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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[Sigcau to crack the whip on property sector's transformation](#)

PUBLIC Works minister Stella Sigcau yesterday launched the property transformation charter process, saying she hoped to have the charter ready by June next year. She gave no details of targets for black involvement in the industry, which has been one of the slowest to change. Sigcau said it was "imperative" the public works department played an active role in the development of the charter because, as a custodian of government's immovable property, the department was a key player in the property sector.

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[Draft procurement regulations published](#)

Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has published new draft regulations that will see the overhaul of municipal procurement processes.

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Readers of these articles may also be interested in : [Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act & Draft Regulations](#)

[Wave of demand hits West Coast](#)

Property fever is sweeping the Cape West Coast with values in some areas virtually doubling month by month.

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[Getting Rich In The City](#)

South Africa's inner cities hold opportunities aplenty for investors with imagination, steady nerves - and a good guidebook.

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[City to tackle plans backlog](#)

CAPE Town mayor Nomaindia Mfeketo has committed herself to reducing the backlog in the approval of building plans in the city. She recently called a meeting after the commercial property association,

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Sapoa, urged the city to tackle the backlog.
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[PPC remains popular, but not with cement buyers](#)

SA's largest cement maker, PPC, illustrated again why investors like it so much. The company declared a 700c final dividend and a whopping 1400c special dividend, continuing its solid payout record.
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[World Cup jobs bonanza depends on early start](#)

DANNY Jordaan, CEO of the SA 2010 Bid Company, said yesterday construction of new stadiums for the 2010 World Cup would have to be completed by December 2007.
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[Building industry outlook glum Aveng](#)

THE short-term outlook for the trading environment for SA's large construction companies remains glum despite government's new R165bn spending plans.
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[Bubble, Boom or Bust?](#)

EVEN though SA property price increases are at record levels, property economists continue to point to a boom rather than bubble phase; and the rate of growth in house prices is now not dissimilar to that of the eighties.
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[Absa sees life in SA's booming property](#)

THE residential property market remains strong with nominal year-on-year growth of 35,4% in house prices last month, according to Absa Bank, SA's biggest home loan lender.
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[Knight Frank woos damsel of the address](#)

ANNE Porter Properties, an estate agency based in Claremont, Cape Town, recently announced an alliance with global property group Knight Frank, which has its head office in London.
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[Funding grows ever more sophisticated](#)

THE launch of SA's first commercial mortgage-backed securities programme on the Bond Exchange of SA by Absa, iFour Properties and Pangbourne sets the stage for a more sophisticated listed property sector when it comes to funding.
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[JHI deal gives Mpande, Phatsima edge over competitors](#)

Khoza, Mashaba to join the board, with task of expanding black shareholding in property company to more than 40% Property Reporter LEADING black businesses Mpande Holdings and Phatsima Industrial have together bought a 35% stake in JHI Real Estate, giving the property services company the jump on many competitors in the race for empowerment credentials.
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[Kenya-South Africa S&T cooperation boosted by 1st Roundtable discussion on infrastructure](#)

The first Kenya-South Africa Roundtable Discussion on S&T Partnerships Related to Infrastructure was held in Nairobi from 31 August to 2 September 2004. The Roundtable was planned as part a

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bilateral agreement signed in Kenya in August 2004 which provides a basis for encouraging cooperation in research between institutions in the two countries.

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[Improving transport accessibility for people with disabilities](#)

The UK's Department for International Development funded a research programme aimed at developing a compendium of guidelines and best practice for improving access and mobility of disabled people in developing countries. A paper by CSIR researchers briefly describes the objectives, methodology and outcome of the research project.

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[A cost-benefit approach to the identification of well-located land for low-income housing development](#)

The CSIR, led by a high-level team from Gauteng province in partnership with African Development Economic Consultants, have produced a cost-benefit model for assessing locality options for delivering sustainable low-income housing development.

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[Building quality index for houses](#)

In a project commissioned by the National Home Builders Registration Council, CSIR Building and Construction Technology has developed the Building quality index for houses, a comprehensive appraisal system to measure quality standards of houses in South Africa.

