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ASAQS NEWS

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Dear ASAQS Members,

Would you believe it - the ASAQS is 100 years old !! To celebrate this happy occasion, we are inviting you to join in the festivities and to attend the ASAQS Centenary Gala Dinner scheduled for Saturday 18 October 2008 at the Misty Hills Conference Centre in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg.

[Please click here for the electronic invitation](#) which will allow you to register your attendance online. To register will only take a few minutes and we would encourage you to do so at earliest convenience to avoid the inevitable last-minute rush. You can either make bookings for tables of 8 persons (preferable) or individual persons. More details about the event can be viewed online.

We look forward to your support !!

Regards

EGON WORTMANN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - ASAQS

ASAQS BOARD MEETING

The ASAQS Board meeting will be held on Thursday 16th (10h30 to 17h00) and Friday 17th (08h00 to 15h00), followed by the Centenary Gala Dinner on Saturday 18th.

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We are pleased to announce that FNB Commercial have agreed to come on board as the main co-sponsors for the Centenary Gala Dinner scheduled for 18 October 2008. We are pleased about this development and thank them for their support and contribution to make this event possible. They have also agreed in principle to enter into a longer-term association with the ASAQS, details of which have yet to be discussed finalised.

We would also like to thank all the other sponsors that have agreed to support the event. Details of all the sponsors will be made public next week.

NEW MODEL TRADE PREAMBLES DOCUMENT NOW AVAILABLE

Members advised that the update of the Model Trade Preambles (revised version dated September 2008) document has been completed and the new September 2008 version is now available from the offices of the ASAQS. Hard paper copies will be made available to the members within the next week. The document will also be made available in electronic format.

We would like to express our thanks to the following persons that were involved with the update, namely Professors Carl Klopper, Thys Sigle' and Tinus Maritz. For all your hard work and dedication – thank you !!

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES

In order to assist members to plan their diaries this year in terms of forthcoming congresses and conferences they may wish to attend, attached the preliminary dates of some of these congresses for your attention (more details to follow) :

[Quantity Surveying Congress 2008](#)

QS + 20/20 VISION BEYOND 2010
Midrand, South Africa 10 October 2008

[ASAQS Centenary Gala Dinner 2008](#)

18 October 2008 – Pelindaba Room, Misty Hills Conference Centre, Muldersdrift, Johannesburg

[ASAQS Conference 2009](#)

February/March 2009 - Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape (dates to be confirmed)

[AACE's 53rd Annual Meeting - Seattle, Washington](#)

Sunday, June 28, 2009 through Wednesday, July 1, 2009

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Qualified and experienced Quantity Surveyor required by well established Building Contractor who specialise in Housing. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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SENIOR/JUNIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

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Event: General Conditions of Contract 2004 Cape Town



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Information: This one day seminar will analyze and discuss the new GCC 2004 and will compare it with the old documents. It will concentrate on the changes that have been effected and how these will affect the users.

Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

14 / 15 October 2008

Event: PLANNING & SCHEDULING PROF
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Information: P&S Professional via AACEI. Theory of planning and scheduling, Resource Levelling, Fast Tracking Schedules, Schedule Risk Assessment and Technical Performance Measurement.

Contact: Marié Voogt elpavo@absamail.co.za
Phone Number: 011 478 1540

15 / 16 October 2008

Event: Delay Disruption & Extension of Time Cape Town
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: A two-day seminar. A must for anyone associated with contract administration. Regardless of who or what the causes are, delay and disruption can wound and sometimes kill a project.

Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

16 October 2008

Event: Fundamental FIDIC
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This one day seminar provides an introductory overview to the entire FIDIC family of contracts, for people who have had little or no exposure to the FIDIC contracts.

Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
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21 / 22 October 2008

Event: Delay Disruption & Extension of Time P.E.
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: A two-day seminar. A must for anyone associated with contract administration. Regardless of who or what the causes are, delay and disruption can wound and sometimes kill a project.

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21 / 22 October 2008

Event: Construction Contract Law
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Information: This intensive and highly practical 2-day training course will provide you with a fundamental understanding of construction contracts and construction contract law.
Contact: Elaine King elaine@alusani.co.za
Phone Number: 011 447 7470

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

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 ASAQS 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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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[International Housing Solutions gets more low cost housing funding](#)

International Housing Solutions (IHS), which launched a Southern Africa Workforce Housing Fund with R1,3-billion in overseas capital, has received R210-million additional investment from the Development Bank of SA.

