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## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### [Inflation may put pressure on rentals this year'](#)

PERHAPS the two most important risks facing the property sector, both listed and unlisted, this year are an inflationary environment and poor co-ordination of vacancy marketing by property managers.  
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### [Prices soar in local car capital](#)

UITENHAGE, often referred to as "motor town" or the Detroit of SA, is experiencing a property boom and associated stock shortages, which some attribute to the development of the new deep water port at Coega.  
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### [Coega smelter faces costs challenge, rivals in final sprint](#)

Twin tasks arise out of the takeover of Pechiney by Canada's Alcan group, which is now calling the shots. THE planned \$1,2bn aluminium smelter project at Coega in Eastern Cape will have to pass two major hurdles if it is to be saved, it emerged at the weekend.  
(©www.bday.co.za)

### [Ballet theatre gets set to pirouette into new premises](#)

THE South African Ballet Theatre is getting ready to move into its new home, located at the Johannesburg Civic Theatre in Braamfontein, at the end of this month.  
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### [Development the way into Cape market](#)

Although it carries greater risk, new building projects are often the means of buying where existing supply is limited. A SHORTAGE of good properties for sale is restricting commercial property investment sales in Cape Town and making it difficult for listed property funds to acquire quality properties.  
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### [Seaside sanctuaries](#)

DARIAN FIELDING takes a look at SA's magnificent coastline and the various marina estates it is home to. WITH money pouring into the real estate industry and a growing tendency towards alternative lifestyles, property developers in SA are offering buyers a diverse and innovative range of estates, each marketable to specific demographics.  
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### [Starting out: follow the magic formula](#)

WHY do some new businesses fail while others succeed? Is there a magic formula that needs to be followed to ensure that a new start-up business survives and succeeds? Yes there is, and that is to get it right first time.  
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### [Danes fired up by prospects at Corobrik](#)

Company increases profitability 20%. THE Danish investors who took control of brick maker Corobrik say they are happy with the performance of the company, which is now toying with the idea of expanding its operations.  
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### [Nedbank Property Professional Roadshow 2004](#)

The latest property legislation and its impact on and application to the industry will come under the microscope of leading attorney Johan Muller in his address to estate agents attending the Nedbank Property Professional Roadshow 2004 in Durban on Wednesday March 24.  
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### [Bateman in major empowerment move](#)

In a major development for the transformation of the natural resources industry in South Africa, Bateman has announced the establishment of a black-empowered process engineering and project management company in South Africa.  
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### [More Joburg property to be released for development](#)

The City of Johannesburg Property Company (JPC), working on behalf of its client the City of Joburg, said yesterday it is to release 25 ha of prime Fairland real-estate for development, in northern Johannesburg.  
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### [Work on R11,9-billion Project Turbo kicks off](#)

Civil construction has started on petrochemicals giant Sasol's multibillion-rand Project Turbo, which has been necessitated by a government directive that lead-free petrol and low-sulphur diesel be introduced in South Africa from January 1, 2006.  
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### [20-year hospital revitalisation initiative makes headway](#)

Government is currently in the third year of its hospital revitalisation programme (HRP), which promises to improve the condition of hospitals, the equipment in and management of these hospitals, as well as bringing about the rationalisation of highly-specialised services.

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

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

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### **Mdladlana lays down new Seta landscape policy**

The Sectoral Education and Training Authorities (Setas) have been given until Friday to apply for certificates of renewal as required by the Skills Development Amendment Act.

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### **Equipment continues to ensure safety in drives**

The joint MD of Hübner Giessen, for which Bartec Barlian is the sole agent, Dieter Wulkow, is currently visiting South Africa to inform Bartec about its new product range.

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### **Airport that hopes to be more than a mirage**

La Mercy project is in the final stages of a feasibility study, raising hopes that it may finally get off the ground. PROPOSALS for a new international airport north of Durban have been on the cards for so long, with so little action taken, that many are sceptical it will ever take off.