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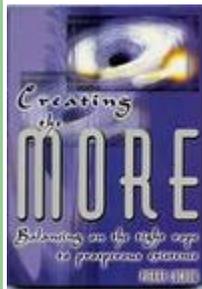
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RETAIL ROUNDUP

[SA retail sales up 10,6% in Aug y/y](#)

South Africa's retail sales - the main indicator of consumer demand - rose by 10,6% year-on-year in August at constant prices, Statistics South Africa said yesterday.
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[Sycom buys 51% of planned Vaal Mall](#)

SYCOM Property Fund, the thirdbiggest property fund in the listed property sector, with a market capitalisation of about R2,2bn, is to purchase a 51% interest in the planned R400m Vaal Mall in Vanderbijlpark.
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[Cashbuild close to empowerment deal](#)

BUILDING materials retailer Cashbuild says it is close to introducing an empowerment partner that may take a 10% holding in the group.
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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

CREATE (Construction Research Education and Training Enterprises)

will be presenting a one day workshop which will cover the New Construction Regulations. Attached please find further information on this workshop planned for Tuesday 16th November at the Indaba Hotel in Johannesburg and Wednesday 17th November 2004 at the CSIR in Pretoria - cost R 750.00. Alternatively you can contact Professor John Smallwood at 041 504 2551 or e-mail createjs@yahoo.co.uk

SANS NEW STANDARD DOCUMENTS

have been published and copies of these new standards are available from the Standards Sales division of the SABS (telephone 428-7911)

SANS 282:2004 Bending dimensions and scheduling of steel reinforcement for concrete (Consolidated

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amendment 5.1)
SANS 1879:2004 Precast concrete suspended slabs (Consolidated amendment 1.1)
SANS 1921-5:2004 Construction and management requirements for works contracts Part 5:
Earthworks activities which are to be performed by hand (Edition 1)

HEALTH FACILITY PROJECT EXHIBITION: SAFHE and CEASA Biennial Conference, April 2005, Sun City

There are many new projects that have been built recently providing innovative solutions for Southern African and African health facilities. As a new feature at its biennial Conferences, the South African Federation of Hospital Engineering (SAFHE) will provide the opportunity for architects and engineers to showcase their work in South Africa and Africa with the broader health planning, design and management community.

The SAFHE and CEASA (Clinical Engineering Association of South Africa) biennial conference and exhibition has become widely recognized in Southern Africa as the focal point for debate on issues impacting on health care service delivery. It attracts a cross section of influential people involved in all facets of health care with a common desire to improve health care facilities and services, reduce cost and provide facilities where needed. Full details of the event can be obtained from the Conference Web site <http://www.sbs.co.za/safhe2005/default.htm> .

Depending on the interest shown and response from practices, provision will be made either in the exhibition area or another suitable venue at the Conference Centre during the SAFHE Conference to be held at Sun City from 13-15 April 2005.

Projects for display can include new or upgrade projects and should illustrate innovative architectural or engineering planning or design solutions. Only health related projects, such as clinics, hospitals, medical research centres, laundries, etc. completed in the last 10 years will be eligible for display.

Further details on the exhibition and illustrations of similar events will be forwarded on receipt of an indication of interest to Geoff Abbott at gabbott@csir.co.za In order to facilitate arrangements with the conference organisers and venue, practices intending to provide material should indicate their interest and the number of panels to be submitted by 30 November 2004.

Thanks to the PIA for some of the information published in this section - drop them a note at admin.pia@saia.org.za
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[Major Project Management Trends in the Next Five Years](#)

Rather than continue to be developed as a separate specialty within organizational management disciplines, the principles and practices of PM will gradually merge with other areas of management and be an important part of every manager's responsibilities, much like financial management is today

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[Greg Balestrero's Project Management Vision](#)

Greg Balestrero, CEO of the Project Management Institute (PMI) based in Philadelphia, USA, visited South Africa recently. Greg held a meeting with ProjectPro's Terry Deacon and other Project Management South Africa (PMSA) stakeholders in Sandton, Gauteng to discuss matters of mutual interest. Thereafter he addressed a PMSA members meeting in Sandton. He also attended the Global Performance Based Standards for Project Management Personnel Project workshop in Cape Town.

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[R30bn golf estate claims development spin-offs](#)

CONDEMNED of late for marginalising poor communities and damaging the environment, a new R3-billion golf course development is to be a core project in a sustainable development model for the Garden Route.

