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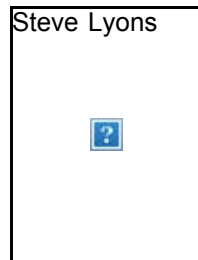
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## **ASAQS NEWS**

### **NEW REGISTRAR APPOINTED**

Steve Lyons



Steven Lyons has been appointed as the Registrar of the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession, effective 1st March 2012. He attained a Bachelor of Building Science degree from the University of the Witwatersrand which created the foundation of his experience as a project manager and developer in construction. He further supplemented his education with an MBA/MSc from Luton (UK), which served him in top management positions in the healthcare financial services field. Here he was responsible for the financial, IT and HR supervision as well as the day-to-day management and administration. Concurrently, he was primarily responsible for the establishment and the on-going management, as the Honouree Secretary, of a professional healthcare advisory organisation for 8 years.

Steven's 3 year objective as the Registrar is to:

1. Build on his predecessors' achievements in establishing the Council to-date
2. Make the Council more accessible to its members
3. Improve communication with the members of the profession
4. Increase exposure and awareness of the Quantity Surveying as a career path to Grade 11 and 12 learners – in his words “making the profession more glamorous, on a par with being a chartered accountant”
5. Increase the general public's awareness of the necessity of the professional quantity surveyor for the majority of construction projects.

Steven is a 52 year old male, married with 3 adult children, living in Sandton with a passion for life-skills coaching.

### **2012 FIRST SEMESTER SACQSP EXAMINATIONS PARTS 1 AND 2**



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### EXAMINATION TIMES

Part 1 Examination	Thursday, 15th March : 09:00– 12:00
Part 2 Examination	Friday, 16th March : 09:00 – 12:00

### EXAM APPLICATION

2012 Council Exam form [2012 March Council Exam Application Form](#)

### VENUES

[For a full list of venues and addresses please click here.](#) Where maps are available these are linked to the venues indicated below and can be downloaded by clicking on the link:

BLOEMFONTEIN	<a href="#">University of the Free State Campus</a> (2Mb!)
CAPE TOWN	<a href="#">Department of Transport and Public Works</a>
DURBAN	To be confirmed
EAST LONDON	To be confirmed
MIDRAND	<a href="#">Block 19, SAICE House</a>
PORT ELIZABETH	<a href="#">Department of Building and Quantity Surveying (C – block, 1st floor)</a> <a href="#">Map of North Campus</a>

### **ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR ICEC AWARD**

#### **KENNETH K. HUMPHREYS YOUNG STUDENT/PRACTITIONER PAPER AWARD**

The Kenneth K. Humphreys Young Student/Practitioner Paper Award was established in 2006 in recognition of Dr. Humphreys' service as ICEC Secretary-Treasurer from 1976 until 2006. The award is open to students or young practitioners under 36 years of age and involves the submission of papers through ICEC member associations. The award program is held every 2 years in conjunction with the biennial ICEC World Congresses and the awards are presented at these Congresses. The first awards were made at the 2008 ICEC World Congress in Toronto, Canada and more recently at the 2010 ICEC World Congress in Singapore. The paper awards are available in each of the three professional categories which make up the membership of the International Cost Engineering Council, ie, Cost Engineering, Quantity Surveying and Project Management. Therefore up to 3 awards are available (one for each of these categories).

**13 April 2012 – Closing date for submission of entries to the ASAQS - entries may be e-mailed to the Executive Director of the ASAQS at [director@asaqs.co.za](mailto:director@asaqs.co.za)**

[BuildAid Cost Estimators](#)



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Please note that the papers can either be new papers or papers that have been previously published in industry/academic journals or other publications. For previously published papers the paper must have been published after July 2010 (i.e. since the last ICEC World Congress in Singapore in July 2010) and written permission must be obtained from the publisher. The winning papers will be included in the ICEC International Cost Management Journal (ICMJ) on the ICEC website.



Interested? Please download the rules [by clicking here](#).

**The 2012 paper competition is now open.**

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### NETSPOT : AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

[Hire Resolve Engineering Careers](#)

In the article above we request entries to the 2012 The Kenneth K. Humphreys Young Student/Practitioner Paper Award.

Desmé Human won this award in 2008 for quantity surveying with her paper entitled "Implementation of Affirmative Action and Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) in the Construction Industry"



In the abstract to her paper she states; " The general feeling towards black economic empowerment was mixed. Professionals in the industry felt that black partners are taken in only to comply with the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and not as a means of improving the company.

The overall opinion of respondent companies is positive that not enough skilled 'black' people are present in the construction industry and that the Construction Industry Development Board's (CIDB) contractor grading system will be an implementation for public sector contracts. It is further the opinion of these professionals that different conditions and rules should apply to Small-business entrepreneurs."