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[Construction company upgrades community infrastructure](#)

Civil engineering and construction company Protech Khutele has completed a full upgrade of roads and infrastructure worth R64-million in rural communities Katlehong and Rabie Ridge, in Gauteng.

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[Construction update](#)



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While Gautrain's first rail car is being locally assembled in Nigel, tracklaying on the mainline sections adjacent to the Depot will start shortly. Construction of gigantic viaducts is becoming more visible along Gautrain's route, especially in Tshwane, Marlboro, Modderfontein and towards OR Tambo International Airport.

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[Melrose Arch office rentals surpassing Sandton CBD](#)

With achieved gross rentals topping R200/m², offices at Johannesburg's prestigious Melrose Arch node are now giving the Sandton CBD, long acknowledged as the city's financial heartland, a real run for its money.

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[PetroSA defends Coega refinery](#)

STATE-owned oil and gas company PetroSA yesterday came out in defence of its planned R40bn crude oil refinery in Coega, near Port Elizabeth, amid concerns that it could drive existing refineries out of business.

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[Progress on new centre at EPRU stadium](#)

Plans for an R800m International Convention Centre in Nelson Mandela Bay are finally going ahead after four years of deliberations.

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[Upgrade of Plett airport receives a boost](#)

The Bitou municipality has taken another step forward in the upgrade of Plettenberg Bay's airport to accommodate large passenger aircraft.

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[Commercial Property can provide certainty in difficult times](#)

Whilst the uncertainty of global markets currently haunts investors, the certainty of income streams on commercial property are proving to be relatively comforting for commercial property investors.

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[Office space is a safe investment](#)

Prospects for the business property market are looking brighter than before. As the market seems to have realigned with the new interest rates, sectors are increasingly feeling the shift from a seller's to a buyer's market.

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[Listed property still robust](#)

Property analysts say although unit prices in this sector will possibly be coming under further pressure due to international fluctuations, the income component of listed property is still a positive factor for investors.

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[WC restaurant to be auctioned 11/10](#)

An operating family restaurant in Greyton in the Western Cape's Overberg will be coming under the hammer on Saturday 11 October 2008.

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[Industrial property market 'resilient'](#)

The ClareMart Auction Group this month will auction industrial properties in Paarden Island, Montague Gardens and Maitland in the Cape Peninsula.

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[Fund redefines Paarl's economy](#)

Redefine Income Fund is helping to rejuvenate Paarl's economy through its development of Berg River Park, the town's first fully secure industrial park.

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[Factory, milling machinery under the hammer](#)

Park Village Auctions' offering at its auction next week is a well maintained factory and warehouse complex in Springs.

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[Capital Investments sorting out property syndication](#)

Capital Investments, a property portfolio management company, is turning the commercial property investment industry on its head by offering a much improved investment product and, at the same time, sorting out the problems of one of the country's major syndicators.

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[Collapsed economic scenario requires new thinking for property investors](#)

Madison outlines some thoughts on the creation of a Vulture Fund to take advantage of distressed global markets.

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[Revenue growth accelerates 28%](#)

AltX-listed construction company Calgro M3 yesterday posted revenue growth of 28 percent to R116.9 million for the six months to August.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

2IC Construction Director – JHB 68791

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Contracts Manager

Reporting to the Commercial Manager this senior position will be responsible for the management of all

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Need construction personnel? The best way to advertise your vacancies are in the [Classifieds section on the ASAQS website](#) - it's absolutely FREE! Adverts submitted to the Classifieds are also included in this newsletter. We also have a number of employment consultancies as sponsors, please see their adverts at the top of this newsletter.

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RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP

[New concept Pick 'n Pay Store opens at WorldWear Centre](#)

Pick 'n Pay's first new "Pick 'n Pay Daily" concept store in Gauteng, a 1 000m² convenience store at the WorldWear Centre in Beyers Naude Drive, Fairlands, opened for trading last week.
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[New shopping centre for Gugulethu by 2009](#)

Gugulethu Square will consist of 34 000m² retail space and is situated close to the NY1 and NY2 bypass intersection. The initial investment of R350million is a joint venture between the owners and developers, being The Ideas Fund, Mzoli Properties, Khula and Group.
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[New Alexandra mall to boast integrated taxi facility](#)

