#)

A public-private initiative is under way to study the creation of a R1-billion titanium beneficiation project for Kwazulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape or the Western Cape.  
(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

#### [Kumba sets 2 mt coal export target](#)

Diversified mining group Kumba Resources will be able to double its coal exports to about two-million tons a year if the planned 50:50 joint venture with empowerment company Eyesizwe Coal to develop an opencast coal-mine at Kalbasfontein, in Mpumalanga, gets off the ground.  
(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

#### [New plant slashes air pollution](#)

The R65-million investment into a sulphur reducing plant by South Africa's second-largest platinum producer, Impala Platinum (Implats), will not only reduce sulphur dioxide emissions, but will also improve the lives of the community, observes North West Ecology Forum chairperson Chris de Bruyn.  
(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

#### [Two compressors and two air receivers for upgrade project](#)

Two 37 kW compressors, two air-dryers with filtration, and two air-receivers will this month be delivered to the Driefontein gold-mine by Intelligent Air Technology company, CompAir South Africa. The contract was awarded in December, and services the mine's need for compressed air.  
(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

### NEWS FLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

#### **IMPORTANT FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM SACAP (Council)**

##### **Invitation : Council Advisory Committees:**

The council intends to establish small advisory committees in each region (± 3 persons) for the purpose of giving advise to clients / members of the public in connection with contractual problems, as well as to give advice where disputes arise between client and architect and if approached, also be prepared to advise architects; ' to act as an ombudsman capacity'.

The council have confirmed that no remuneration for telephonic advice is contemplated; but if more substantial intervention in a dispute is required then there could be an arrangement for payment with the person requesting the advise. In most cases the enquiry will come to the council and they will then pass it on to a regional committee or individual. Should you wish to be considered for serving on this committee please send a brief cv to the PIA office on or before 11 July 2003.

**Good News :** Tariff of fees: (re-typed from circular received from Martin Knoetze):

"You are aware that the DPW and provincial works departments have not been using the fee scale published in Board Notice 161 of 2001 effective from 1 January 2002 and subsequently amendments to the fee tables. The department has agreed to take the necessary internal departmental action to obtain approval for the use of the fee scale by no later than 31 July 2003. In the interim meetings will be held to deal with issues concerning payment for extended contacts. Arrangements will also be put in place for closer liason between the DPW and council".

#### **AUTODESK**

From 1 July 2003, Autodesk customers in Africa can purchase annual upgrade subscriptions for all major Autodesk products. By renewing your subscription annually, you get every new release, version, and feature enhancement of your licensed Autodesk software, providing a budget-conscious way of ensuring you always use the most current technology. This means:

- Cost-effective preservation of your investment in Autodesk technology.

- No need to seek a capital budget allocation each

**Three feeders provided to gold-mine**

Three FUF 1460 – 400 x 2500 feeders, with variable feed capability, were supplied by Joest to the Driefontein mine, in the North West Province, in October last year. The feeders are vibrating pan-feeders driven by twin-unbalanced motors, running in opposite directions to achieve a linear vibration with a large stroke.

(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

**Steelwork at Driefontein scheduled to be completed later this month**

Builder of industrial plants Koch South Africa is on track to complete the steelwork at the Driefontein mine, close to Carletonville, later this month.

(©www.miningweekly.co.za)

 [Back to Index](#)

time a software upgrade is required.  
 - Subscription payments become a normal operating expense.

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE (CPD)**

For those who missed out attending this course hosted by the PIA, the Gauteng Institute of Architects will be presenting the course on Friday 5 September 2003. For further information please contact Catrina on (011) 486-0684 or e-mail [gifa.pia@saia.org.za](mailto:gifa.pia@saia.org.za)

**Thanks to the PIA for the information drop them a note at [admin.pia@saia.org.za](mailto:admin.pia@saia.org.za)  
 A REMINDER OF THE PIA'S OWN WEBSITE FOR INTER-MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS, FORUMS, DISCUSSIONS, ETC. [www.pia.org.za](http://www.pia.org.za)**

**→ PROPERTY FEASIBILITY & VALUATION**




KWIKfeas facilitates the preparation of financial feasibility studies for property developments. The application dramatically reduces the time required in preparing, assessing or fine-tuning the feasibility of a new development and offers a professional presentation incorporating cash flows, graphs and reports presented in a format which can be modified to suit your image and needs. This product is an invaluable tool for property developers, financial institutions, quantity surveyors, architects, project managers, property administrators and agents.