Has anything changed since this paper was first published six years ago? Decide for yourself by [clicking here to read the rest of the paper...](#)

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#### **ICEC 2012 : 23-27 JUNE 2012**

We look forward to welcoming you to the forthcoming ICEC 8th World Congress held in South Africa during June 2012. The host city is Durban, situated in the KwaZulu-Natal Province - a seaside resort known as the 'holiday playground' of the region.

[ICEC 2012](#) affords registered South African Quantity Surveyors the ideal opportunity to gather CPD points prior to the compulsory re-registration that awaits most of them in March 2013.

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**QS FORUM NEWS AND UPDATES**

An open invitation had been extended to all ASAQS practitioners to attend the meetings and in an informal format, to share their ideas and concerns, with a view to seeking solutions with the assistance of the Gauteng Chapter of the ASAQS. All are welcome to attend the meetings, with representatives from both large and smaller practices.



Please [click here](#) to read more....

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**YQSG PROGRAMME 2012**

The [PAQS International Congress](#) takes place in Brunei Darussalam (northern state on the island of Borneo) from 7th to 10th July. For the very first time the Surveying Division of PUJA (B) will be hosting one of the most significant events for the Quantity Surveyors in the Pacific Region.

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[The Power Group](#)

The theme of the congress is *Innovation and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities*.



The PAQS sent us a the **Young Quantity Surveyors Group Programme** which takes place on the 7th July 2012 and which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

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**ASAQS MEMBERS DATABASE UPDATE**

The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) is currently embarking on a project to update and verify all our individual members' details currently being stored on our database.

In order to facilitate this process as smoothly as possible, the Association has created a [web link](#) which will enable our members to access and update their membership profile data currently held by the Association. We respectfully ask you to please utilize this aforementioned link to check your membership details and amend and update any details on your individual membership profiles which may be incorrectly captured and held on the Associations database.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES / CONFERENCES**

In order to assist members to plan their diaries this year in terms of forthcoming congresses and conferences they may wish to attend, we publish the preliminary dates of some of these congresses for your attention :

### **ICEC World Congress 2012**

• 23 to 26 June 2012 – Durban, South Africa

Registration for ICEC 2012 is now open and we invite you to register online.

To register online [click here](#).

Be sure to register before 31st March 2012 to enjoy the benefit of the reduced rate.

### **PAQS Congress 2012**

• July 2012 - Brunei

Members are encouraged to plan ahead and to support these conferences/congresses !!

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **EMPLOYMENT OFFERED**

#### **Senior Construction Commercial Manager**

Senior qualified quantity surveyor with a minimum of 15 years proven top management experience with the building division of a major construction group to work closely with the local MD of a newly established branch of a JSE-listed construction group in Port Elizabeth. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **CONTRACT SURVEYOR- Gauteng**

This innovative group handling property development, construction and specialised subcontract projects needs a further QS to assist with their full order book, additional work in the pipeline. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Estimator**

Senior Estimator required for International Contractor. My client is looking for a BTech/BSc Quantity Surveying with a minimum 10 years proven estimating track record of "Cradle to Grave" estimating



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ability to compile accurate estimates, under pressure from start to finish. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Quantity Surveyor**

Our client is an International Contractor providing local opportunities. They boast operations in several African countries, the Middle East and Eastern Europe and South Africa. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Contractors Quantity Surveyor**

We are a Construction Company situated in Stellenbosch seeking to employ a Qualified Quantity Surveyor with 6 – 8 years working experience in the construction sector. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Quantity Surveyors in Australia**

Leading Mining PQS firm require Quantity Surveyors in Australia for a period of 3 years (permanent or ex pat residence available) with experience in mining projects & shaft sinking. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Junior Quantity Surveyor - Sasolburg**

A leading PQS firm based in Johannesburg is looking for a junior QS with a BSc qualification to work on site in Sasolburg. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Registered Senior Professional QS's**

Registered Senior Professional QS's are required by a Quantity Surveying practice for site based position in Gauteng. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Contractors Quantity Surveyor**

Senior QS with at least 10 years experience at senior/executive level with a large national building contractor to join a new branch office of a JSE listed group in PE. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Quantity Surveyor Contracts Specialist**

Overall responsibility for oversight and resolution of contract management issues. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **SNR QUANTITY SURVEYOR R600k pa – P E**

This is an opportunity not to be missed!!!! Due to ongoing and further projects in the pipeline in the Eastern Cape our Client needs a right hand man for the Operations Manager in the Port Elizabeth office. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **SNR QUANTITY SURVEYOR R600k+ pa Durban**

Our Building Contractor Client has a full order book of R800ml and more to come! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Site Quantity Surveyor**

Leading Mining PQS firm is urgently seeking the services of a Senior Site Quantity Surveyor with a B.Sc(qs) degree in the DRC. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Prof Quantity Surveyor Middle East**