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[Company tenders for tunnelling machine contract](#)

South African company Barloworld Equipment South African company Barloworld Equipment has tendered to supply specialist-tunnelling machines for the R7,5-billion Gautrain rapid rail link project to one of the two tendering consortiums.

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[Port Elizabeth road project completed by year-end](#)

The Nelson Mandela metropolitan municipality appointed Stermele Bosch Africa (SBA), which forms part of the B&A Group, for the design and construction management of asphalt-surfaced streets in Soweto-on-Sea, a township near Port Elizabeth.

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[Gautrain announcement is now set for March](#)

The announcement of the winning bidder for the R7-billion Gautrain has been postponed, from late this year to March next year. This follows as the project is facing stiff opposition from certain communities, most notably in Pretoria.

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[Master planner appointed for new Durban airport](#)

Infrastructure group Africon has been appointed lead consultant to master plan Durban's proposed Dube TradePort, which includes a new-generation international airport.

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PLANNER ENGINEERING

Planner required for contract on site major mine upgrade. Multi-disciplinary programme MS Projects; report to construction manager; prime position for experienced planner with long-term potential.

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NOMINATIONS FOR SAFCEC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nominations are hereby invited from SAFCEC members for suitable persons to serve on the SAFCEC Council for period of 3 years. [Click here](#) for Nomination Form.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

Sustainable Development in the Mining Industry (8-12 November 2004) – CEE Details & Registration Form Attached. [Click here.](#)

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Civil Engineers for the post of Resident Engineer for the construction of the New Mental Health Facility at Kimberley in the Northern Cape.

The first two contracts are for the construction of a section of the Access Road to the 200ha site and the construction of the sewer pump station and 4,1km of pipeline. [Click here](#) for details.

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

[Swaziland opens huge trade facility](#)

THE Swaziland government will, later this month, officially open the first of four major projects it has initiated in Manzini as part of its millennium programme to provide world-class facilities for trade fairs,

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[Nigerian inflation stable](#)

Nigeria's average annual inflation rate remains unchanged despite a public perception that rising fuel prices have sent prices skywards.
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[Experts brainstorm on stabilising Somalia](#)

About 30 experts from the African Union and the European Union are attending the seminar, as well as diplomats posted in Addis Ababa.
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[African ministers discuss water strategies](#)

The 5th General Assembly meeting of African Water Ministers is to discuss challenges faced in water management in the continent.
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[Canada prime minister to visit Sudan](#)

Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin will visit Sudan later this month.
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[Sasol favours Nigeria as it rationalises oil exploration](#)

Sasol would abandon exploration in Equatorial Guinea "in favour of concentrating on its emergent exploration programme in Nigeria", it said yesterday.
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[Zim nabs Econet execs](#)

Five senior officials from Zimbabwe's largest cellphone network, Econet Wireless, have been charged with "externalising foreign currency".
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[First pour for Botswana's largest gold project](#)

SOUTH Africa's northern neighbour Botswana, famous for being the world's largest producer of diamonds, is entering a new gold-mining era.
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[Mali gold-mine turnaround on track](#)

South Africa's largest and most globally diversified gold producer, AngloGold Ashanti reports that the plant expansion at its Morila gold-mine, in Mali, was operating at design capacity by the end of the third quarter, 2004.
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MINING NEWS

[Durban Deep CE moots mega mine](#)

Roodepoort Deep CE Ian Murray has called for pooling of assets to create a mega goldmine in Carletonville.

[Symantec](#)

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[Kebble rakes in a million more as JCI slumps to a R55m loss](#)

Mining boss Brett Kebble received a 44% pay hike to R3,2m from JCI as his company made a R55m loss for the year to March, a sharp dive from profits of R196m the year before.

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[Mines charter roadshow for Europe](#)

Minister Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is planning to go on a roadshow to Europe early next year, to help reassure foreign investors that the SA mining sector is in sound shape.

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[SA diesel volume surged by 9.6%](#)

South African diesel sales volume surged by 9.6% year-on-year in the third quarter 2004 after rising by 7.0% in the second quarter 2004.

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[Welcome move by World Bank in mining projects](#)

THE recent decision by the World Bank to increase investment in mining projects in developing countries, including in Africa, has been well received by industry players in SA.