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### **Rand threatens SA's sunny deal' value tourism**

JOHNNY Clegg summed it up. Standing in his trademark tackies, squinting at a room packed with French celebrities, he confessed: "I never thought I could be here like this, promoting my country. This is the first time la première fois."

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### **Growth factor**

RESIDENTIAL property developments, especially in the coastal regions of SA, continue to provide local and foreign investors with the fastest and most stable returns compared to any other investment currently available.

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### **Makeover for Eskom power plant at Hendrina**

ESKOM's oldest power plant at Hendrina, outside Middelburg in Mpumalanga, is to become a more environmentally friendly facility after a R57m contract was awarded to install cleaning bag filters there.

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### **N2 toll road 'to go ahead'**

The controversial N2 toll road project in the Pondoland region is going ahead, says the National Roads Agency.

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### **Hot property way down south**

HOME seekers are showing intense interest in the tiny Western Cape hamlets of Struisbaai and L'Agulhas, and one local estate agency reports having made more than 100 property sales in the past three months.

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### **Nikki Erasmus'**

AN OUTDOOR phenomenon that has "only just begun" to appear on the Sandton scene has arrived on the corner of Fredman and Benmore. Breath-taking in its scope, it gets

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

the message across, onetime, with maximum effect.  
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### [Rural poor get their say at tribunal](#)

LAND REFORM/Mercia Andrews THE stark reality of the weakness of the state's land reform policy was clearly revealed at this weekend's People's Tribunal on Landlessness and Rural Poverty where 250 rural community leaders came together to hear the findings of the panel of judges.  
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### [London market encouraged by interest from SA](#)

SOUTH African property investors appear to be upbeat about the opportunities available to them in the central London market.  
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### [Dubai aspires to construct more, higher and faster](#)

Top developer plans world's tallest building, and has put up the first six of more than 100 envisaged 40-storey towers.  
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## RETAIL ROUNDUP

### [Summit for global retailers](#)

OLD Mutual Properties MD Ian Watt will chair the Retail Real Estate World Summit being hosted by the International Council of Shopping Centres in Istanbul, Turkey from April 20 to 22 next year.  
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### [Gauteng auto-supply park officially opened](#)

South Africa's Automotive Supplier Park (ASP) at Rosslyn, north-west of Pretoria, was officially opened yesterday by Gauteng Premier Mbhazima Shilowa.  
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PIA CPD COURSE: Invitations to attend this CPD course which takes place on Wednesday 21 April 2004 at the African Window Museum Conference Venue were e-mailed to all on Tuesday. Eyvind Finsen will be the presenter and he will focus on the very important issue of Professional Fees. Costs are R 350.00 for PIA members and R 450.00 for non-members (excl. vat). Contact the PIA office should you require further information and/or registration forms.

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#### SAFCEC NEWS

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#### **WESTERN CAPE NEWS**

##### **Learnerships**

A useful workshop was held at Chebo House on the 25th February on Learnerships. Representatives from the Western Cape Ceta, National Ceta, Cape Technikon, Peninsula Technikon, Wits Technikon, Tjeka Training and SAFCEC attended the workshop. Progress was made regarding level 6 Learnerships (Civil Technician) and as a result of this meeting Level 6 Learnerships are now presented by the Technikons as lead providers and contracts have been signed. Interested parties should contact Anthony Armstrong at 021 976 1110 for further information.

#### **SAICE SEMINARS ON CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT**

SAICE has embarked on a series of seminars on Construction Procurement at various centres around the country. The seminars will focus on the various SANS Standards that deal with procurement in the construction industry, the about to be promulgated CIDB Best Practice Guidelines and the recently promulgated regulations of the Public Finance Management Act. The next seminar is:  
24 March 2004 Westville Hotel, Durban  
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#### **COURSE ON CONTRACT LAW RELATED TO CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION**

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### VISIT SAFCEC

Sixty three years constitute two generations. [The South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors](#) has celebrated over sixty years of being the "midwife" of the development of South Africa. Its members were intimately involved in the creation of the infrastructure that became the envy of our continent. In the same spirit, SAFCEC has prepared itself for the challenges awaiting us in the new millennium.