[contact Bert van den Heever](#) the  
ASAQS Webmaster

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My client is seeking a driven and dynamic Registered Professional QS to join their team in Dubai. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

### **SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Junior Quantity Surveyor**

I am a 25 year old female holding a Bsc Quantity Surveying honors degree. I seek employment as a junior/ graduate Quantity Surveyor in a PQS firm/ contracting company/ property development. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Quantity Surveyor**

I am an experienced quantity surveyor with 10 years experience in Building and civil construction works. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Young female BScQS**

I am a 22 year old female with a BSc Quantity Surveying degree, and I am seeking employment as a junior quantity surveyor within a PQS firm/construction company or a property development company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Quantity Surveyor (SMPP)**

I have more than 3 years of experience working on structural, mechanical and piping mining projects in South Africa and the DRC. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Qualified QS seeking employment**

Seeking: Employment as a junior QS at a QS firm. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Junior Quantity Surveyor**

Dedicated, hard working and meticulous professional Quantity Surveyor with a Bsc (Hons) Quantity Surveying and three years of working experience is looking for a Junior Quantity Surveying job. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Junior Qs**

I hold a Bachelor and Honours Degree in Quantity Surveying from the University of Pretoria. I have just under one year experience working for a Main Contractor, am seeking a job as a Junior Qs / construction QS. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Junior Quantity Surveyor**

I am a 26 year old male with a BSc Quantity Surveying honours degree, and I am seeking employment as a junior quantity surveyor within a PQS firm/construction company or a property development company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Quantity Surveyor (Mozambique)**

Quantity Surveyor with combined 12 years experience as contractors' QS and PQS, English speaking, Mozambiquean citizen, currently based in Botswana, looking for a position in Mozambique. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Qualified QS seeking employment**

Seeking: Employment as a junior QS at a QS firm. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.



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## CALENDAR

### 12 March 2012

<b>Event:</b>	Certificate Programme in Comprehensive Project Management for the Built Environm
<b>Time:</b>	All day event
<b>Information:</b>	The programme is unique in applying each of the 9 PMBOK knowledge areas directly to the Built Environment and augmenting them with extensive coverage of the law of contracts, standard industry contracts for contractors, agreements for consultants, procurement processes and contract administration.
<b>Contact:</b>	anja.ce@up.ac.za

### 13 March 2012

<b>Event:</b>	General Conditions of Contract - Edition 2010
<b>Time:</b>	All day event
<b>Information:</b>	Six years since it first launched its new edition GCC contract, the GCC drafting committee launched its second edition early in June 2010.
<b>Contact:</b>	Norah <a href="mailto:norah@bca.co.za">norah@bca.co.za</a>

### 13 March 2012

<b>Event:</b>	Root Cause Failure Analysis
<b>Time:</b>	8:30
<b>Information:</b>	As a busy Maintenance Manager...you most likely spend a lot of your time on reactive maintenance issues, 'fighting fires' as and when you need to, administering quick fixes and patching those reoccurring problems that just seem to never go away...and if you are honest these activities probably account for a very big part of your day....but the question is should they?
<b>Contact:</b>	Faith <a href="mailto:faith@alusani.co.za">faith@alusani.co.za</a>

### 13 March 2012

<b>Event:</b>	Fundamental FIDIC
<b>Time:</b>	All day event
<b>Information:</b>	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. People who have worked with the contracts, or have attended other BCA seminars on the contracts, will find this seminar useful as a refresher and reminder of the key principles.

**Contact:** Norah [norah@bca.co.za](mailto:norah@bca.co.za)

#### 14 March 2012

**Event:** Construction Adjudication

**Time:** All day event

**Information:** The New Engineering Contract and FIDIC have had adjudication procedures in place for some years, and some international jurisdictions have introduced legislation supporting adjudicating.

**Contact:** Norah [norah@bca.co.za](mailto:norah@bca.co.za)

#### 14 March 2012

**Event:** JBCC Series 2000 Edition 5 July 2007

**Time:** All day event

**Information:** In this one day seminar we consider key provisions in the JBCC contracts and discuss both the positive aspects of the contracts and the flaws to watch out for.

**Contact:** Norah [norah@bca.co.za](mailto:norah@bca.co.za)

#### 14 March 2012

**Event:** SOMERSET WEST - PPIS Estimating Systems and Procedures workshop (by Merkels)

**Time:** 9:00am-2:00pm EDT

**Information:** Estimating Systems and Procedures is the first in a two-part series intended specifically for building contractors, both new and existing, and persons other than professional quantity surveyors involved in building cost estimating.

**Contact:** [lise@merkels.co.za](mailto:lise@merkels.co.za)

#### 15 March 2012

**Event:** Contract Comparisons: FIDIC, NEC, JBCC, GCC

**Time:** All day event

**Information:** While South African construction professionals may, in the past, have "got by" with a knowledge of our local construction contracts such a knowledge is no longer sufficient.