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[Randgold Resources sales plummet 57%](#)

Johannesburg - London-listed gold company Randgold Resources said yesterday that sales dropped 57 percent to \$39.7 million (R241 million) when compared with the same period last year, after grades at its Morila mine in Mali dropped.

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[Harmony spells out R1.1bn cost saving](#)

Johannesburg - Details of how Harmony planned to cut as much as R1.1 billion out of the cost structure of its hostile bid target, Gold Fields, were given yesterday by Harmony's chief executive, Bernard Swanepoel.

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[Kumba Resources on a R411m expansion trail](#)

Kumba Resources would expand two coal mines in South Africa at a cost of R411 million, the world's fourth-biggest iron ore producer told the JSE Securities Exchange yesterday.

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[R4m control system for platinum-mine](#)

An entire control system valued at about R4- million was supplied to Impala Platinum's Marula platinum-mine, in Limpopo, by Rockwell Automation.

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[Price Growth Tops 30 Percent](#)

The national average house price is now R594 500, or 34,5 percent higher, in nominal terms, than it was a year ago.

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[Is Your Home Undersured?](#)

You're paying insurance for your home and have nothing to be concerned about in the event of a fire, earthquake, flood or other catastrophe - right? Maybe not! The fact is, your home may be significantly under-insured as a result of the increases in property values and building costs in the last four or five years.

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[More Stability Benefits Buyers](#)

The element of stability that has now entered the housing market throughout most of KwaZulu-Natal is a healthy development.

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[Absa pricks property bubble theory](#)

The South African residential property market, according to Absa, has performed particularly strongly in the past few years, with a nominal year-on-year increase of 17,4% in house prices in 2000, followed by further increases of 14,1% in 2001, 15,1% in 2002, 21,5% in 2003 and 31,6% in the first three quarters of 2004.

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[Franchise award for PGP Margate](#)

Pam Golding Properties Margate office, owned by area principal Dina Porteous, was recently presented with an award as a runner-up for Franchisee of the Year, at the KwaZulu-Natal regional Awards for Excellence by the Franchise Association of South Africa.

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[Buyers beware restrictions in Home Owner Associations](#)

Homebuyers who sign offers to purchase new homes in security estates should ensure that they are not signing away some of their rights as property owners at the same time.

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[Century City growth rockets](#)

Allen Usher, MD of newly-formed company Century City Realtors, said Century City is now the fastest growing suburb in Cape Town.

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[Top end of market slowing, middle growing](#)

There is no property bubble that is set to burst, but rather a market that is seeing a slow-down or stabilisation in the top end of the scale with continued growth in the price of mid-range properties.

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[Building prices a headache for developers](#)

Cape property developers are finding it more and more difficult to cost out their projects, especially when these are due for completion some way down the line.

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[Spearhead adds R54m buildings in Tyger Valley](#)

JSE-listed property loan stock company Spearhead has now signed agreements to add buildings worth R54 million to its portfolio and is still well on track to achieve a R1 billion portfolio by the end of 2005.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 6 Nov 2004 10:48		
	This week	30/10/04
Rand/\$	6.1400	6.1000
Rand/£	11.3200	11.1900
Rand/€	7.8900	7.7800
R150	8.54%	8.54%
Gold/oz	\$429.45	\$425.75
Gold Mining	1929.60	1933.70
JSE All Share	12063.10	11661.30

[Bank downplays threat of oil](#)

The Reserve Bank said that low inflation expectations and a strong rand had contained the negative effect of high oil prices on inflation.

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[Bank lifts lid on rates cut](#)

New policy review says a better inflation view motivated the August move and not political pressure.

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[JSE marginally higher on rand](#)

The JSE Securities Exchange started marginally higher due to the weaker tone of the rand and higher global markets with resources leading the way higher.

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[Deficit woes dump on dollar](#)

Analysts say market sentiment towards the dollar has worsened, and the greenback is edging closer to its all-time low of \$1.2929 against the euro, with speculation that market forces may soon drive it to \$1.30.

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[SA investors go offshore](#)

Offshore foreign currency denominated equity funds attracted R2.1bn from South African investors in

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the September quarter.
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[Oil prices fall below \\$49](#)

Oil prices continued their retreat on Friday, showing losses of over 10% from last month's record highs.

