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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[Top architect likely to spark debate](#)

ONE international speaker expected to stimulate lively debate at the commercial property association Sapoa's annual convention in Cape Town next month is Frank Duffy.
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[Consolidation expected to follow charter](#)

THE proposed property charter will inevitably trigger a long-term consolidation of the commercial property sector. That is the view of Arnold Meyer, the new CE of the Broll Property Group, who says that there are many smaller property managers that cannot conduct significant empowerment transactions.
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[Tricky choice for residential investors](#)

There is more yield to be had in the less popular areas of Johannesburg, but more capital growth in the northern suburbs. RETIRED people wanting to invest in residential property, as well as first-time entrants into the housing market with less disposable cash than established investors, could try to focus on properties with attractive yields in the less popular areas of Johannesburg.
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[Jo'burg residential renters have the upper hand](#)

TENANTS in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg are learning to take advantage of the oversupply of flats. They are putting landlords under pressure by refusing to accept rent increases.
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[Sharing the load](#)

With the wavering popularity of property syndication, DARIAN FIELDING investigates the pros and cons of this method of purchase, as well as all the legal implications.
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[Who offers the whole-in-one?](#)

Out of the myriad golf estates that have sprouted up all over the Cape, which one offers investors

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the best value for money in terms of stand size in relation to price, as well as memberships to the golf courses?

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HANNELIE DIEDERICKS investigates the transformation by a Bloemfontein bachelor of the old stables of his family farm into a home that proudly proclaims Vrystaat! THE original Tempe farm in Rayotn, just outside Bloemfontein, has a colourful history that dates back to 1817, and when you lay eyes on the house that was once the stables, that past comes alive.

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[African oil trade to boost Cape](#)

Ports to be revamped to take advantage of opportunities worth nearly \$6bn. Western Cape is looking to tap into the \$5,9bn construction and consumables market associated with the development of west African oil and gas fields.

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[A magnificent manor](#)

The historic Land-en-Zeezicht Estate, now under new ownership, is soon to become the most prestigious gate village in Somerset West. ATTRACTING intense interest in the Cape property market, the 3,5ha estate's manor house boasts original gables dating as far back as 1845.

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[Sapo's new Durban car terminal may run out of room in 2007](#)

DURBAN South African Port Operations (Sapo) will have to manage its new R100m car terminal carefully after recent projections revealed that the facility could reach capacity in just two years.

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[Eskom acts to close the power gap](#)

SA is to build its first new power station in more than 20 years. FACED with a looming power shortage, SA is to build its first new power station in more than 20 years and urgently bring old generation plants back on line, starting this year.

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[Women get stake in Tolcon contract](#)

IN A deal that could pave the way for women entrepreneurs to partner private-sector companies in infrastructure development deals, Lehumo has announced the acquisition of a stake in a Toll Road Concessionaires (Tolcon) project.

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[R60m project to be completed by September](#)

The North Riding area, in Johannesburg, is currently being upgraded by City Power, president and CEO MK Mohlala tells Engineering News.

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[Economists fear China's property bubble may burst](#)

Beijing - Chinese real estate developers have been pouring money into new investments at a frantic pace, fueling concerns a bubble is already a fact and that a hard landing may be unavoidable.

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[Octodec, Premium confirm property upswing](#)

Pretoria - Proactive leasing and asset management boosted the interim distribution of Octodec Investments, the listed property loan company, by 25.5 percent to 29c a linked unit in the six months to February.

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[No bubble trouble for the super rich as they land in London](#)

London property prices have always been jaw-dropping, even for the people who live there. Now they are breaking out into an orbit all their own.

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[Property industry urged to take note of new legislation](#)

Durban, expected by many to become the new international maritime port of choice within the international trading world in the not-too-distant future, offers the South African property sector great potential for success.

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[Go-ahead Group Snaps Up Space At Jitb](#)

Having been among the first in to showcase homes for sale on DsTV, Chas Everitt International has jumped ahead of competitors once more by becoming the first property group to sign up for permanent space in the new International Trade Bureau (JITB) at the Johannesburg International Airport.