**Contact:** Norah [norah@bca.co.za](mailto:norah@bca.co.za)

#### 15 March 2012

**Event:** DURBAN - PPIS Estimating Systems and Procedures workshop (presented by Merkel's)  
**Time:** 9:00am-2:00pm EDT  
**Information:** Estimating Systems and Procedures is the first in a two-part series intended specifically for building contractors, both new and existing, and persons other than professional quantity surveyors involved in building cost estimating.  
**Contact:** [lise@merkels.co.za](mailto:lise@merkels.co.za)

### 23 March 2012

**Event:** The Effective Use Of The Fidic Conditions Of Contract Seminar 2012  
**Time:** All day event  
**Information:** Claims seem to be an unavoidable feature of the construction industry, absorbing precious time, money and staff resources in what is often a fruitless exercise.  
**Contact:** [hazel@tiragalobc.co.za](mailto:hazel@tiragalobc.co.za)

**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

### [Rainscreen Cladding](#)

Below is a video on the importance of Rainscreen cladding, otherwise know as Ventilated Facades. It is not something new to the building industry, however the incorporation of such design methods is of great benefit to the climate conditions we are experiencing today and it promotes a higher thermal performance in buildings.

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### [South Africa: R4 billion to go to railways](#)

South African finance minister Pravin Gordhan in his budget of February 2012, said that the Passenger Railway Agency of South Africa (Prasa) would receive R4 billion to start the purchase of new coaches.

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### [New property training academy gets enquiries](#)

The response to the recent launch of the Kgodisa Training Academy has been extremely positive, says Thea Bezuidenhout, director of Kgodisa.

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### [Promoting turnover and moving stock](#)

The South African property development and construction sectors are having to introduce exceptionally tough price cuts which may - or may not - keep them in business for the coming year.

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### [Cele instructed official to lease space](#)

Suspended police chief Bheki Cele instructed a senior procurement official to lease space in two building in Pretoria and Durban to be used as the police's new headquarters.

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### [Massive leap in home affairs building rental](#)

The home affairs department is paying R33m a year rental for its new Pretoria headquarters, more than one-and-a-half times what it previously paid for office space.

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### [Fibre Cement Idea's](#)

Following on from a previous article, here are further idea's that can be explored with fibre cement as a high performance materials used in facade applications.

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### [Joburg housing policy under scrutiny](#)

By April this year, 86 otherwise evicted, people who live well below the breadline, should be accommodated at the behest of the Constitutional Court by the City of Johannesburg.

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### [Dube Trade Port in KZN launched](#)

The Dube Trade Port Corporation in La Mercy in KwaZulu-Natal, a state owned enterprise, was launched on Thursday by President Jacob Zuma.

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### [Centre to help firms resolve disputes](#)

A joint project has been launched by the Cape Chamber of Commerce and the University of Stellenbosch Business School to help local businesses manage risk and to make use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms when dealing with other local, and international, businesses.

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### [Framework to redevelop Atlantis](#)

The Atlantis Revitalisation Framework is a document which will guide the redevelopment of this important industrial area.

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### [New school for CT's Century City](#)

Listed private school company, Curro Holdings, is to develop a new school at Century City in Cape Town in 2012 scheduled to open in January 2013.

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### [Construction threatens Cape fynbos](#)

Construction of the Chapman's Peak toll plaza on national parks land would endanger threatened fynbos, the Cape High Court heard on Friday.

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### [Auctioneers speak out on allegations](#)

Allegations of unethical practices by a leading SA auctioneer have created the impression that such practices are widespread in the auction world.

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### [Commercial pockets of excellence see rewards](#)

Commercial property rentals - more especially higher grade assets - will improve during the third and fourth quarter says pundit.

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### [Pre-auction marketing shenanigans?](#)

It appears that it's open season for critics of the South African auction sector right now. Following the revelation that one or more high profile auction houses have been involved in bogus bidding and in giving kickbacks to acquire mandates, a plethora of criticism has flooded into the electronic and printed media.

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### [Covent Garden 'creating value'](#)

Capital & Counties continues to implement asset management opportunities while considering ways to expand the assets in its Covent Garden in London's West End.

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### **Synergy sticks to high-growth low-LSM sector**

Full of Ideas but short on stock, for now... Synergy Income Fund (SIF), a specialised retail property fund focused on mid-sized community and regional shopping centres, listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange on 14 December last year. The Fund took ownership of the initial portfolio of four properties during October and December 2011. These acquisitions resulted in a fair value gain of R32.1 million representing a 9.58% premium to the acquisition cost.