[Click here to view brochure](#) Phone +27(0)11 442-2184 for more details  
[Click here to purchase KwikFeas Online in our Webshop](#)

**NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS**

**Keeping a cool head over hot water**

The hot water installation in a sectional title (ST) scheme is the single exception to the general rule that a section owner is responsible for anything situated within the section and the body corporate is responsible for anything situated on the common property.

(©www.property24.co.za)

**Greyton welcomes retirees**

The picturesque village of Greyton has long been popular as a weekend retreat for Capetonians, and should shortly also begin attracting retirees from around the country.


(©www.property24.co.za)

**South Coast 'not just for holidays'**

With the winter school holidays under way, the thoughts of many in the hinterland are turning to the warm KwaZulu-Natal South Coast for a break away from the chill, and local agents are expecting a surge in holiday home purchasing as numbers of upcountry visitors decide to make this their regular vacation destination.

(©www.property24.co.za)

THE AGENTS TOOLKIT
<a href="#">Homeloan Calculator</a>
<a href="#">Transfer Fees Guide</a>
<a href="#">Bond Registration Costs Guide</a>
<a href="#">Contract for Housing and Minor Works</a>
<a href="#">Contract for the sale of a house</a>
<a href="#">Checklist for Moving Home</a>
<a href="#">Homebuyer's Checklist</a>
<a href="#">Homeseller's Guide</a>
<a href="#">Capital Gains Tax</a>

 **Get free issues of the Property Professional Online**

National newsletter by Rodney Hayter, News Editor of The Property Professional Magazine.  
**One voice for Property.**

Click on the link below which will open your e-mail client, insert SUBSCRIBE in the subject line and pop it off to Rodney



**Tip of the week**

If you don't have enough finance under your current loan, get a second bond to turn your home into your dream home.

(©www.property24.co.za)



[Back to Index](#)

PROPERTY LINKS	
<a href="#">Property24 real estate price indicator</a>	<a href="#">Residential property market 1q2003</a> 
<a href="#">Building statistics</a>	<a href="#">Home loan market share</a>
<a href="#">Household debt</a>	<a href="#">Survey of average monthly earnings</a>
<a href="#">National nominal flat rental growth</a>	<a href="#">Tourism and migration</a>
<a href="#">Calculators</a>	<a href="#">Transfer costs</a>
<a href="#">Transfer statistics</a>	 You will require the FREE Acrobat reader to enable you to read reports in this newsletter published in .PDF format
<a href="#">Consumer Advice</a>	
<b>BUILDING TERMS</b> Don't know your architraves from your dados? How about your flaunchings and transoms? <a href="#">GET TO GRIPS WITH BUILDING TERMS</a>	<b>REAL ESTATE TERMS</b> What is your cooling off right? What is an escape clause and when is something sold "voetstoots"? <a href="#">Get to grips with terms used in property sales agreements here.</a>



SPECIAL REPORTS
<p><a href="#">Executives want to make better use of the masses of data in their organisations</a></p> <p>One of the fastest-growing sectors of the business software application market is business intelligence (BI) software. This reflects executives' desire to make better use of the data that sits on the computers in their organisations</p> <p>Also read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">The building-block concept helps companies save</a></li> <li><a href="#">Keeping track of clients</a></li> <li><a href="#">A bird's-eye view helps management perform</a></li> <li><a href="#">Taking the pain out of contracts</a></li> </ul> <p>(©www.fm.co.za)</p> <p><b>Franc Brugman</b></p> <p>If the pyramids had been built in the heart of Sandton in the latter part of the 20th Century Franc Brugman would have been the Project Architect in charge ... <a href="#">Read more...</a></p> <p>(©www.architectafrica.com)</p> <p><b>Gravitational Pull</b></p> <p>Ada Karmi-Melamede talks about making public and private spaces, her construction of plan and section, and the necessity for truth in materials. Interview by Ziva Freiman</p> <p>(©www.architecturemag.com)</p> <p><b>A concrete classic</b></p> <p>Among the many notable commercial and residential structures designed by the very concrete-minded architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the most remarkable...</p>



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 27 June 2003 17:37		
	This week	21/06/03
Rand/\$	7.5900	7.8830
Rand/£	12.5933	13.1099
Rand/€	8.6787	9.1509
R150	9.27%	10.30%
Gold/oz	\$344.00	\$356.60
Gold Mining	2189.00	2442.40
JSE All Share	8303.60	8854.10

### [Rand, precious metals send JSE down](#)

A strong rand and lower precious metals prices saw the JSE close lower for the fifth straight day.  
(©www.bday.co.za)