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[Lifestyle Buyers Drain Paarl Property Supply](#)

Wine farms around Paarl are now in short supply – thanks to a sharp increase in the number of purchases recently by South African buyers.

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RETAIL ROUNDUP

[BEE company awarded MTN construction contract](#)

Black economic empowerment company Stocks Building Gauteng has been awarded phase two of the development of the MTN Innovation Centre, in Fairlands, comprising 30 000 m2 of office space, a 2 200 m2 data centre, semi-basement, extensions to the HVAC yard and external parking.

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[Core brands are New Clicks' backbone](#)

Cape Town - Evidence of improved trading vigour at Clicks and Discom, the core brands of New

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Clicks Holdings, has culminated in a healthy 36 percent increase in earnings to R137.8 million in the six months to February.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

Jørn Utzon

[The Architect's Universe](#)

Louisiana Museum
Humlebæk, Denmark

The essence of Jørn Utzon's architecture is a fusion of form and structure inspired by nature and the visual universe of other cultures.

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>> PLANNING AHEAD / DATES TO DIARISE >>

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

28 May 2004: PIA Breakfast Forum: your committee has invited a senior representative from the Tshwane Metropolitan Council to address the architectural profession on the status at the Council and problems experienced with building plan approvals etc. Watch this space for the venue, time etc. !!

11 June 2004: PIA Breakfast Forum: Peter Bold will be addressing members on the Integration of the JBCC suite of documents and their updates. Further details to be made available closer the time.

NB: We appeal to and encourage our members to attend the breakfast forums where not only a wealth of knowledge is obtained but informative manuals and directives are handed out. At our last forum where Graham Winter-Moore spoke on Acoustics, each person who attended went home having enjoyed a great breakfast and with two manuals; all inclusive for R 35.00 per head. Now that is what I call value for money !!

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SAFCEC NEWS

[From the Safcec newsletter:](#)

EAST CAPE NEWS

A successful Occupational Health and Safety Seminar was held in Port Elizabeth on 20th April and at the time of writing on 21st April 2004 in East London. Each venue had two sessions, morning and afternoon, which highlights the increasingly onerous provisions of the Construction Safety Regulations.

EMPLOYMENT IN GHANA

P & D Projects are an Italian group who have extensive interests in Ghana and are looking for staff of all disciplines from foreman upwards including survey, soils and earthworks and concrete engineers etc. One year contracts would initially be offered but could be extended. Payment is in US\$ and tax free. Contact Richard Cooke on cell no. 09233 244 330722 or telephone no. 09233 312 0656 or fax no. 09233 312 0657.

NATIONAL NEGOTIATING FORUM

The Management Committee of the National Negotiating Forum met on 20 April 2004. Visit the [Safcec newsletter](#) to see the issues that were discussed.

COEFFICIENTS FOR USE IN THE CPAF

The CPAF allows for coefficients, a, b, c and d that are deemed to be the proportionate value of labour, plant, materials and fuel respectively, of the works. It has come to SAFCEC's attention that in some tenders/contracts, the coefficients specified are entirely inappropriate for the type of work carried out and the contractor is being under compensated as a result. [Click here](#) for the coefficients for different types of work as recommended by SAFCEC in August 2001. Should the coefficients specified in tender documents not be in line with these recommendations, this should be queried at the site inspection.

BOOK ON DISRUPTION CLAIMS

A new book on disruption claims in construction contracts has been published recently. [Click here](#) to view the publication.

CIETS COURSES

CIETS have pleasure in announcing that the following courses will be conducted at BEDFORDVIEW.

Popular and always-in-demand course of:

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ASSESSORS LEARNING PROGRAMME 2-4 JUNE 2004.

Contact Loekie Heunis on 455-1700 for details of the courses.