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## **EMPLOYMENT CORNER**

### **CONTRACTS MANAGERS**

A LEADING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN JHB IS WANTING TO SOURCE 2 CONTRACT MANAGERS. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Programme Manager - Management Portfolio**

To facilitate planning and resource mobilization for implementation of assigned programmes and, direct and integrate all aspects in accordance to time, scope and cost parameters. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Programme Manager - Affordable Housing**

To manage Affordable Housing programme on a sustainable and profitable basis. To identify, secure funding approvals for programmes in line with the company's strategic decisions relating to the growth and sustainability of the company business. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

Gauteng Property Developer. Due to ongoing projects, our Client, a successful property developer, requires a further Project Development Manager who is able to project manage (hands-on) industrial projects through the full range of duties to completion. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Construction Planner**

Construction planner required for power station contract in Limpopo. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Senior Construction Commercial Manager**

Senior qualified quantity surveyor with a minimum of 15 years proven top management experience with the building division of a major construction group to work closely with the local MD of a newly established branch of a JSE-listed construction group in Port Elizabeth. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Programmer/Planner**

Experienced programmer/planner who has at least 10 years experience working with a major national civil engineering contractor. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

#### **Director - Delivery Management Africa**

International finance and investment group requires a Head of delivery in regard to its new infrastructure construction projects within Africa. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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#### RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP

##### [Nefertiti Designs - Bespoke Hand Crafted Furniture](#)

If you are looking for beautiful hand crafted furniture that has been designed in the ways of the masters like Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Nartolozzi and William Kent you would think that your best bet would be to look at some of the boutique furniture manufacturers overseas. But you would be wrong.

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##### [Prime retail centre to go under the hammer](#)

Prime centre with options for various uses. Auction Inc is proud to auction off a prime retail centre situated in Florida on the 27th of March.

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##### [Two centres fall onto Redefine radar](#)

Acquisition strategy appears reasonably conventional with a slant for less trodden locations. Redefine Properties has announced that it has successfully concluded the acquisition of two further retail properties, namely Chris Hani Crossing in Vosloorus and South Coast Mall on the Natal South Coast.

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##### [Understanding local consumer markets](#)

Retail is nothing without the shopper. But do SA businesses and retailers know their consumers and are they ready for the customer of the future?

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##### [Wal-Mart wins final go-ahead in Massmart deal](#)

A South African court on Friday largely dismissed an appeal from government and unions to roll back approval for Wal-Mart's \$2.4-billion acquisition of Massmart, ending months of uncertainty about the status of the deal.

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## NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

### [An Architect's Manifesto](#)

People are expecting real change real fast. This is true for the Middle East and North Africa. It's also true here at the Southernmost point of Africa. Urban environments that imprison and entrench poverty rather than provide economic mobility has immense socio-economic and cultural ramifications for an increasingly urbanised nation.

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### [Ancient 'air-conditioning' cools building sustainably](#)

How did buildings keep cool before the invention of air conditioning? As architects consider how to reduce the energy demands of new builds, some are turning to the past for simple, low-tech solutions. At the height of summer, in the sweltering industrial suburbs of Jaipur, Rajasthan in north-west India, where temperatures can hit 45C Pearl Academy of Fashion remains 20 degrees cooler inside than out, by drawing on Rajasthan's ancient architecture.

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## PIA Events

Visit the [PIA Events-page](#) to keep abreast of upcoming events arranged by the Pretoria Institute of Architects.

## Great Buildings:

[Joe Esherick House](#), by Joseph Esherick, at Kentfield, California, 1950.

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## ARCHITECTURE SOUTH AFRICA

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#### **ARCH REVIT SPECIALISTS – Gauteng**

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#### **DESIGN ARCHITECT - Johannesburg**

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[National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act, 1977 \(Act 103 of 1977\)](#)

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[Fee Calculator for Professional Architectural Services - Non-Repeat Buildings](#)

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[Fee Calculator for Professional Architectural Services - Repeat Buildings](#)

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[SANS 10400-T, Table 2 \(Safety Distances\) - Calculator from Arcdirectory](#)

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One of the few Architectural practices that is still succeeding to obtain work needs a seasoned Design Architect for their Johannesburg office. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

### HEAD ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNER

Leading multi disciplinary brand and communications solutions consultancy requires a Head Environmental designer. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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### FREE SOFTWARE DOWNLOADS FOR ARCHITECTS

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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](mailto:admin.pia@saia.org.za)

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### PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

#### [Introducing the Project Mediator](#)

Can mediation models used in the judicial realm be adapted to improve conflict resolution on your projects? Yes, and for project managers in increasingly networked, multiparty environments, these techniques can also enhance collaboration among participants and elicit more enduring, even inspired, commitments. Here's a primer.  
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Leading Interior Design Company. Architectural practice with an Interior Design arm requires a top quality young person to come in as Project Manager with some design skills. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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### **VISIT SACPCMP**

SACPCMP was established to provide for statutory professional certification, registration and regulation of Project and Construction Management Professions in order to protect public interest and advance construction and project management education.