Property developer Pan Africa DevCo announced on Wednesday that it will build a 16 000 m² shopping center in the Alexandra township, as part of the 'Presidential Alexandra' renewal project.
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[Dubai firm plans 'Amazulu World' in SA](#)

A Dubai-based real estate company said on Monday it plans to build a multi-billion-dollar themed entertainment development in South Africa, the largest of its kind in the African continent.
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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

Great Buildings

[Ball-Eastaway House](#) - Artists' House in N. Sydney, by Glenn Murcutt, at North Sydney, Australia, 1982 to 1983.
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Among the films to be shown are: My Architect: A Son's Journey; 11th Hour; Blue Vinyl; Architecture To Zucchini; Raising Valhalla; The Edge Of The Possible; Building Heaven; Remembering Earth: Confessions Of A Fallen Architect; Belly Of An Architect; Sketches Of Frank Gehry; Living On The Landing; Asmara Eritrea; The Ger On The Roof; Kochuu:Japanese Architecture, Influence And Origin; Great Expectations; IM Pei - First Person Singular; IM Pei - The Museum On The Mountain; Philip Johnson: Diary Of An Eccentric Architect; Next Industrial Revolution; The Story Of Stuff; The Rhine: From Lobith To The Sea.

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29th – 31st October * Vodaworld (Midrand)

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For more info contact Tanitha Jolly. Email: Tanitha@saiaconvention2008.org.za

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Thanks to the PIA for some of the information published in this section - drop them a note at admin.pia@saia.org.za

A REMINDER OF THE PIA'S OWN WEBSITE FOR INTER-MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS, FORUMS, DISCUSSIONS, ETC. www.pia.org.za

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[Project Management in China](#)

PMBOK was introduced to China at the beginning of this 21st Century. Since its early introduction, professional and senior management realized the advantages and benefits of project management practice can help them minimize project delay, reduce project cost, improve product and service quality, and utilize their technical resources effectively.

After seven years of learning and using PMBOK contents, the current status of project management practice in China is encouraging. More than fifteen thousand professionals are certified by PMI, and numerous organization hiring and training project managers to manage their projects. However, the end result is not encouraging. Project Managers still find their projects being delayed, cost over-run, quality had not improve, and still lack of resources to perform project tasks. Most organizations, specially IT and Telecom groups, are unable to determine the value of project management practices and the return of their investment on training project manager.

Few in China realized the fact that project management is in fact a management culture, a culture that must embedded into the project delivering models in order to maximize the management knowledge in practice, and make project management worked. [Read complete paper](#) (pdf format).
(@www.pmworloday.net)

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Project Managers

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To visit the [The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions.... click here](#)

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Tshwane road improvements under way](#)

Multinational infrastructure consultant Africon is conducting two significant road projects for the South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) on the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP).
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[R220-million acquisition to open oil, gas prospects for JSE engineering firm](#)

Geotechnical firm Esor last week reported that it would acquire civil engineering company, the Shearwater Group, for about R220-million.
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[Engineering company initiates plant upgrade](#)

Diversified engineering company Hall Longmore, part of the Murray & Roberts Group, has initiated a capacity expansion programme that significantly improves the production output of the company.
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[Four consortia shortlisted for KwaZulu-Natal's Bridge City rail link](#)

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) has shortlisted four consortia and is now evaluating their bids for the detailed design of the Bridge City rail link project, in KwaZulu-Natal.
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[Limpopo traffic control centre under construction](#)

A 50:50 joint venture (JV) between engineer and environmental consultant SSI and structural and civil

engineering firm Asch Consulting Engineers has started with a contract for the South African National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) in Limpopo province.
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KwaZulu Natal News

KNUCS (KwaZulu Natal University Civil Support) Fund

The KZN University (civil engineering faculty) was audited by ECSA in August, and issued with a conditional accreditation for the next five years.

Western Cape News

The BUSA NSF Constituency Capacity Building Programme – Skills workshops were held in Stellenbosch and CapeTown this week.

SAFCEC Golf Day

This popular fixture will be held on Thursday, 13th November 2008 at the Fish River Sun Golf Club.

KwaZulu Natal News

Important Dates to Diarise

- NEC Workshop – 22 October 2008

Earthmoving Equipment, Technology & Management

CRDC will once again be running the Earthmoving Equipment, Technology & Management course in Gauteng from 3 - 5 November 2008. Fee R4000,00 + VAT. [Click here](#) for more information.