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#### NEWS FROM AFRICA

##### [Madagascar asks for SA help](#)

South Africa has been asked to provide helicopter aid to Madagascar to help in remote areas hit by a devastating cyclone.  
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##### [Nile Basin states are in Kenya to discuss water treaty](#)

Water ministers from 10 Nile Basin countries met in the Kenyan to draw up a treaty on sharing and managing water resources from the river, officials said.  
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##### [SABMiller, Castel venture into Africa](#)

SABMiller has established two separate joint ventures with the Castel Group in Algeria and Morocco for \$46m.  
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##### [Pan-African parliament inaugurated](#)

The African Union inaugurated a continent-wide parliament at a ceremony on Thursday.  
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##### [German President in talks with Nigeria's Obasanjo](#)

Germany's President Johannes Rau held talks on investment and regional security with his Nigerian counterpart Olusegun Obasanjo on Wednesday  
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##### [Mbeki, king officiate at Lesotho dam](#)

PRESIDENT Thabo Mbeki and Lesotho's King Letsie will officiate at a celebration to mark the completion of the first phase of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project at the Mohale Dam in Lesotho today.  
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##### [Botswana's Bushmen row heats up](#)

A long-running row is heating up over Botswana's Bushmen, made famous by the books and films of Laurens van der Post and fighting to retain ancestral lands in the heart of

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**[SA policy group assists Malawi with mining strategy](#)**

Malawi – South African consulting firm Minerals and Energy Policy Centre is assisting Malawi to develop a mineral policy and strategy, which is meant to facilitate the growth of the country's mining sector by supporting both large- and small-scale mining investment.  
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**[Namibia wants to revise its sales deal with De Beers](#)**

Windhoek - Namibia is moving to renegotiate its sales agreement with De Beers Centenary, its 50-50 partner in the diamond mining giant Namdeb.  
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**[Dams show Africa sharing Mbeki](#)**

THE \$8bn Lesotho Highlands Water Project is proof that Africans can share their resources for the benefit of their countries, says President Thabo Mbeki.  
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 **MINING NEWS**

**[World nickel stocks could fall to low levels](#)**

World nickel stocks are likely to fall to a 'critically' low level by the end of the year, warns Eramet.  
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**[NUM declares dispute at Modikwa mine](#)**

NUM declares a dispute at the Modikwa Platinum mine over wage negotiations, the matter has been referred to the CCMA.  
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**[Oil price surge threatens US economy](#)**

The spike in crude oil prices poses a threat to a fragile US economic recovery by boosting the cost of energy for industry.  
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**[Expect to pay more for petrol](#)**

Motorists are in for another shock at the end of the month with the petrol price reportedly expected to rise by over 20 cents a litre.  
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**[Debswana Diamond sells Anglo stake for R1bn](#)**

Johannesburg - Debswana Diamond, jointly owned by Botswana's government and De Beers, sold half its stake in Anglo American in a transaction valued at £87.2 million (R1 billion), a person familiar with the sale said yesterday.

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### [\*\*Abele minorities get R620m buyout offer\*\*](#)

Johannesburg - Harmony Gold said it would offer R620 million in cash to buy the shares and options it did not already own in Australian company Abele.

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### [\*\*RBM, tribal authorities form mining venture\*\*](#)

Durban - Richards Bay Minerals (RBM), the heavy minerals sand mining company, and two local tribal authorities last week signed an agreement launching a new empowerment mining company, Nozalela Mineral Sands.

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### [\*\*Harmony moves to allay fears of Deelkraal job losses\*\*](#)

Johannesburg - Harmony Gold Mining, which generates more than 90 percent of its operating profit in South Africa, yesterday moved to allay fears that it would retrench about

2 000 employees at its Deelkraal operations if the seven-days-a-week working agreement with unions failed.