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



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### **ENGINEERING NEWS**

#### **[17 strategic projects prioritised by President's infrastructure body](#)**

Cabinet has approved the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission's (PICC's) second 'Infrastructure Implementation Plan' report, which includes a framework outlining an integrated management and delivery system for 17 strategic infrastructure projects (Sips) across all three spheres of government.

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#### **[Belhar integrated housing project under way](#)**

Property development group Calgro M3 Holdings is currently working on a R1-billion to R1.4-billion integrated housing project, in Belhar, Cape Town, along with black empowered company Belhar CBD.  
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#### [Lafarge pays R149m fine to settle cement cartel case](#)

The Competition Commission on Thursday reached a settlement with Lafarge Industries South Africa in which the cement producer admitted that it took part in the cement cartel.  
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#### [M&R board finalises terms for R2bn rights offer](#)

Construction group Murray & Roberts said it had finalised the terms for the rights offer approved by its shareholders last month.  
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#### [Cement sales rose again in February](#)

Cement sales increased to 884 700 t in February, statistics released by the Cement & Concrete Institute showed on Thursday.  
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#### [Consultancy undertaking multiple WC projects](#)

Consulting engineers and scientists SRK Consulting has been appointed by the West Coast district municipality (WCDM) to develop an integrated coastal management programme (ICMP) to determine the current state of the West Coast region's coastal environment and identify strategies to deal with coastal management challenges.  
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#### [Accéntuate mulls acquisitions as part of scale-up plan](#)

If Accéntuate wants to justify the costs of being a listed company, it will have to grow, says CEO Fred Platt.  
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#### [Auto bodies still believe fuel levy is answer to toll dilemma](#)

The National Association of Automobile Manufacturers of South Africa (Naamsa) and the Automobile Association of South Africa (AA) both believe a fuel levy remains a more appropriate mechanism to fund the improved freeways in Gauteng, rather than tolling.  
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#### **[From the Safcec newsletter:](#)**

##### **Environmental Legislation**

Members would do well to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act (19 of 1998) and related legislation, such as the Waste Act; the Air Quality Act; the National Water Act and so forth.

##### **Occupational Health & Safety**

The birds and the bees. Following an incident reported by one of our Members that a worker working on a rural contract was stung by a bee on the lip, it serves as a timely reminder that supervisors should be in the know as to all or any allergies that their workers may have.

#### **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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## GREEN BUILDING NEWS

### [Tenants are the real 'green drivers of change'](#)

Long-term energy and water savings, which translate into cost savings, are steadily pushing business- and home-owners to seek out green buildings, rather than leaving it up to built environment professionals.

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### [Fresh, green and exciting office design](#)

When Darby Architects was approached to envisage a space for the serviced office space provider Flexible Workspace, one objective became apparent to owner, Nick Darby. How was one to create a single interior design concept that would demonstrate a compatible, user friendly and universal style of architecture.

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### [SA wind turbine maker I-WEC completes first prototype blade](#)

Local wind turbine manufacturer Isivunguvungu Wind Energy Converter (I-WEC) has completed its first prototype 50 m wind turbine rotor blade.

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### [Support for successful ecological infrastructure scheme grows beyond R1bn](#)

The South African Department of Environment Affairs' (DEA's) and the Department of Water Affairs' (DWA's) Working for Water (WfW) programme, which eradicates invasive alien species in the country, has been dubbed a success since its inception.

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### [Philips launches energy efficient lighting company](#)

Philips on Thursday launched a new company offering total project solutions in switching to energy efficient lighting solutions for public- and private-sector buildings and businesses.

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### [Consumers want more green buildings](#)

Green Building in South Africa will take hold in the mainstream when the tenants of buildings push for a more sustainable built environment.

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### [The A-Z of Greening](#)

Over the past few months we have featured advice, hints, tips and tricks to help readers' lead greener lifestyles. Often, greening introduces us to concepts, ideas or products that are unfamiliar. At times, this terminology can be intimidating or difficult to understand which is why we will feature a "green glossary" this week.

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### [How Eco-Friendly Are Your Floors?](#)

## 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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This is probably a question very few of us have stopped and thought about. With sustainability and greening linked to practices such as recycling or organic produce, the subject of eco-friendly flooring is not one that is often discussed. One possible explanation for this is that flooring is not something homeowners would do every day. Studies have shown that indoor pollution poses a serious health risk and this is often due to paints and finishes and, believe it or not, flooring. Many of the substances used to install or clean carpets or highly toxic.

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## MINING NEWS

### [Nersa lowers 2012 power price increase from 25.9% to 16%](#)

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) has revised lower Eskom's power tariff increases for the period April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013, from the 25.9% approved previously to 16%.

