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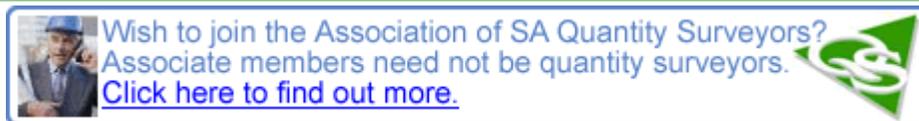
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## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### [Building upswing continues - survey](#)

The overall impression gained from the third quarter business survey conducted in the building industry by the Bureau for Economic Research (BER) is that the upswing in the building cycle is continuing and that it has become more broader based compared to the situation earlier in 2004, the bureau reported yesterday.  
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### [Looming skill shortage may deflate house-building boom](#)

Confidence levels dip from earlier record high, but are still up there if sector can just find the artisans to do the job. BOOMING conditions in the building industry are set to continue this quarter, but fears of a shortage of skilled labour could dampen the sector's outlook , a new survey shows.  
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### [Joint effort launched to train women builders](#)

DURBAN KwaZulu-Natal development finance agency Ithala and the Umgungundlovu Further Education and Training College have joined forces in an initiative to help women seeking a career in the construction industry.  
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### [New neighbourhoods to be one-fifth low-cost housing](#)

CAPE TOWN Residential housing developments will be required to have a 20% low-cost housing component, housing department director-general Mpumi Nxumalo said yesterday.  
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### [New walls in old styles at Heritage Hill](#)

HERITAGE Hill, the residential village being established in Centurion, Gauteng, recorded total sales to the public and developers amounting to more than R107m in the first three days of its launch. The total value of building in the earliest stage of the development is R152m. Heritage Hill is based on urban planning and architectural design inspired by the late 1800s as opposed to foreign themes such as Mediterranean or Tuscan.

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### [Bold plan for inner cities](#)

The current property boom has left the inner cities - and some of the most prime real estate in the country - largely untouched, but now one organisation has formulated a bold plan to revitalise decaying flatlands and increase property values.

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### [Factory revival lifts prospects for growth](#)

Manufacturing production surged 6,8% year on year in August, its strongest growth in 23 months boosted by strong domestic demand and a pick-up in exports.

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### [Industrial property market booms](#)

Each year about R1,7-billion is spent on industrial property planning, with R800-million going towards actual development says Marc Schneider, head of research at e-Prop, a property Internet, research and consulting firm.

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### [Cape Flats to get R300m Moroccan-themed complex](#)

A HUGE R300m mixed-use precinct which will include a shopping mall, residential units and a commercial office component is on the cards for the old Athlone golf course in the Cape Flats. To be called Vangate City, the development is expected to inject new economic life to an area that has long been neglected.

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### [Century City - what a site](#)

CONSTRUCTION is booming at Century City, the mega mixed-use development on the N1, with projects underway and on the drawing board creating well in excess of 14 000 jobs directly and indirectly.

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### [Foreign backers buy into Airport City](#)

The R500-million Airport City development next to Cape Town International Airport has been acquired by an international consortium in partnership with local shareholders who plan to create a world-class industrial business park.

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### [He's no Johnny come lately](#)

Clearly Rabie is now well on top of the property development game in Cape Town. ALMOST 10 years ago Johnny Rabie took well known Cape property development company Rabie Investment Holdings away from the public gaze. After enduring a torrid time on the stock exchange Rabie Investment Holdings delisted from JSE Securities Exchange in December 1994.

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### [Property share prices overshoot](#)

A three-month figure that stands out in the foreign unit trust section is the Marriott Global Real Estate Fund at 7,2% and an even better 14,1% for the year. These numbers trounce all other funds across the many and varied international sectors.

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### [Biggest Property sale ever in Umhlanga / La Lucia Ridge](#)

In the biggest property sale ever in the Umhlanga and La Lucia Ridge nodes, Standard Bank building in Umhlanga New Town Centre has been sold for R32.5-million.

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### [Choice commercial properties come under the hammer](#)

The star attraction will be the venerable 17-storey Schreiner Chambers in the heart of Johannesburg, which could go for anything between R12m and R20m. AUCOR will offer a portfolio of commercial and industrial buildings, with an estimated value of between R50m and R70m, at a multiple auction on October 26 at the Inanda Club, Sandton.