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

[Libya to open capital of 54 firms to foreigners](#)

Libya will open in July the capital of 54 large state-owned companies to foreign investors.
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[AU asks for \\$10m for Darfur](#)

The African Union has appealed for \$10 million to fund a ceasefire observer mission and the immediate humanitarian needs of people in Sudan's western Darfur region.
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[US film star urges more donor aid for Africa](#)

Natalie Portman has urged donors aiding poor African countries to double their soft loans to boost recipients' ability to handle severe burdens.
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[Central bankers see stronger regional growth](#)

Central bank governors from the four-nation Common Monetary Area see improved prospects for economic growth in southern Africa this year.
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[Stainless-steel body seeks opportunitites in Middle East](#)

The South African Stainless-Steel Development Association's (Sassda) Stainless-Steel Cooperative Development Initiative (SSCDI) is spearheading a drive to open up Middle East markets to local

VIRUS OR HOAX?

In case you ever receive an e-mail containing a virus warning please check carefully whether it refers to a real virus or a hoax. Usually e-mail warnings encouraging you to forward the information to all and sundry are hoaxes. You can make sure by visiting the [Virus or Hoax?](#) web site or by visiting the hoax list on [Symantec](#)

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manufacturers.
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[SA Buyers Boosting Botswana Market](#)

Although most land in Botswana is available only on a leasehold or state grant basis, there is a growing demand for residential property, underpinned by a large number of expatriates working on contract for multinational corporations.
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[De Beers, African Diamonds in Botswana exploration JV](#)

South African gem giant De Beers yesterday announced that it has signed an agreement with African Diamonds to establish a joint venture company to explore for diamond-bearing deposits (kimberlites) in Botswana.
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['Funding soon for Moz titanium-minerals project'](#)

The arrangement of debt and equity financing for Irish and London Stock Exchange-listed company Kenmare Resource's \$220-million Moma titanium minerals-mine in Mozambique is close to being finalised.
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[JV identifies seven priority nickel targets in Malawi](#)

Australian miner Albidon's joint venture partner and operator, Western Mining Resources Exploration (WMR), has completed an airborne geophysical survey over a large portion of the Albidon-WMR joint venture area in southern Malawi.
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MINING NEWS

[Market looks to Erwin for clarity on Iscor takeover](#)

The market is looking to Trade and Industry Minister Alec Erwin to clarify what appears to be a veiled threat to block LNM's takeover of Iscor.
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[Minister and regulator in a spot over steel prices](#)

Foreign investment clashes with SA development.
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[AECI boosts market profile with Tiso deal](#)

Industrial and chemicals group AECI has sold 25,1% of its South African and African explosives operations to an empowerment consortium for R401m.
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[Kerry urges pressure on Opec to cut oil prices](#)

Democratic presidential contender calls for stepped-up pressure on Opec to bring costs down.
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[R10m contract under way](#)

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Project Management Journal goes On-line

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Power and automation technology group ABB was awarded an order valued at R10-million in October last year to supply boiler-control and protection systems for Kelvin Power, a division of CDC Globelec, for its plant, located east of Johannesburg.
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[Sasol sells chemicals arm for €48.5m](#)

Johannesburg - Sasol, South Africa's largest oil company, was selling its Netherlands-based speciality chemicals maker, Servo, for €48.5 million (R393 million) - acquired with the purchase of chemicals producer Condea in 2001 - Sasol said in an e-mailed statement.
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[DRD takes in stride Emperor's decision to reject friendly offer](#)

Johannesburg - Durban Roodepoort Deep (DRD), the country's fourth-largest gold producer, took in its stride the decision by Emperor Mines' independent directors to reject its A\$105 million (R521 million) bid.
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[Harmony will open shafts for inspection by unions](#)

A forum of three trade unions met Harmony Gold Mining yesterday over inspections that could avert the retrenching of 5 000 mine workers.
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[Angloplat proceeds with rights offer to raise R4bn](#)

Anglo American Platinum (Angloplat) was proceeding with a rights offer of 40 million convertible perpetual cumulative preference shares to raise R4 billion, the platinum producer said yesterday.
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[Southern Era to split gems from platinum](#)

Vancouver - SouthernEra Resources this week unveiled plans to split its core platinum operations from diamond assets it believes the market has overlooked and undervalued.
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[SA achieved record diamond production in 2003](#)