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### [Great Basin needs another C\\$50m](#)

Gold junior Great Basin on Thursday said it is raising C\$50-million in a bought deal financing to carry its Burnstone mine in South Africa through to the third quarter, when it expects the operation to be cash-flow positive.

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### [Brand-new look for South African refinery](#)

South Africa's premier gold refinery, Rand Refinery, has rejuvenated and relaunched its brand and corporate identity in line with the organisation's new growth and diversification strategy, aimed at expanding into new regions, most notably Asia and Western Europe, while offering a wider product portfolio.

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### [Nautilus eyes up to \\$100m in funding requirements](#)

While Nautilus Minerals, aiming to become the first deep-sea metals producer by the end of next year, still needs to raise \$90-million to \$100-million to fully fund the project, it has about two years to do so, CEO Steve Rogers said on Thursday.

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### [Global copper demand to grow 1.2% this year](#)

China remains the key global growth driver for copper, but demand growth from the Asian giant is expected to slow this year, Standard Bank head of commodities research Walter de Wet reveals.

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### [Implats blow-up requires careful introspection](#)

MINING may resume at Impala Platinum's (Implats's) Lease Area mine in Rustenburg on March 5, but there are still serious questions to tackle regarding relations between labour, union and employers.

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## NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

### [Addressing City Council billings](#)

Across various city councils around the country there is presently a large number of property owners struggling with large and unsubstantiated accounts which they are unable to get correctly adjusted or substantiated.

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### [Observatory - Quality Without the Price Tag](#)

Observatory, with its proximity to the centre of Johannesburg is a suburb that could easily have slid downhill. However, although prices have not escalated on a par with other suburbs that might have been considered in the same bracket 20 years ago, the suburb still offers luxury living in an exclusive environment.

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### [The Cape Dutch Farmhouse of Bergvliet](#)

Translated to mean "Mountain Streamlet", this leafy suburban area with a dam and bird sanctuary, is located along a popular greenbelt frequented by dog walkers and trail runners. Known as the Bergvliet Farm, this historic property dates back to 1947 when it was used as a place of residence for returning World War II servicemen.

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### [Farm Buyers Find Value for Money on West Coast](#)

High-end buyers from Limpopo, North West and Gauteng are showing increased interest in commercial-scale farms on the Cape West Coast, and demand is also rising for "lifestyle" farms in the area...

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### [Must-buy auction bargain properties](#)

Property investors and buyers looking to cash in on bargains can check out some great buys at auctions coming up in the Western Cape.

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### [Eurocasa's New Marina Chic Kitchen](#)

Eurocasa are well known for the attractive and high quality furniture and kitchen systems that they offer. With a range of exceptional international brands within their portfolio as well as their own in house collections, Eurocasa are at the forefront of the South African contemporary furnishing supply industry.

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### [Bringing the cinema experience to your home](#)

Recently we have noticed an upswing in the custom home theatre market. With rumours of the American movie houses releasing movies simultaneously at the cinema and on disc (for a premium off course) it seems this trend will continue. Factor in the price of admission, queues and stale popcorn and a movie outing isn't that attractive anymore.

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## THE AGENTS' TOOLKIT

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## BUILDING TERMS

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### [Lighting Ideas For Your Kitchen](#)

Planning kitchen lighting is as important to designing and remodelling a kitchen as picking out the cabinetry and appliances is.

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### [Take the Stress Out of Working From Home](#)

Technology has come such a long way in the past 10 years that it is no longer unusual for people to "telecommute" or even to run their whole business from home full time...

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### [Buy now while property is cheap](#)

House prices in the South African residential property market continued to show relatively low nominal growth on a year-on-year basis in February.

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### [Would you move house to avoid tolls?](#)

It remains to be seen as to whether Government will achieve its aim of implementing its E-Tolling system on Gauteng's National Roads.

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### [Luxury home buys for wealthy people](#)

The luxury residential property market globally remains buoyant with buyers paying premium prices, while some pay cash for these sought-after homes.

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### [Do you want to own property? Read this...](#)

If you believe now is a good time to buy property to live in or as an investment, you need to be financially fit to do so. Get these tips...

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### [New body for SA real estate industry](#)

On 19 March a new independent real estate industry body representing the interests of all South African real estate businesses will be launched.

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### [What Time Is It?](#)

The excitement of owning your own home can quickly be overshadowed by disappointment, if, when it comes time to sell, no one wants to pay close to what you originally paid for the property. Boom times may be great for sellers, but if a buyer purchases a property at the wrong time during a boom period, he may be left holding the baby and battling to understand why no one wants to pay a premium when buying his home.

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### [Real Estate Offers Bright Future for Graduates](#)

The start of a new financial year is a very exciting time for those who have just finished university or college, with thousands of jobs being advertised for those with new degrees or diplomas – and the prospect of good rewards in store for all those years of study and sacrifice...