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ASAQS NEWS

INGRID IS LEAVING US



After more than seven odd years of service to the Association and Council, the time has come to say farewell to Ingrid Krause, our Receptionist. She has tendered her resignation and will be leaving us at the end of this month. This brings to an end a period during which she has developed a close working relationship with many of our members who have had dealings with her on Reception. We wish her well in her future on the farm and will truly miss her.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 November 2004:

- * ASAQS Finance : 9h00 - 10h00
- * ASAQS Exco : 10h00 - 16h00

Thursday 18 November 2004:

- * No meetings (Egon in Durban for BEPMeds Trustees meeting)

Friday 19 November 2004:

- * ASAQS RICS Liaison : 8h30 - 10h00
- * SACQSP Exco : 10h00 - 16h00

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED THE BLINKING EYE ABOVE THE COMPETITION DETAILS!

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Ice Blonde

A blonde wanted to go ice fishing, so after getting all of the right tools, she headed toward the nearest frozen lake. After getting comfy on her stool she started to cut a circular hole in the ice.

Then from the heavens a voice boomed, "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

Startled, the blonde moved further down the ice, poured a thermos of hot chocolate and started to cut yet another hole in the ice.

The voice boomed, "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

This time quite scared, the blonde moved to the far end of the ice. Then she started another hole and once again the voice said,

"THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The very scared blonde raised her head and said, "Is that you, Lord?"

The voice answered, "NO. IT IS THE MANAGER OF THE ICE

Applications with CV to be forwarded to Renny Moodley on (011) 315 4140 or e-mail asaqs@mweb.co.za by no later than Friday 26 November 2004

ASAQS WEBSITE SETS NEW RECORD

Our predictions that the ASAQS website would set a new record during October proved true when 358,724 hits were recorded from 13,145 visits during which almost 43,588 pages were downloaded!

ASAQS remains by far, one of the most visited South African web sites in the construction industry.

EARN SOME CPD POINTS

...By attending the VP presentation

The dates and organisers are :

Northwest Province - Vryburg - 15 November 2004 - Frank Howard
Mpumalanga - Nelspruit - 23 November 2004 - Corne Vermaak
Northern Province - Pholokwane - 24 November 2004 - Dudley Venner

Members who attend the VP presentation will earn 2 CPD points per hour during their attendance.

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THE PROFESSIONS REGISTER 2005 (1985 – 2005)

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DEADLINES FOR QUANTITY SURVEYORS 2005:

Advertisement Booking Deadline: 15 November 2004.
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The register has been published for the past 19 years and serves as a wonderful platform to showcase projects that have been completed and projects that are still under construction.

The Register will be distributed by the end of January 2005.

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RINK."

Sharing Steak

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger.

Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller; You don't love me any more..."

"Nonsense, darling," replied the husband, "you just cook better now."

10 NEW COURSES AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN

1. The Undiscovered Side of Banking: Making Deposits
2. Bathroom Etiquette: His Razor is His
3. Communication Skills I: Tears - The Last Resort, not the First
4. Communication Skills II: Thinking Before Speaking
5. Communication Skills III: Getting What you Want Without Nagging
6. Telephone Skills: How to Hang Up
7. Classic Clothing: Wearing Outfits You Already Have
8. Oil and Petrol: Your Car Needs Both
9. TV Remotes: For Men Only
10. Getting ready to go out: Start the day before

Please register immediately as courses are expected to be in great demand

[CLASSIFIEDS](#)

PQS - Dubai & Far East

National PQS practice requires a stand alone, registered QS to manage new international offices. Must have B.Sc QS with a minimum of 7 years experience handling general building projects. Exciting opportunity for someone who is looking for a new challenge!

PQS - CAPE TOWN

Our client, a national PQS practice has a position available in their Cape Town office for a PQS with a minimum of 5 years experience on building projects. Must be able to manage projects handling the full QS function.

PQS - Dubai / Singapore

Our client, an international PQS company that also handles Facilities Management has various positions available for Quantity Surveyors with 3-8 years experience. Must have B.Sc QS, prefer RICS and be able to manage projects. Exciting career opportunities exist for the right person.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR WANTED

A suitably qualified QS is required by a PQS office on the East Rand. The candidate will be ideally between 25 and 30 yrs old. Experienced in process plants, general engineering and MS Excel. To start January 2005.