### [Surging rand wreaks havoc on stocks as producer inflation dives](#)

A surging rand wrought havoc on stocks yesterday, dragging shares down 1.2 percent by the close with rand hedges leading the dive.  
(©www.busrep.co.za)

### [Rand seen testing 7.50/\\$ level](#)

The rand was looking rampant against major currencies, and traders see it testing the 7.50 per dollar.  
(©www.news24.com)

### [Manuel: Avoiding more errors](#)

Trevor Manuel says the government and Stats SA have taken measures to avoid another error in figures.  
(©www.news24.com)

### Breaking News

#### [Fuel prices to rise](#)

Petrol prices will rise by between 19 and 21 cents a litre on Wednesday next week  
(©www.bday.co.za)

## ASAQS NEWS

### [CHANGES TO THE CPD SYSTEM](#)

A number of amendments to the CPD system were made by the SA Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession on 28 March 2003.

The most important amendments are:

+ *Points shall be calculated over a 5-year "rolling" period. For example, at the end of year 6, year 1 shall be discarded and year 6 incorporated giving a total for years 2 - 6*

*Due to a concession granted by the Council, the inaugural period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2005 is effectively a 6 year period. Therefore, in year 7, years 1 + 2 (1999 and 2000) shall fall away as "year 1"*

*The minimum points for each year shall be 25 and the minimum for any 5-year period shall be 200*

+ *Annual submissions in respect of a 12-month period commencing on 1 January and ending on 31 December each year*

*Quantity surveyors will be required to submit documentation on the enclosed form to the QS EduTech Centre annually not later than 28 February each year for the preceding year*

### DID YOU HEAR ?

#### South African Language

Now all you foreigners can understand what South Africans are talking about

AG

This is one of the most useful South African words. Pronounced like the "ach" in the German "achtung" it can be used to start a reply when you are asked a tricky question, as in "Ag, I don't know." Or a sense of resignation "Ag, I'll have some more mieliepap then." It can stand alone too as a signal

+ A quantity surveyor whose name appears on the Council's register on 1 January 1999 will be required to comply with the CPD conditions before 31 December 2005

[For full details visit the CPD section in the Closed User Group on our website.](#)

### **PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT**

All quantity surveying firms practicing in South Africa need to comply with this act by the **31st August 2003**. We have published a guide to the Act in our CUG. The guide will assist you in the preparation of your Section 51 manuals and we also have a link to the manual of a quantity surveying practice who have already submitted their document to the South African Human Rights Commission.

### **PROBLEMS BELOW GROUND**

On most construction projects it is common practice for the employer to arrange usually through the agency of the Architect or Engineer to commission a subsoil survey. In the absence of the results of such a survey it would be difficult to undertake the design with any certainty as to the loadings which could be carried by the subsoil. Once work started if at design stage there was no accurate knowledge of the subsoil conditions a redesign is always a distinct possibility. A reputable specialist is usually appointed to carry out the subsoil survey which is then used in the design process. The survey also proves useful to the contractor in pricing the work as it provides important information as to the likely conditions expected to be encountered. Most subsoil surveys comprise boreholes taken at regular intervals across the site. The closer the boreholes the more accurate the results. However it is often a balance, as the more boreholes there are the more costly the exercise. It is common practice for the tender enquiry documents to include the subsoil survey which is then used by the contractor when preparing the tender. Life is rarely simple and once work commences on site it often becomes clear that the ground conditions encountered are in many respects different from what could be anticipated from a careful inspection of the borehole survey. Delay and extra cost often results leaving the contractor facing contract over-runs and financial losses. A natural reaction is for the contractor to claim that as the employer has provided the borehole information there should without question be an entitlement to an extension of time and reimbursement of the financial losses.

[Now read on....](#)

(©www.jrknowles.co.uk)

Seen on [Classifieds](#)

### **QS in Qatar**

British Firm of Chartered Surveyors require experienced QS to work in their branch office in Qatar. Pre and post contract work. Tax free package.

### **Registered QS**

High profile consulting engineering concern recruiting for degreed candidate with +- 5 yrs exp to take full QS responsibilities mainly for civil and building work. Professional registration essential.

### **graduate quantity surveyor**

i am a young female,dynamic,flexible and hardworking looking for employment as a graduate

of irritation or of pleasure.

### **KLAP**

Pronounced "klup" - an Afrikaans word meaning smack, whack or spank. If you spend too much time at the movies at exam time, you could end up catching a sharp klap from your pa. In America, that is called child abuse. In South Africa, it is called promoting education.

### **HEY**

Often used at the end of a sentence to emphasise the importance of what has just been said, as in "Jislaaik boet, you're only going to get a lekker klap if you can't find your takkies now, hey ?" It can also stand alone as a question. Instead of saying, "excuse me?" Or "pardon?" when you have not heard something directed at you, you can say "Hey?"