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### [Ceres landmark Belmont Hotel a good investment'](#)

ONE of the oldest landmarks in Ceres, the Belmont Hotel, is to be sold by public auction on November 3 by the Michael James Organisation and is expected to fetch between R7m and R10m.

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### [Mintek studies new R3bn Coega smelter venture](#)

Listing on JSE could provide funding. STATE metals and minerals research body Mintek is working on two different studies for establishing a R3,5bn ferronickel smelter at Coega.

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### [R1,5 billion development planned for Amanzimtoti](#)

The Umbogintwini Golf Course and the Umbogintwini Village, near Amanzimtoti, is set for transformation into an eventual R1,5 billion major retail, commercial and residential development following the sale of the 93 hectare estate by owners AECl to Johannesburg-based Keystone Investments for R60 million.

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#### RETAIL ROUNDUP

### [Vaal Triangle to get its first regional mall](#)

CONSTRUCTION on a new R400m regional mall in the Vaal Triangle is set to begin in October this year. Situated on Barrage Road, Vanderbijlpark, near the central business district, the planned Vaal Mall is expected to address retail shortcomings in the area, which developers say have resulted in about R300m of the local spend moving to other areas.

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### [Upper end of retail sector saturated'](#)

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GROWTH potential in the up- market retail sector is limited, says Pepkor Holdings chairman Christo Wiese, but there are opportunities in the middle market. Wiese told the ninth African Congress of Shopping Centres at the Sandton Convention Centre last week that SA did not have sufficient growth in the number of higherincome consumers to sustain many more of the up-market regional centres.  
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### [Supermarket chains set sights on lucrative township locations](#)

South Africa's townships, for decades synonymous with poverty and violence, are emerging as the new market for supermarket chains hungry for more black shoppers.  
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### [Developers back on the mall track](#)

THOUGH Johannesburg already has a glut of shopping centres, consumers will soon have an even wider choice than before. In Greater Johannesburg alone at least eight new shopping malls are currently under construction or in different planning stages.  
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### [Probe into shopping-centre collapse nears completion](#)

The Engineering Council of South Africa (Ecsa) has almost completed its investigation into the partial collapse at the Kolonnade shopping centre in Pretoria in December 2001. The main supporting girder over the ice rink gave way, injuring 46 people.  
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## NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

### [Architects get short end of the stick](#)

Institute urges designers to unite to prevent property developers taking advantage of the profession. THE South African Institute of Architects says it is encouraging architects to unite and stamp out the practice of working on risk. Working on risk is the practice where developers appoint architects to work on proposals for a development but do not pay them until the scheme goes ahead.  
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### [A Course in using Gypsum for Fire Control](#)

With their inherent fire-resistive properties, gypsum board area separation walls have become the wall systems of choice for an increasing number of townhouses and multifamily housing units. This article addresses the design, functions, and installation of gypsum board area separation walls and roof underlayment in townhouse and apartment construction.

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## PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

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### [Taking the Pulse of Project Management](#)

[New After-hours PMP Workshops from ProjectPro](#)

Many self-proclaimed project management gurus have expressed their opinions regarding the causes of project failure. While these so-called gurus sometimes have insights to share, PCI has gone one-step further. Here, at last, is a careful, on-going research study that accurately assesses project success and failure rates both within corporations and across Project Management Institute chapters.

Experienced project managers are seeking international recognition of their competence by passing the Project Management Professional (PMP) exam. The exam is administered by the Project Management Institute based in the USA, but may be sat at a local South African venue.

Taking the Pulse of Project Management, a PCI Global Survey, presents an overview of initial findings from a one-year survey conducted by PCI global, an international Project Management training and consulting company. The survey was conducted with hundreds of practicing team members and project managers from many of PCI's Fortune 500 clients.

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## ENGINEERING NEWS



### [Construction charter expected to be adopted by mid-2005](#)

South Africa's construction industry is set to adopt a transformation charter as early as June, or at the latest in September, next year.

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### [World Cup to boost construction sector](#)

The 2010 soccer World Cup, which will be hosted by South Africa, will have a significant impact on the country's construction sector. Research conducted by building and construction economists Medium-Term Forecasting Associates (MFA), in Stellenbosch, in the Western Cape, indicates that capital spending on construction works will rise steadily in the next five years and reach an increase of 10% – expressed at constant 2004 prices – by 2007.

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### [Start-date for \\$58m Malawi road project set for 2005](#)

Malawi - The long-awaited African Development Bank (ADB)-funded construction work for Malawi's \$58-million northern Karonga-Chitipa road project will start in August 2005.