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Tanzania says main port overwhelmed, seeks new ones](#)

Tanzania's main port has been overwhelmed by 50% more cargo than it was designed for and it will start working round the clock to clear the backlog, the government said.

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[Mauritius private equity fund eyes African opportunities](#)

MAURITIUS-domiciled Aureos Capital, a private equity fund manager, says its new fund, which raised \$253,5m last month, seeks to tap "superior risk-adjusted returns" in Africa.

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[SA farmers asked to help Zimbabwe](#)

AGRICULTURE and Land Affairs Minister Lulu Xingwana has asked SA's commercial farmers to join the agriculture department in coming to the aid of Zimbabwean farmers to prevent a food crisis in that country in the year ahead.

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[Financial crisis can open doors for poor countries](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE can lead to development — but will it? A month bumping along the roads of Mozambique from Maputo to the Rovuma River provided the context for some ideas about public infrastructure and economic development and how both are financed.

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[Gold miners appeal to Mugabe over delayed payments](#)

BULAWAYO (miningweekly.com) - Gold mining companies represented by the Zimbabwe Chamber of Mines have written to President Robert Mugabe appealing to him to intervene and force the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) to pay the \$25-million it owes them for gold bullion delivered to the bank since March this year.

(©www.miningweekly.com)

[Africa is now where China was when Nixon, Kissinger predicted huge growth, says Anglo American's Dlamini](#)

Africa is now at the stage where China was in the seventies – ripe for investment and poised for attractive investment returns, says Anglo American South Africa head Kuseni Dlamini.

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[Malawi's ethanol-fuel tests show promise](#)

Malawi has successfully completed a project to test the practicability of using locally produced ethanol instead of petrol or diesel to power vehicles.

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[Humble fare that nurtured a trading empire](#)

ALIKO Dangote cut his teeth in business in Lagos's infamous "cement armada" of the 1970s. By the middle of the decade, Nigeria was rushing to convert petrodollars into the building blocks of a new, industrialised economy.

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[ARM moves goal posts further back for reaching DRC, Zambia copper target](#)

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](#).

Be an informed Internet user and check the facts before forwarding an e-mail hoax to others!

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

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African Rainbow Minerals (ARM) has put back by more than two years its target of raising copper output from three projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Zambia to 80 000 tons a year.
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[Massive motors installed at copper mine](#)

Electric motor manufacturer and repairer Marthinusen & Coutts has assisted in the installation of two massive electric motors at a copper mine in Zambia, which will produce 170 000 t/y of copper.
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MINING NEWS

[A showcase for mining machinery](#)

Investors looking for business opportunities in mining, construction, industrial and power generation industries flocked to the Electra Mining Africa 2008 exhibition held in Johannesburg recently.
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[State plans to restart its own mining company](#)

THE government will revive a state-owned company dormant since 1944 to invest in strategic minerals, such as coal, uranium and vanadium, minerals and energy department deputy director-general Jacinto Rocha said this week.
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[Mining experts in pact with greens](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL solutions company Digby Wells & Associates and US-based mining consultants Behre Dolbear have reached an "in principle" agreement to join forces.
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[Two-million-ounce gold deposit discovered at low cost of \\$1,50/oz](#)

A two-million-ounce gold deposit in Barberton's greenstone belt has been discovered at an exploration cost of less than \$1,50/oz, Eastern Goldfields technical director Dr Willo Stear reports.
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[De Beers' Voorspoed mine to open Nov 4](#)

De Beers will next month open its new Voorspoed mine, which it expects within a decade to produce over 10 million carats including gem diamonds and rare coloured diamonds, the company said.
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[Implats bids R21bn for Northam, ups Booyesendal output target](#)

Impala Platinum (Implats) has revised potential production from Northam Platinum's R8 billion Booyesendal project from 430 000 ounces of platinum group metals to 480 000 a year.
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[Slowdown in richer countries may hurt exports — Manuel](#)

The slowdown of economic growth in developed countries was likely to reduce demand for SA's mineral exports and reduce export earnings, Finance Minister Trevor Manuel told the cabinet this week.
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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

[All white is dynamite!](#)

Technically speaking, white is not actually a colour, but the absence of a unique spectral reflection. However, when using white in decor, it is so much more than merely the lack of colour – instead, it's a design entity in its own right, offering a blank canvas that allows you to actually feel the light and a backdrop against which colour is free to reflect.

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[Colour has many moods](#)

Home décor and DIY expert Janice Anderssen explores the issue of the psychology of colour.