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### [Homebuying Still Hinges on Deposits, Survey Shows](#)



Nearly two thirds of South Africans buying homes in 2012 will base their property purchasing decision on whether they are able to afford a deposit or not, according to a recent poll conducted by leading mortgage originator ooba...

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### [The Great Debate](#)

The buy or rent debate was highlighted recently in an online research survey conducted by Columinate on behalf of Private Property. Of the 400 people polled, 202 respondents were asked questions about John, a fictitious 35-year-old male who owned the property that he and his family lived in. The remaining 198 respondents were asked the same questions but their story read differently and in this instance John rented the property.

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## NEWS FROM AFRICA

### [Malawi gets big centre 'wowee'](#)

Construction of the new US\$ 45 million (ZAR 336 million) Gateway regional shopping centre in Lilongwe, Malawi – the largest ever in the country – is moving rapidly to completion, says Ken Barker of TCI Group lead developers of the centre for the owners of MPICO Ltd.

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### [New highway linking Cameroon and Nigeria to boast trade between West and Central Africa](#)

The Nigeria- Cameroon highway project will connect Bamenda in North Cameroon to Nigeria's Enugu through a 433 km long corridor. The project is funded by the African development bank, Japan's Agency for International Development and the World bank, and is expected to cost around \$500 million.

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### [Kenya Construction of the Lamu port to commence soon](#)

Lamu is expected to have a port soon, and the first ship is expected to Dock at this port by December 2012. This is according to president Kibaki who was speaking at the Government forum on completion of the project. "Ground-breaking for construction of the first three berths should be done soonest.

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### [South Sudan: Road project plans worth \\$4 billion in place](#)

Gier Chuang Aluong is the Minister of roads and bridges in South Sudan. He said that his ministry is planning to construct 3,000 kilometers of road all through the country in a span of ten years.

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### [Namibia: Finance minister budgets for 162 new projects](#)

Namibia finance minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila introduced 162 new projects in her

Development budget, as part of the Government's plan to create over 104,000 new jobs in a span of three years.

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#### [Tanzania: Urban Infrastructure Development projects to be put in place](#)

Mr Hussein Kattanga the permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's office, Regional Administration and Local government (PM – RALG) issued a directive that will see Regional Administrative Secretaries (RAS) in 19 regions in Tanzania design new Urban Development Projects. He said that the projects would receive funding from a grant by the World bank.

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#### [Cameroon: New highway linking Cameroon and Nigeria to boost trade between West and Central Africa](#)

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#### [Egypt: Assiut Dam to take over 5 years to complete](#)

The Assiut dam is located 250 km north of Luxor on the Nile. The dam was built early in the 20th century and will be replaced by a new dam.

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#### THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 9 March 2012 at 15:51		
	This week	03/03/2012
Rand/\$	<b>7.51</b>	7.51
Rand/£	<b>11.86</b>	11.92
Rand/€	<b>9.91</b>	9.93
Gold/oz	<b>\$1699.43</b>	\$1710.07
JSE All Share	<b>33881.65</b>	34143.58

#### [Eskom power tariff hike cut down](#)

The energy regulator said on Friday it has cut the increase in electricity rates for power utility Eskom to 16% for the 2012/13 financial year from a previously approved hike of 25.9%.

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#### [JSE firmer as euro tensions ease](#)

The JSE was firmer at noon, with investors turning back to risky assets after an easing of tension in the



#### TAILPIECE

Paddy is on a bus, when a young woman sitting opposite him, starts to breast feed her baby.

"Come on, eat up, or I'll give it to that man over there," she says to the baby.

10 minutes later, she is still trying to feed the baby and says, "Come on, or mummy will give it to that man over there."

Paddy looks over to the woman and says, "For heaven's sake missus, will you make your mind up. I should've got off this bus 3 stops ago!"

Do you want to find out who is

eurozone.  
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### **Brent above \$125 on Greek hopes, US data**

Brent crude rose above \$125 a barrel on Friday, posting its sixth weekly gain in seven, as Greece successfully closed its bond swap offer for creditors, a key step towards securing an international bailout to avoid a messy default.

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### **Firmer rand tests R7.50/\$**

The rand firmed against the dollar on Friday on the back of the successful close of a bond swap offer between Greece and its private creditors.

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## KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### **Economic Data and Forecasts**

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](http://www.finforum.co.za/econdata.htm) at <http://www.finforum.co.za/econdata.htm>



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The blonde wife picked up the phone, listened a moment and shouted into the phone: "How the hell should I know. That's over 450 Kms from here!" and hung up. The husband inquired, "Who was that dear?"

The wife answered, "I don't know. Just some stupid woman wanting to know if the coast was clear."



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