Preliminary statistics indicate that South Africa's diamond production surged to a record level of over 12,87-million carats in 2003, an increase of about 18% compared with the 10,92-million carats produced in 2002, the Department of Minerals and Energy's Directorate of Mineral Economics said.
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[Matla colliery sets new shortwall world record](#)

Located in South Africa's Mpumalanga Province, about 150 km from Johannesburg, Matla colliery's No 4 seam has set a new world record for shortwall production, with a massive 722 586 t for the month of March.
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[Refinery seeking gold-fund role](#)

The world's largest gold refinery is taking steps to play a direct role in new global bullion funds that are backed by physical gold holdings, Mining Weekly can today exclusively report.
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The FutureMine collaborative research programme has come to an end, producing many promising technologies some of which will now be further developed by mining companies, says programme manager Fernando Vieira.
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[Anglo nears decision on Chile copper-mine expansion](#)

South African-based miner Anglo American said it expects to complete feasibility studies in the second half of 2004 for expansion projects at its Disputada de Las Condes copper-mine, in Chile.
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[R25m drilling contract completed by 2005](#)

A R25-million contract for plati- num-exploration drilling in the Bushveld Complex should be completed by 2005.
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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

[Contemporary castle](#)

Following the success of numerous other developments, Losciale Development is currently working on this castle-inspired residential haven in Dunkeld West. THE developer of this unique sectional title residential project, Nicola Losciale, emigrated from Italy where he built homes in Milan. He has continued his residential building career in South Africa, resulting in selection of upmarket Italian style developments that have an air of authenticity and reflect close attention to detail.
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[Managing agents must be chosen carefully](#)

The home owner associations of cluster developments, estates and other gated communities need to take just as much care when choosing a managing agent as the body corporate of a sectional title scheme.
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[Preventing a property nightmare](#)

A disaster that strikes when a home-buyer has taken occupation of a property ahead of the registration of transfer could turn into a nightmare for both seller and buyer.
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[Buy now or lose out, warns Realty 1 Elk chief](#)

Against the backdrop of it's forecast that 2004 will deliver a fifth consecutive year of house price increases, Realty 1 Elk's urging to would-be home buyers to commit now to ownership or lose out seems the soundest of advice.

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BUILDING TERMS

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[Gautengers lead KZN Lower South Coast buying spree](#)

The five-year traditional Easter holiday trend of Durbanites dominating KZN lower South Coast interest in local residential property has been turned on its head this year.

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[Unparalleled rise in property values seen on south coast](#)

A rising tide of activity on the lower Kwazulu-Natal South Coast by home hunters and investors driven by growing resistance to the surge in property prices north of Durban has created an unparalleled rise in property values along the Hibiscus Coast.

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[Don't buy a holiday home in the heat of the moment](#)

If you've just been on holiday chances are that you will at least have speculated on the possibility of buying a property in your favourite vacation area, but the decision should not be made in haste.

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[Take the gap to reduce your loan](#)

Homeowners are breathing a sigh of relief at the Reserve Bank's decision this week not to raise interest rates. But, experts say, they should be taking the opportunity to reduce the capital portion of their home loans.

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[More Permanent Residents For Pringle Bay](#)

The peaceful coastal towns of Pringle Bay and Rooi Els – about 25 minutes' drive from Gordon's Bay in the Western Cape - are seeing an influx of permanent home buyers mainly as a result of the exceptional growth being experienced in the Helderberg area.

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Tip of the week

Conveyancer's fees may be debited to the home loan account, provided that this will not cause the loan amount to exceed 100% of the property's assessed value.

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SPECIAL REPORTS

[The Dilemmas of Acceleration](#)

A series of three articles by Trett Consulting on the subject of accelerating the construction process. The first article, considers some of the dilemmas facing both the Employer and the Contractor when,



respectively, contemplating the issuance of an instruction to accelerate and acting upon such an instruction. The second article, to be linked next week, considers the items to be included in such an instruction and the various methods for agreeing a price. The final article deals with matters after acceleration is under way and the resultant effects at completion.