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### [\*\*Expansion will create 7 500 mining jobs in five years\*\*](#)

Welkom - Harmony Gold would create 7 500 jobs at its mines by 2009, it said yesterday. The company is spending R3.2 billion on five local gold expansion projects.

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### [\*\*Barplats soars on interest in Implats' stake\*\*](#)

Johannesburg - Shares in Barplats Investments surged 25 percent in intraday trade yesterday on news that Salene Platinum Consortium could pay R389 million for the 83.2 percent stake in the ailing platinum junior owned by Impala Platinum (Implats).

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### [\*\*Implats says Lonmin deal is still on track\*\*](#)

Johannesburg - Impala Platinum (Implats) said yesterday that a deal was on track to sell its stake in the platinum activities of Britain's Lonmin, despite missing a deadline last week.

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### [\*\*De Beers arm ups price of gems for second time this year\*\*](#)

Johannesburg - The Diamond Trading Company (DTC), the rough diamond sales and marketing arm of De Beers, yesterday said that price of rough diamonds would increase 5 percent from Monday.

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### [\*\*To Sierra Leone's war survivors, diamonds are for life\*\*](#)

Koidu, Sierra Leone - Up to his knees in caramel-coloured sludge, Pappy Kallon shakes and rolls his wire screen, stopping only to rake through the mud in search of a sparkling diamond.

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### [\*\*Sexwale hands over R4,1bn to Gold Fields\*\*](#)



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Mvelaphanda Resources (Mvela) chairperson Tokyo Sexwale yesterday handed over a cheque for R4,1-billion to Ian Cockerill, the chief executive of Gold Fields in payment for Mvela receiving a 15% beneficial interest in the South African gold mining and related assets of Gold Fields.

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#### [Coking-coal shortages here to stay – mining giant](#)

Chinese steel production growth – which last year saw it become the first country in history to produce more than 200-million tons in a single year – is leading to a structural shift in the metallurgical coal market, with China moving from being a big exporter to a net importer.

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#### [Harmony Gold expansion to add 500 000 oz](#)

South African Harmony Gold said on Tuesday domestic expansion projects would boost the group's annual four million ounce output by 500 000 oz in five years.

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#### [New barcoding technology for Sasol Mining initiators](#)

Specialist barcoding solution provider Harmonic Group has assisted Sasol Mining Initiators (SMI) in developing a robust scanner that effectively reduces the inherent dangers of working with explosive devices.

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#### [Now tanzanite faces synthetic threat](#)

It is well known that there are, broadly speaking, two types of diamonds sold in the world – those born of Mother Nature, and the other manmade synthetic diamonds.

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#### [Production from new coal-mine expected to begin in May](#)

Coal production at Wakefield Investments' R44-million Middelburg Townlands mine starts in May and should boost the company's sales volumes by more than 600 000 t/y.

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### NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

#### [De Huizemark on franchising recruitment campaign](#)

De Huizemark Countrywide is set on powering its franchising division to another successful year after posting a 115 percent increase in turnover and almost doubling the number of its franchises to 30 offices in 2003.

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#### [Smaller agencies unite in industry training drive](#)

National referral group, National Referral Network (NRN), has called upon small estate agencies to join forces in employing qualified trainers, after being given the green light to do so by the Services Seta.

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### THE AGENTS' TOOLKIT

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

The Sandton suburb of Parkmore, long overshadowed by more fashionable areas such as Morningside and Sandhurst, has now stepped into the spotlight as arising star.

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### [There's a price squeeze on in Potch](#)

Steep increases in property prices have left many potential Potchefstroom home buyers out in the cold – they simply cannot afford them.

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### [How much home loan is right for you?](#)

One of the biggest attractions of an investment in property is the fact that it is relatively easy to gear the purchase – that is, to use someone else's money to cover most of the purchase cost.