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[Lights, bling, action](#)

Home décor and DIY expert Janice Anderssen shows how the fabrics you pick for your upholstery pieces and the lighting fixtures you place overhead and at tabletop height can make a room sparkle or fall flat.

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[Estate selling stands at '06 prices](#)

The developer of a Cape olive estate has decided to market the last 34 stands at the same prices as two years ago.

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[New ideas needed on housing and finance — Coovadia](#)

Innovative schemes required for low-income groups, but financiers should not give loans to risky clients, says Banking Association MD.

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[Life-long rental a no-brainer](#)

A leading property group has dismissed as totally inadvisable the renewed debate surrounding property ownership versus rental.

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[Student flats offer investment opportunity](#)

A WINDOW of opportunity to invest in Potchefstroom student accommodation has opened up.

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[East London bucks the property downtrend](#)

In stark contrast to prevailing property market conditions, the East London residential sector is positively buoyant.

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[Mortgage defaults surge](#)

An increasing number of homeowners are defaulting on home loan repayments, with an estimated 70 000 South Africans currently in mortgage arrears, latest figures from the Alliance Group shows.

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Golding: Repo rate decision good

Although most South Africans will understandably be disappointed, Thursday's decision by the Monetary Policy Committee to keep the repo rate unchanged is to be expected given that our economy continues to experience inflationary pressures.

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Rates Reaction – Jeanne van Jaarsveldt

Today's decision by the Monetary Policy Committee to leave the repo rate unchanged has been welcomed by RE/MAX of Southern Africa.

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SA housing should miss crisis

The impact of the current crisis on South Africa, including its property market, could potentially be far less than on many other countries around the world, says Nedbank's chief economist, Dr Dennis Dykes, in a statement circulated on Tuesday.

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NAEA says rate cut a "step in the right direction."

Britain's National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), is relieved at the Bank of England's decision to reduce interest rates on October 08.

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US pending home sales up strongly

Pending US home sales activity surged as buyers took advantage of low home prices and affordable interest rates, according to the National Association of Realtors®.

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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 10 October 2008 15:35		
	This week	04/10/2008
Rand/\$	9.3800	8.4900
Rand/£	15.8600	15.0100
Rand/€	12.7100	11.7700
Gold/oz	\$907.80	\$842.30
Gold Mining	1935.79	1584.89
JSE All Share	20207.50	22377.22

Bank cites weak rand as rates stay on hold

THE Reserve Bank held interest rates steady yesterday, as expected, saying the outlook for inflation had improved but warning that the rand's sharp depreciation posed a threat.

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TAILPIECE

Never delay the ending of a meeting or the beginning of the cocktail hour.

Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

The LAPD, the FBI, & the CIA are all trying to prove that they are the best at apprehending criminals. The President decides to give them a test. He releases a rabbit into a forest and each of them has to catch it.

[How 'bananas' give SA shelter from the storm](#)

IN 2002, SA lost 22 banks. Some went under, others were bought out. Many chose to relinquish their licences because the market had lost confidence in smaller banks and it simply wasn't worth having a licence any more.

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[Recovery only delayed by politics](#)

The recent deposing of President Mbeki has surprisingly caused only a momentary halt in property's recovery - and it now continues as before.

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[Oil price crashes to \\$77](#)

Oil prices have slumped towards \$77 per barrel, amid a worldwide equities meltdown, with traders convinced that an economic slowdown will hurt energy demand.

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[JSE still down in the dumps](#)

The JSE remains in the red, but has managed to come off the its previous lowest levels, generally following international markets which continue to fall.

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KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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Economic data and economic information about South Africa and the region. Market trends, economic reviews and forecasts. Economic indicators such as interest rates, exchange rates, repo rate, interbank rate, forward rates, monetary aggregates, consumer price index and producer price index.

A summary of data available from various institutions is available on the [SA Financial Sector Forum Website](#) at <http://www.finforum.co.za/econdata.htm>

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The CIA goes in. They place animal informants throughout the forest. They question all plant and mineral witnesses. After three months of extensive investigations they conclude that rabbits do not exist.

The FBI goes in. After two weeks with no leads they burn the forest, killing everything in it, including the rabbit and they make no apologies. The rabbit had it coming.

The LAPD goes in. They come out two hours later with a badly beaten bear. The bear is yelling: "Okay, okay, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit."

Another priceless quote from NZ

"Andy Ellis - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago".
(Murray Mexted)





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