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[The pitfalls associated with construction contracts](#)

A contract lawyer discusses some common mistakes made by contract participants.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 23 April 2004 15:34		
	This week	17/04/04
Rand/\$	6.7800	6.4400
Rand/£	11.9500	11.5700
Rand/€	8.0100	7.7300
R150	8.54%	8.54%
Gold/oz	\$393.45	\$401.35
Gold Mining	1926.80	2040.50
JSE All Share	10673.20	10755.10

[Dual-listed stocks lead JSE higher](#)

The JSE was in positive territory in noon trade on Friday, led by heavyweight dual-listed stocks which performed well on strong offshore markets

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[Gold up on position squaring](#)

Spot gold on Friday afternoon ticked higher on pre-weekend position squaring.

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[1st rate hike 'only next year'](#)

South Africans can expect the first interest rate hike only in the first quarter of 2005, according to Lehman Brothers.

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[No smiles for high oil price](#)

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The sharp rises in oil prices are "highly unwelcome" for both inflation and growth, according to the ECB chief.

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 **ASAQS NEWS**

ICEC 2004



Mark Grant and Len Harris seen here with Denis Beckett just prior to the opening of ICEC 2004 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

The conference was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Len, Mark and Prof Basie Verster. With more than 450 delegates attending from all corners of the globe, we were justifiably proud that ASAQS, as key player, delivered a well-planned and professionally executed international event. A full report on the event will soon be available on the ASAQS website.

[Birthday boy already needs more room](#)

Cape Town International Convention Centre plans to add another 10000m². IT IS not even a year old yet, but the Cape Town International Convention Centre is already experiencing growing pains. (©www.bday.co.za)

[Directly-held property: let them good times roll](#)

The tide seems to be turning for non-residential directly-held property, with capitalization rates continuing to decline (improve) in the last quarter of 2003. This confirms the turnaround noticed in the previous quarter, say property economists Rode & Associates in their latest quarterly Rode's Report publication. (©www.rode.co.za)

Construction Procurement Seminar Invite

This seminar is presented in various towns and cities; Upington, Secunda and George, to name but a few. Visit <http://www.asaqs.co.za> for full details

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Mining QS

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Why you don't ever see the headline: "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

TEACHER: BONGANI, why do you always get so dirty?

BONGANI: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

Facts about the 1500s

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor".

Things to Ponder...

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

A truck driver was driving along. A sign comes up that reads "low bridge ahead." Before he knows it the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The policeman gets out of his car and walks around to the

One of biggest QS companies in SA is looking for a QS with min 5yrs Mining QS exp. Salary highly negotiable, depending on exp. Computer literate & own transport ess!

Young dynamic QS wanted

We are looking for a young dynamic QS with preferable 2 years post graduate experience in a professional office to join our commercial department, where the individual will be expected to manage entire projects from estimate- to final account stage

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[CALENDAR](#)

Date : 05 May 2004

Event: **Professional Fees Lecture**

Time: 8:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Information: Halfday lecture on Professional Fees presented in Johannesburg by Eyvind Finsen, Architect and Arbitrator, to architects, quantity surveyors and engineers. Cost Members R350 Non-Members R450. Discount for early bird registrations before 31 March. Venue to be advised

Contact: GIFA, admin.gifa@saia.org.za

Phone Number: 011 486 0684

Dates : 08,15,22,29 May 2004

Event: **PMP Saturday workshops**

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Information: PMP Saturday workshops to be held at ProjectPro from the 17 April - 12 June 2004.

For more info contact Terry Deacon on 082 557 3119

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

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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truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck?" The truck driver says, "No mate, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of petrol."

My Mother Taught Me...

STAMINA:

"You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

Business Trips

A popular airline recently introduced a special half rate fare for wives who accompanied their husbands on business trips.

Expecting great feedback, the company sent out letters to all the wives of businessmen who had used the special rates, asking how they enjoyed their trip.

Letters are still pouring in asking, "What trip?"



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