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### [SA's Waco concludes R375m UK acquisition](#)

South African-based multinational group Waco International yesterday announced that it has acquired UK firm Interlink Building Services, for R375-million (£31,3-million).

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### [IDT secures R1bn new development business](#)

The Independent Development Trust (IDT) has reported one of its most successful years to date, securing close to R1-billion of new business for itself in the management of government development programmes.

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

#### **SAFCEC/SAACE 2004 CONSTRUCTION CONVENTION**

As announced earlier, the SAFCEC/SAACE 2004 Construction Convention will take place in the Tsitsikamma Conference Centre, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape on Monday, 18th October 2004. The programme will be similar to earlier conventions with golf, or a visit to the Coega Project, on Sunday, a prize giving/welcome cocktail party on Sunday evening, the convention on Monday and a dinner on Monday evening. The SAFCEC Council will meet on Tuesday, 19th October 2004.

#### **Notice of 65th SAFCEC Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given, in terms of clause 6(2) of the SAFCEC Constitution, of the 65th Annual General meeting of SAFCEC to be held at the Tsitsikamma Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth, on Monday 18 October at 17:00. The AGM will be asked to approve the Annual Report, and audited financial statements for the past financial year, elect a Council and office bearers for the Federation, and appoint new auditors for the current financial year.

#### **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**

Short Course in Coal Preparation : Coal Beneficiation Fact or Fancy (11-25 October 2004) – CEE Details & Registration Form Attached. [Click here](#).

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.

### **CETA WORKPLACE SKILLS PLANS SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 29 OCTOBER**

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### **VISIT SAFCEC**

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#### **NEWS FROM AFRICA**

#### **[Nigeria unions call off general strike](#)**

Nigerian unions on Thursday called off a general strike which had jeopardised oil supplies from the world's seventh largest exporter for four days, but threatened more action within weeks unless the government cut fuel prices.

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#### **[Maputo port's 'renaissance' bearing fruit](#)**

#### **VIRUS OR HOAX?**

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More South African citrus is moving through Mozambique's major port of Maputo as new working arrangements and a multimillion-dollar 'renaissance' programme implemented by its new operators begin to bear fruit.

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#### [Zimbabwe's security forces on high alert](#)

Zimbabwean security forces are on high alert ahead of today's expected verdict in the treason trial of opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

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#### [Dlamini-Zuma to lead SA delegation to SADC-EU talks](#)

Foreign Affairs Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma will lead a SA delegation to The Hague for next week's Southern African Development Community-European Union ministerial conference.

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#### [German leader touts for business in rehabilitated Libya](#)

German Chancellor has traveled to Libya on Thursday to add impetus to the former pariah state's transition to democracy and finalise several major business deals.

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#### [UN humanitarian envoy to visit Ethiopia](#)

UN humanitarian envoy Martti Ahtisaari will begin a three-day visit to Ethiopia at the weekend to review progress in 'breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty'.

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#### [French minister promises new era of cooperation with Algeria](#)

France and Algeria are to open a new chapter in their joint fight against terrorism, organised crime and illegal immigration, French Interior Minister Dominique de Villepin said on Tuesday.

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#### [Benin to upgrade road network](#)

TRANSPORTATION, transborder trade and regional integration will receive a boost from roads and rural development projects initiated by the Republic of Benin with the financial support of the African Development Fund (ADF), reports LiquidAfrica.

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#### [Miner awaits bank approval for Zimbabwe gold acquisition](#)

Mining group Mwana Africa has been cleared by the Zimbabwean authorities to go ahead with the acquisition of AngloGold Ashanti's Freda-Rebecca gold-mine, about 100 km north of Harare.

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#### [Fiscal deal the last hurdle for Kenya mineral-sands project](#)

Canadian firm Tiomin is awaiting the finalisation of a fiscal and investment agreement with the Kenyan government before it invests \$138-million in a mineral-sands project in the East African country.