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### [Durban first-timers in a tight spot](#)

The plight of first-time buyers in the greater Durban metropolitan area has again come under the spotlight after the results of a survey by a leading property group revealed that entry level property prices in Malvern had hit the R350 000 mark.

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### [Pietermaritzburg's Homenet Ed Patrick relocates its head off](#)

Riding the crest of a property boom, leading Pietermaritzburg estate agency Homenet Ed Patrick has moved its head office to spacious new premises in the revamped Park Lane shopping centre in Commercial Road on the periphery of the CBD.

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### [Homebuyers countering rising prices by alternative home loan](#)

Soaring property market values in Pietermaritzburg over the past two years have given buyers every reason to look beyond the realm of traditional mortgage lenders toward alternative and more cost effective home loan finance, according to SA Home Loans (SAHL) chief executive, Simon Stockley.

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### **Tip of the week**

*Avoid paying occupational rent for longer than necessary by settling transfer duties timeously, which will ensure the bond gets registered quicker.*

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Security gets a lot of ink in newspapers and magazines, but it can be hard for facility executives to get behind the headlines. This report takes a close look at four questions that illustrate the diversity of security challenges — within the organization, nationally and internationally.

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### [PII Chartered surveyors in employment](#)

This leaflet provides professional liability guidance for members. It explains the potential liabilities of employees and recommends steps that may be taken by an individual to limit exposure to personal liability.

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### [The Value of Project Management Training: A Benchmark of Current Business Practices](#)

According to CBP's newest research study, organizations show significant value in implementing project management training. They consistently show moderate to extreme improvement in a variety of business measures, including customer satisfaction, productivity, and cost-schedule-requirements performance. And more than 90% of organizations surveyed showed moderate to extreme improvement in the training participant's on-the-job performance. (PDF format)

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## THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 19 March 2004 10:22		
	This week	13/03/04
Rand/\$	6.6700	6.7700
Rand/£	12.2400	12.2200
Rand/€	8.2600	8.2700
R150	9.38%	8.54%
Gold/oz	411.55\$	395.25\$
Gold Mining	2251.00	2211.59
JSE All Share	10875.50	10753.00

### [Nedcor to raise R5.152bn](#)

Nedcor is to raise R5.152bn in ordinary capital by way of a 100% underwritten



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### [Visa Cards up 43% in South Africa](#)

Visa International branded debit and credit cards increased by a robust 43% with usage on Visa payment cards surpassing R122-billion in 2003.  
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### [JSE drifts weaker in quiet trade](#)

The JSE drifted weaker at the opening today as the market took a breather after rallying yesterday afternoon during the March futures closeout.  
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### [Sellers slam airtime tariffs](#)

Disgruntled cellphone airtime re-sellers have gathered to protest a new tariff structure that they believe will see them going bust.  
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### [Big loss for Aflase](#)

Johannesburg - Marginal gold miner Afrikander Lease (Aflase) on Friday reported a net loss of R410 029 for the year to December 31 2003 compared with a profit of R15 593 before.  
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### [Bonds firmer on steady rand](#)

Johannesburg - Bonds opened a tad firmer on Friday on the back of a steady rand and in the absence of any fresh market moving news.  
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### [Rand steady in quiet market](#)

Johannesburg - The rand was steady against the dollar in early trade on Friday despite a firming in the euro overnight. Currency traders said the market was quiet and expected the rand to remain range bound for the rest of the day.  
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## ASAQS NEWS

### QUICK GUIDE TO JBCC SERIES 2000 DOCUMENTS - MARCH 2004

JBCC documents are compiled in the interests of standardisation and portray the consensus view of the Joint Building Contracts Committee of good practice and an equitable distribution of contractual risk in the building industry. The documentation sets out a clear, balanced and enforceable set of procedures, rights and obligations, which when competently managed and administered, protect the employer, contractor and subcontractors alike. The Series 2000 covers all aspects of contract for most types of building projects and should consequently simplify the administration of building contracts. This quick guide gives a brief overview of each document as well as the latest

## FREE CONTRACTS

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## Did you hear?