PQS Pretoria

Project Management Firm in Gauteng seeks registered PQS to join dynamic team. Must be proactive and adaptive. Must be able to work to tight deadlines. Min 5 years exp in prof environment. Project management exp would be advantageous.

Registered PQS

Large PQS company in Johannesburg is looking for an AA PQS with min 5 yrs PQS exp to open in Branch in Bloemfontein - must be registered!

PQS Cape Town

Large PQS Company in Johannesburg is urgently looking for a Senior PQS with 8-10 yrs PQS exp for Cape Town - Permanent position. Must have extensive commercial exp.

PQS, India

Large PQS company in Johannesburg is looking for a PQS to work on a 2 yr contract in India. Must have extensive Commercial exp and min 8-10 yrs PQS exp.

Quantity Surveyors KZN

PriceWaterHouseCoopers Appointments is looking to recruit qualified & experienced QS's for our client based in KZN. You will be working on various projects in & around KZN. A strong knowledge of CCS is required coupled with a minimum of 3 years QS experience. You must have worked as fully fledged QS and be able to make independent decisions. Our client is a leader within building & construction, Salary is highly negotiable. In terms of career progression you can't go wrong with this company

Husbands

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma." And they say blondes are dumb...

Did you know?

Ladies wore corsets which would lace up in the front. A tightly tied lace was worn by a proper and dignified lady as in "straight laced."

Shortest Love Story

He asked "Will you marry me?"

She replied "No".

He lived happily ever after.

Blue Sedan

On duty as a customer-service rep for a car-rental company, I took a call from a driver who needed a tow. He was stranded on a busy highway, but he didn't know the make of the car he was driving. I asked again for a more detailed description beyond a "blue, four-door sedan."

"It's the one on fire," he replied.

QUIRKY HEADLINES

[World's cleverest woman can't find a](#)

Quantity Surveyors required CT and International

Busy PQS practice requires qualified Quantity Surveyors with minimum 10yrs experience for Cape Town office and international.

PQS, Durban

Busy PQS practice needs the expertise of a QS with min. 5 years related experience handling general building projects. Must have B.Sc/B-Tech QS and be able to manage projects from start to completion. Excellent career opportunities available!

Senior PQS

BSc/Btech QS. Sound exp. within prof. environ. QS Reg pref. Managing entire projects to final account stage. Great leadership skills ess.

Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details

CALENDAR

Date : 15-16 November 2004

Event: **Project Management Demystified- NQF Level 4**

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 AM

Information: This course will be held from the 15-16 November 2004 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 082 5573119

Contact: [Antoinette Monama](#) (012) 346 6674

Date : 08-11 November 2004

Event: **DEC COST ENG**

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Information: First step to become an International Certified Cost Eng. Focus on Detailed Estimating, Escalation and Cost Control

Contact: [Marié Voogt](#) 011 478 1540

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

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

Francois Slabber - Project Services Group

Lucky Mkhize - Eyethu Engineers cc / SBDS KZN Quantity Surveyors

Tshepo Lebepe - Vaal University of Technology

Nonkululeko Ntshona - Turner and Townsend

Ntlanga Ngandi - UPE

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 Pat Adcock on 011-3154140

Also note that your registration to the CUG will remain in force as long as you remain a member of

[job](#)

A Bulgarian woman rated the world's cleverest wants a British firm to give her a job after spending two years on the dole.

Bulgarian Daniela Simidchieva, a mother of three, has five Masters Degrees and an IQ of almost 200. (©www.ananova.com)

[Insurers advise clients to eat chocolate](#)

A German insurance firm has written to clients urging them to eat more chocolate if they want to cut the risk of heart attacks. (©www.ananova.com)

[Man tried to convert lions to Christianity](#)

A Taiwanese man survived with only minor bite wounds after trying to convert two zoo lions to Christianity. (©www.ananova.com)

[Man swallowed toothbrush](#)

Doctors in India have operated on a man who 'accidentally' swallowed a seven inch toothbrush. (©www.ananova.com)

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A German woman caused £15,000 of damage when she tried to eat a bowl of muesli while driving her car. (©www.ananova.com)

[Farmers use Coke to control pests](#)

Indian farmers are reportedly spraying their cotton and chilli fields with Coca-Cola to protect them from pests. (©www.ananova.com)

[Dog asks for its supper](#)

A talking dog has reportedly been discovered in Russia. (©www.ananova.com)

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