### **ISIT?**

This is a great word in conversations. Derived from the two words "is" and "it", it can be used when you have nothing to contribute if someone tells you at the braai "The Russians will succeed in their bid for capitalism once they adopt a work ethic and respect for private ownership." It is quite appropriate to respond by saying, "Isit?"

### **JISLAAIK**

Pronounced "Yis-like", it is an expression of astonishment. For instance, if someone tells you there are a billion people in China, a suitable comment is "Jislaaik, that's a hang of a lot of people, hey?"

### **DOP**

This word has two basic meanings, one good and one bad. First, the good. A dop is a drink, a cocktail, a sundowner,

quantity surveyor. i believe i can bring a lot to the employer as i prefer exposure to different challenges, and would work as a member of a team as well as by myself. (newcastle upon tyne,UK)

### **P.E summerstrand Property**

Town house needed. any town house that is for sale.3 bedroom, double garage etc

### **Flat for Sale**

3 Bedrooms, bic's, 2 bathrooms, loung/diningroom, double garage, secure complex with a pool Rietfontein, Pretoria R280,000

### **Range Rover 4.6 HSE**

1999 model, silver with grey leather, FSH, full house, immaculate, seat covers, Harmon Kardon sound. 110 000km, new motor only 30 000km R250,000

Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details

### **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 : 10-11 July 2003 Durban**

Event: Project Management Demystified - NQF Level 4

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 10 to 11 July 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 : 1-3 July 2003**

Event: Interim Cost Eng and Estimating

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Interim Cost Engineering and Estimating Course are linked to the American Association ICC Certification which are Internationally accepted by ICEC (International Cost Engineering Council). You may put ICC behind your name after successfully completion of the Certification. ICC qualification are Internationally accepted.

Contact: Marié Voogt [secretary@ceasa.org.za](mailto:secretary@ceasa.org.za)

#### **Date : 7-9 July 2003**

Event: CONCEPTS OF COST ENGINEERING

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Information: Concepts in Cost Engineering and Estimating will teach you the skills and knowledge to start your career in Cost Engineering with confidence.

This basic skills and knowledge are much needed in our Industry.

a noggin. If you are invited over for a dop be careful. It could be one or two sedate drinks or a blast, depending on the company you have fallen in with. Now the bad. To dop is to fail. If you dopped Standard Two (Grade 4) more than once, you probably won't be reading this.

### **JUST NOW**

Contrary to it's apparent meaning, ' just now ' can mean anytime from now right through to the next millennium. Asked to do a job you don't particularly like, you would reply "Ja, I'll do it just now"

### **NOW NOW**

In much of the outside world, this is a comforting phrase "Now, now, don't cry - I'll take you to the bioscope tomorrow." But in South Africa, this phrase means a little sooner than soon. "I'll clean my room now now Ma.", knowing that you will receive a well deserved ' klap ' if you don't do it at once. It is a little more urgent than "just now".

### **BELL**

South African vernacular for telephone call as in "Ja Boet, I'll give you a bell just now " which means phoning anytime from now to eternity.

### **SARMIE**

This is a sandwich. For generations,school children have traded sarmies during lunch breaks. If you are sending kids off to school in the morning, don't give them liver-polony sarmies. They are the toughest to trade.

### **VROT**

Pronounced "frot". A wonderful word which means "rotten" or "putrid" in Afrikaans, it is used by all language

Contact: Marié Voogt secretary@ceasa.org.za

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

**We currently have more than 960 access accounts to the CUG!**

**New members to the CUG**

*Brend Kapp - Rand Water*

*Marcel van Zyl - MvZ Quantity Surveyor*

*Lawrence Ntlhane*

**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](#).



[Back to Index](#)

groups to describe anything they really don't like. Most commonly it describes fruit and vegetables whose shelf-lives have long expired, but a pair of tackies (sneakers) worn a few times too often can be termed "vrot" by unfortunate folk in the same room as the wearer. Also a rugby player who misses important tackles can be said to have played a vrot game- but not to his face because he won't appreciate it. We once saw a movie review with this headline "Slick Flick, Vrot Plot."

**Change of e-mail address?**

Do you wish to continue your subscription to the Weekend Property and Construction News? Then do the following :

- 1- unsubscribe your old e-mail address.
- 2- subscribe using your new e-mail address with our subscription box on the left

**Please Note:**

The Weekend Property and Construction Newsletter is at present only available in HTML format.  
Webmaster ASAQS