Flights never leave from Gate #1 at any terminal in the world.

On a river in the Democratic Republic of Congo: "Take note: When this sign is submerged, the

version available and is available from the [CUG](#).

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## [CLASSIFIEDS](#)

### **Employment Opportunity**

Chauke Quantity Surveyors are looking for a qualified quantity surveyor with one to five years experience to start as soon as possible in our Nelspruit office. Interested parties to submit a comprehensive curriculum vitae with contactable references by e-mail to [hdw@chauke.co.za](mailto:hdw@chauke.co.za) for attention: Barbara van Biljon

### **Quantity Surveyor (Angola)**

30 plus, +-10 years exp.,contracting background, 2 to 5 years in Angola, traveling on single status,Excel and CCS or similar QS package, must have managed contract at least equivalent to ZAR 50 million, prefer some international experience, available 1/5/2004,food allowance USD 550 per month, free shared accommodation,use of shared transport, 50 days leave per annum, 4 return tickets per annum, guaranteed 13th cheque. Salary USD 2500 to USD 3500 tax free

### **DEVELOPMENT COST MANAGER / PRINCIPAL QUANTITY SURVEYOR (TASK GRADE 15)**

**ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY IN DURBAN REQUIRE A REGISTERED QS (PRQS) WITH AT LEAST 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE TO JOIN THEIR ARCHITECTS DEPT. ON A VARIETY OF PROJECTS**

MINIMUM R 180,636.96 PER ANNUM BASIC PLUS :

13TH CHEQUE

MED.AID CONTRIBUTION

25 DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE

HOUSING ALLOWANCE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

GENEROUS PENSION

A CAR ALLOWANCE MAY BE PAID SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

### **QUANTITY SURVEYOR (TASK GRADE 13/14)**

**ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY IN DURBAN REQUIRE A REGISTERED QS (PRQS)WITH AT LEAST 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE TO JOIN THEIR ARCHITECTURAL DEPT. ON A VARIETY OF PROJECTS.**

MINIMUM R 145,909.56 PER ANNUM BASIC PLUS:

13TH CHEQUE

MEDICAL AID CONTRIBUTION

GENEROUS PENSION

25 DAYS ANNUAL LEAVE

HOUSING ALLOWANCE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

A CAR ALLOWANCE MAY BE PAID SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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## [CALENDAR](#)

river is impassable."

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On a poster in Ghana:

"Are you an adult who cannot read? If so, we can help."

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The Standard (Kenya):

"What is all the fuss about?" Weseka Sambu asked a hastily convened news conference at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. "A technical hitch like this could have happened anywhere in the world. You people are not patriots. You just want to cause trouble." Sambu, a spokesman for Kenya Airways, was speaking after the cancellation of a through flight from Kisumu, via Jomo Kenyatta, to Berlin: "The forty-two passengers had boarded the plane ready for take-off, when the pilot noticed one of the tyres was flat. Kenya Airways did not possess a spare tyre, and unfortunately the airport nitrogen canister was empty. A passenger suggested taking the tyre to a petrol station for inflation, but unluckily the jack had gone missing so we couldn't get the wheel off. Our engineers tried heroically to reinflate the tyre with a bicycle pump, but had no luck, and the pilot even blew into the valve with his mouth, but he passed out. "When I announced that the flight had to be abandoned, one of the passengers, Mr Mutu, suddenly struck me about the face with a life-jacket whistle and said we were a national disgrace. I told him he was being ridiculous, and that there was to be another flight in a fortnight. And, in the meantime, he would be able to enjoy the scenery around Kisumu, albeit at his own expense."

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In a maternity ward of a clinic in Tanzania:

"No children allowed!"

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IN PRISON...the guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you.

**Date : 27 March 2004**

Event: **Workshop on Earned Value**

Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Information: David Milne a founder member of CEASA focus on Earned Value and the benefits.