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Johannesburg - In a little more than a month, the R2.5 billion expansion of one the world's greatest gold deposits, South Deep, will be commissioned.  
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**[Anglo says record prices bode well for coal division](#)**

Johannesburg - Anglo American plc, the world's second-largest mining company, said profit at its coal division would rise in the second half from the previous six months after prices climbed to records.  
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**[Metals, minerals output up 1.6% in August](#)**

Johannesburg - South Africa, the world's top producer of precious metals and ferroalloys, said metals and minerals output rose 1.6 percent in August from a year earlier, led by platinum. Gold output fell.  
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**[Price of platinum may surge to \\$1 000 as shortfall widens](#)**

London - Platinum prices might surge to \$1 000 (R6 539) an ounce in the next six to nine months because of a widening shortfall of the metal used in jewellery and pollution-control devices in cars, consultant Virtual Metals said in a report.  
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**[Dressed to impress at last](#)**

Could junior mining house Metorex, described by one analyst as a 'serial underperformer', be about to deliver the goods after years of plodding.  
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**[Solidarity to withdraw Kumba investment](#)**

The trade union Solidarity is to ask the trustees of the Kumba pension fund to withdraw the shareholding of its members in the mining group.  
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**[Oil prices ease marginally](#)**

Oil prices eased marginally in Asian trade but remain within sight of the key 55 dollars a barrel level.  
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**[World oil prices close to record highs approaching \\$55](#)**

World oil prices hovered close to record high points approaching \$55 a barrel on Friday as traders fretted about low inventories of US heating fuel heading into winter in the northern hemisphere.  
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**[Metals halt slide on China, but still vulnerable](#)**

Metal prices rallied in Asia on Friday morning, as unyielding Chinese demand halted a slide that has stripped around 15 percent from the value of copper this week and nearly 8 percent from aluminium.  
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**[Fire costs platinum producer R147m](#)**

South Africa's Northam Platinum said yesterday it has lost R147-million in revenue from a shut mine, due to a fire last month that killed nine workers.

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## NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

### [Keep A Close Watch On Equity](#)

Home equity is not just a paper profit – or sometimes loss - on a property purchase. It is the very basis of the assertion that home ownership builds wealth.

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### [Average Price 'certainly Not' R1,2m](#)

Absa's decision this week to reformulate its definition of "middle market " homes and lift its upper price parameter for properties in this category to R2,2-million – and the miscalculations that followed - have caused a storm in the real estate market.

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### [Read All The Hoa Rules First](#)

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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### [Soweto is a sleeping economic giant](#)

Johannesburg's first black residential area is 100 years old but the sprawling settlement that's so rich in history, culture and ideology is only just beginning to flex its economic muscle.

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### [Legislation seriously hampering supply of new rental stock](#)

One of Durban's leading rental figures has criticised the unintended effect that government legislation is having on the city's residential rental market, particularly its negative impact on would-be investors in the so-called budget market of below R3 000 per month.

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### [Hire a letting agent - and relax !](#)

Whether you're an investor with several properties to let or a homeowner keen to tenant your property while you're away on a work contract, you can simplify the process by hiring a good letting agent.

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### [Property24 website now promoting Homes to Let](#)

Property24, which operates South Africa's leading homes-for-sale website, is now also offering prospective tenants access to the biggest online selection of homes to let.

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### [SA house price growth in September hits 23-year-high](#)

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A nominal year-on-year growth of 33,7% was recorded in house prices in September 2004, according to the latest monthly Absa House Price Index released in Johannesburg today. This was the highest nominal growth in any month since November 1981.

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### [Deed of sale seen as main driver for "secondary market"](#)

Just as the deed of sale contract enabled sales in the lower end of the residential property market in the seventies, so it is likely, in similar fashion, to drive the potentially powerful "secondary market" in the next few years.

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## THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 15 Oct 2004 16:18		
	This week	09/10/04
Rand/\$	<b>6.4500</b>	6.5700
Rand/£	<b>11.6000</b>	11.7900
Rand/€	<b>8.0400</b>	8.1400
R150	<b>8.54%</b>	8.54%
Gold/oz	<b>\$420.65</b>	\$422.32
Gold Mining	<b>2106.10</b>	2204.70
JSE All Share	<b>11797.50</b>	12123.60

### [Markets all but ignore central bank committee's decision to leave repo rate alone](#)

Johannesburg - Markets were more excitable before yesterday's decision by the monetary policy committee (MPC) than afterwards.

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### [Rates on hold until 2005](#)

Johannesburg - Interest rates were kept at 23-year lows yesterday, with Reserve Bank governor Tito Mboweni saying escalating global oil prices and strong domestic demand had stopped the bank cutting rates for the seventh time since June last year.

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### [Tax incentives to boost urban renewal](#)

Cape Town - The treasury yesterday announced accelerated depreciation allowances of up to 20 percent as part of a much-awaited urban renewal tax incentive scheme to revitalise decaying inner cities and provide a job-creating boost to their economies.