Contact: Marié Voogt elpavo@absamail.co.za

Phone Number: 011 766 2805

**Date : 30 March 2004**

Event: **SAPOA KZN Breakfast Function and AGM**

Nedbank Corporate are sponsoring the breakfast presentation,

***Is the Boom in The South African Residential Property Market Sustainable - Where to From Here?***

Presented by Francois Viruly

Time : 07h00 for 07h30

Venue : Riverside Hotel, Northway, Durban North

Cost : R 85-00 Members R100-00 Non Members

RSVP : Brigitte and Nicky by Wednesday, 24 March 2004

Tel/Fax: 031 2663803 email: sapoa@mweb.co.za

The breakfast and presentation will be followed by the AGM.

**Date : 02 April 2004**

Event: **Construction Regulations seminar**

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 AM

Information: Presented by the legislator. Regulations recently promulgated under the OHS Act. Imposes duties on developers, designers, quantity surveyors, contractors, etc.

Venue: Eskom Covention Centre

Price: R 600,00 per person

Send email or phone to receive more info.

Contact: Mogen Naidu mogendran@webmail.co.za

Phone Number: 011 - 899 2426

**Date : 20 April 2004**

Event: **JBCC PBA Seminar - Durban**

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: Principal Building Agreement Seminar to held at the Johannesburg Country Club - Auckland Park

Contact: Monica Reimers jbcc@mweb.co.za

Phone Number: 011-646-0174

**Date : 20-23 April 2004**

Event: **Intermediate: ProjectFlow NQF Level 5**

Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Information: This course will be held on the 20-23 April 2004 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion. For more info contact Terry Deacon at 0825573119

Contact: Terry Deacon training@projectpro.co.za

AT WORK...you must carry around a security card and open all the doors for yourself.

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Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

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Stock up and save. Limit: one.

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What's an extroverted accountant?

One who looks at your shoes while he's talking to you instead of his own.

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How do you drive a quantity surveyor completely insane?

Tie him to a chair, stand in front of him and fold up a roadmap the wrong way.

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

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What's an auditor?

Someone who arrives after the battle and bayonets all the wounded.

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Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children.

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"Did you ever walk in a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives."

- - Sue Murphy

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"Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student. At least they can find Kuwait."

Phone Number: 0825573119

- - A. Whitney Brown

**Date : 5 May 2004**

Event: **Professional Fees – the basics, the do's and don'ts, and how to ensure payment thereof**

Are you fairly reimbursed for your expertise and efforts?

**Gifa** has pleasure in presenting this half-day SAIA CPD course on Professional Fees to architects, engineers and quantity surveyors. The lecturer is Eyvind Finsen, Architect and Arbitrator, who has been presenting the popular SAIA CPD workshops together with Eugene Barnard and Stan Segal

Duration : 4 hours

Venue: Johannesburg (Specific venue to be finalised depending on number of delegates)

Time : 08:15 – 13:00

Cost : Members R350 (Including members of ASAQS and SAACE)

Non-Members R450

Contact: admin.gifa@saia.org.za

Phone Number: 011 486 0684



### **Property Development Programme (PDP)**

This year PDP will run from 25 July - 7 August 2004. Marketing of PDP and PDP final dinner are proudly sponsored by ABSA.

This intensive two-week course, held at the GSB in Cape Town, is South Africa's premier management programme on property finance, valuation, property law, negotiation, investment, development, marketing and management.

Delegates attending PDP will find their skills and knowledge sharpened not only by the practical instruction and case studies, but also by the interchange of ideas with their course colleagues, resulting in an extended basic knowledge in the principles of property investment, development, marketing and management.

The closing date for PDP applications is 30 March 2004.

For further information please go to [www.sapoa.org.za](http://www.sapoa.org.za) or contact Meg at 011 883 0679 or [ceo@sapoa.org.za](mailto:ceo@sapoa.org.za)

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

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

*Solomon Mavimbela - Solly Mavimbela*

**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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