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### [JSE lower on rand, world markets](#)

The JSE Securities Exchange South Africa started lower this morning due to the stronger rand and

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lower USmarkets.  
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### [Open book to poverty relief](#)

The goveremnt is to launch a resource book to inform the poor and unemployed about oppourtunities open to them.  
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## ASAQS NEWS

### FROM EGON'S DESK

During this coming week, Patrick Waterson (ASAQS Vice President) and I (ASAQS Executive Director) will be embarking on the Vice Presidents Tour 2004. The tour stars in PE and continues over a period of approximately four weeks. In preparation for same, I have prepared a list of items, with brief explanations, that I will be addressing during these visits to the respective Chapters. This information is very useful and indicates many items that were decided and agreed at the Board and Council meetings.

#### ***The dates and organisers are :***

Eastern Cape - Port Elizabeth - Tuesday 19 October 2004 - Mada Butt  
Western Cape- Cape Town - Wednesday 20 October 2004 - Milne van Leeuwen  
KZN -Durban - Tuesday 26 October 2004 - Indreseen Pillay  
Free State - Bloemfontein - 27 October 2004 - Pieter Kotze  
Northern Cape - Kimberley - 28 October 2004 - Ernest van den Berg  
Northwest Province - Vryburg - 15 November 2004 - Frank Howard  
Mpumalanga - Nelspruit - 23 November 2004 - Corne Vermaak  
Northern Province - Pholokwane - 24 November 2004 - Dudley Venner

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### KWA ZULU NATAL ROADSHOW : 26-27 OCTOBER 2004

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED BY THE KZN CHAPTER OF THE ASAQS AND THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION & TRAINING AUTHORITY (CETA) TO A PRESENTATION REGARDING

How to get your money back from CETA - By Heather Kinghorn (Skills Development Manager, CETA). Heather will be sharing the latest information about new grants, some of which are unlimited.

Take advantage of this golden opportunity to find out how your company can recover more in training grants than it paid in training levies.

### Tailpiece

#### Shark fan

Two Pretoria boys are playing touch rugby when one is attacked by a Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy rips a board off the nearby fence, wedges it down the dog's collar and twists until the dog chokes, lets go and runs off yelping.

A reporter from Beeld sees the incident and rushes over to interview the boy. He starts writing in his notebook: "Bull Fan Saves Friend from Vicious Animal".

"But I'm not a Blue Bull fan," the little hero objects.

"Sorry, since we're in Pretoria I assumed you were," says the reporter, and starts again: "Lions Fan rescues Friend from Horrific Attack".

"I'm not a Lions fan either," the boy responds.

"What? I assumed everyone in Gauteng was either for the Blue Bulls or the Lions. What team do you support?" the reporter asks.

The cost of attending this information is session is R50,00 per person. The dates are

26 October 2004 : DURBAN : 09h00-10h00, KZNIA - 160 Bulwer Road, Berea, Durban

26 October 2004 : PIETERMARITZBURG : 14h00-15h00, Rose Room, Protea Hotel Imperial, 224 Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg

27 October 2004 : RICHARDS BAY : 09h00-10h00, Tugela Room - Richards Bay Hotel, Richards Bay

The hour long sessions on the 26th October will be followed by A PRESENTATION BY THE ASAQS VICE PRESIDENT, MR PATRICK WATERSON

**RSVP:** Urgently to book your seat. Please fax through confirmation to Laura at the offices of Davis Langdon Farrow Laing on Fax No : 031 265 0038 by the close of business on 22nd October 2004. Payment to be settled on the day, at the venue.

[Click here](#) to download the invitation to the CETA information session and/or

[Click here](#) to download the invitation to the ASAQS presentation by the Vice President (free of charge)

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#### **[Our free software this week:](#)**

SpamBayes on Windows

SpamBayes will attempt to classify incoming email messages as 'spam', 'ham' (good, non-spam email) or 'unsure'. This means you can have spam or unsure messages automatically filed away in a different mail folder, where it won't interrupt your email reading. First SpamBayes must be trained by each user to identify spam and ham. Essentially, you show SpamBayes a pile of email that you like (ham) and a pile you don't like (spam). SpamBayes will then analyze the piles for clues as to what makes the spam and ham different. For example; different words, differences in the mailer headers and content style. The system then uses these clues to examine new messages. I have been using this software over the past 6 months with great success - and best of all, it's entirely FREE (Editor)

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#### **[CLASSIFIEDS](#)**

##### **Quantity Surveyor**

ND / BSc (QS). Experience as a measuring Quantity Surveyor. PQS Firm in the Western Cape is urgently looking to fill this permanent or 2 years contact position. You will have 5 – 8 years exp on commercial & residential projects.

##### **Quantity Surveyors**

PQS firm specialising in engineering quantity surveying have vacancies available from January 2005 in their Johannesburg office and on various sites for junior and senior quantity surveyors with experience in civil, structural steelwork, platework, mechanical erection, piping, electrical and instrumentation contracts

##### **QS**

Excellent opportunity for a QS with 5 - 10 years related experience handling commercial, industrial

"I'm a Natal Sharks fan," the boys says.

The reporter starts again: "Sadistic little Rooinek Swine Batters Beloved Family Pet".

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#### **Sweet peaches**

A fruit seller on a corner in Capetown walks up to a car and shouts:

"Perske, Perske!!!! Lekker perske. Net vyf rand vir die laanie."

The guy in the car asks: "Is hulle soet?"

The fruit seller answers: "Ja meneer, kyk hoe stil sit hulle!!"

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#### **Clothing**

Koos and Japie are walking along when they see a sign:

Suits R20.00 each  
Shirts R10.00 each  
Trousers R8.00 per pair

Koos says to his pal. "Hey Japie, Look! We could buy a whole load of those, and when we get back to the Free State, we could make us a fortune!"

"Now listen, when we go into the shop you keep yer mouth shut, eh! Just let me do all the talking and wheeler dealin' stuff, 'cause if they hear our accent, they might try to rip us off. I'll be given them my best Vaalie accent."

They go in and Koos says, "Excuse me sir, I'll take 50 of your fine suits

and upmarket residential projects. Must be able to manage projects from tender to final account stage.

**PQS**

Busy PQS practice needs a B.Sc QS with minimum 3 years related exp. handling either general building or multi-disciplinary projects. Must be task orientated, able to work independently and use own initiative.

**QUANTITY SURVEYOR**

Main contractor has positions available for Quantity Surveyors with 3-10 years experience preferably on housing projects. Must be able to manage projects and handle the full QS function.

**CIVIL QS, UK**

A Contractors Civil QS required for roadwork projects near Heathrow, UK. Responsible as Section QS with 5 - 10 years related roads experience.

**PQS, Dubai**

South African PQS practice with offices in Dubai urgently needs a PQS. Work on exciting projects and be responsible for the full QS function.

**Asst Project Manager, Nigeria**

Project Engineers in Lagos is urgently looking for a Junior Civil Engineer with 1 yrs exp in Practice of Civil Engineering and Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering or 2 yrs exp in Civil Engineering and a related Engineering degree \$5000 p.m plus free lodgin in new 3 bedroom furnished house on Victoria Island, free Cellphone,company car and driver,plane tickets etc Contract is a new residential development 1067 houses,storm water drainage,roads etc \$74 Million project

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**CALENDAR**

**Date : 19-22 October 2004**

Event: ProjectFlow - NQF Level 5 Intermediate

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 AM

Information: This course will be held from the 19-22 October 2004 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 082 5573119

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

**Date : 25-28 October 2004**

Event: **DEC COST ENG**

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Information: First stepping stone to become a Certified Cost Engineer. Focus on Detailed Estimating, Escalation and Cost Control

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

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at R20.00 each, 100 shirts at R10.00 each, and 50 pair of trousers at R8.00 each. And I'll be taking those items with me today, if you don't mind."

The owner of the shop interrupts, "You guys are from the Free State, aren't you?"

"Yeh" says Koos, "how come you know?"

The owner says,"This is the dry-cleaners."

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Mother-in-law  
When you rearrange the letters:  
Woman Hitler

A Decimal Point  
When you rearrange the letters:  
I'm a Dot in Place

Eleven plus two  
When you rearrange the letters:  
Twelve plus one

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**Personal Favour**

A friend of mine who sells air-driven tools was learning a new territory, and in one city a customer offered to "show her the ropes." After visiting various clients, the customer asked her to dinner.

During the meal, he posed a hypothetical question: "If you were given the largest order of your career and then asked for an additional 'personal favour' to close the deal, what would you do?"

"Oh, that's easy," she replied, "I'd subcontract."

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

*New members to be announced next 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

**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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