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CUG DOWN

If you experienced problems logging into the CUG it was because the CUG had been down from the 14th February. We immediately reported the matter to MWeb but they only managed to rectify the problem by late Friday afternoon.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

STEEL PRODUCTION, SUPPLY & PRICES

SARCEA (South African Reinforced Concrete Engineers' Association) warns of a worsening situation that is now becoming critical and may well affect completion dates of present and future projects. Please visit the [ASAQS website](#) for the full article.

NEW SAPOA PUBLICATIONS FOR 2008

We have recently been advised by SAPOA of a series of new publications that have been published that may be of interest to the ASAQS members. To view the list of new publications, please visit the [ASAQS website](#).

OUTSTANDING MEMBER FEES

The unacceptable high number of members who have not yet fully paid their fees for the year 2007/2008 to the ASAQS is again becoming a real concern. In response thereto, the Executive Committee has decreed that a concerted effort be made by the ASAQS staff members to give dedicated attention to this matter. Four staff members have been tasked with phoning debtors and to follow up on all outstanding

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payments over the next two weeks. We would appeal that members with outstanding debts please co-operate with these staff members when contacted and to make payment of the outstanding fees without delay. [Click here](#) to read more.

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL

The year 2008 marks the centenary year of the ASAQS !!

To mark this historic occasion, the ASAQS will be publishing a full colour prestige publication entitled "A CENTURY OF QUANTITY SURVEYING IN SOUTH AFRICA" to mark the successes, achievements and development of the profession during this time. The illustrated book will be published by Chris van Rensburg Publications (Pty) Ltd of Johannesburg, a reputable company with over 45 years experience in producing this kind of prestigious publication. Visit the [ASAQS website](#) to read more on this.

FORUM OF QS PRACTICES

Registered QS practices who wish to send a representative to the next QS Forum should please diarise Tuesday 26 February 2008 when **the next Forum meeting will take place at the offices of the ASAQS at 16h00.**

Full report available on the [ASAQS website](#).

COMBINED PRESIDENTIAL / VICE PRESIDENTIAL TOUR 2008

The first of the Presidential Tour visits to Mafikeng (incorporating the North West Chapter) was concluded recently. It was a very successful trip and we wish to thank the North West Chapter for their hospitality and good organisation of the events on Wednesday 23 January 2008.

The itinerary is confirmed as follows :

- Wednesday 27 February 2008 – Kimberley – Northern Cape
- Thursday 28 February 2008 – Bloemfontein – Free State
- Wednesday 05 March 2008 – Durban – KwaZulu Natal
- Thursday 06 March 2008 – Port Elizabeth – Eastern Cape
- Friday 07 March 2008 – Cape Town – Western Cape

The two Chapters where the dates and venues have yet to be confirmed are :

- Nelspruit – Mpumalanga
- Polokwane – Limpopo Province

We look forward to visiting all the Chapters again and hope to present to you the President (Mr Thembi Matunda), the Vice President (Professor Rob Pearl) and the Executive Director (Mr Egon Wortmann) at most visits.



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Full report available on the [ASAQS website](#).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 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) :

PAQS 12th World Congress
14 to 18 June 2008 – Edmonton, Canada

[ICEC 6th World Congress](#)
29 June to 2 July 2008 – Toronto, Ontario, Canada

AAQS General Assembly Meeting and Congress
18 to 22 August 2008 – Accra, Ghana

ASAQS Conference 2008
October 2008 - Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape (dates to be confirmed)

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

REQUIRE TIME FOR YOUR CPD PORTFOLIO?

Registered professional quantity surveyors are required to record their CPD activities annually on the form QSCPD and submit their returns to the Council not later than 30 (thirty) days after completion of an annual cycle which ends on the 31st December every year.

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CALENDAR

19 February 2008

Event: Contract Law 2008
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This seminar will provide essential information on contractual matters for the construction industry.
Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

20 February 2008

Event: General Conditions of Contract 2004
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This one day seminar will analyze and discuss the new GCC 2004 and will compare it with the old documents.
Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

20 / 21 / 22 February 2008

Event: Program Management Professional Workshop
Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM
Information: This course will be held at the Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion on the 20-22 February 2008.
Contact: Terry Deacon training@projectpro.co.za
Phone Number: 012 346 6674

25 February 2008

Event: NEC Road Show
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Information: This course will deliver a series of topical events intended for both existing users of the NEC and potential new users.
Contact: Sharon Muger cpd.sharon@saice.org.za
Phone Number: 011 805 5947

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26 February 2008

Event: NEC Morning Workshop
Time: 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM
Information: This course will deliver a series of topical events intended for both existing users of the NEC and potential new users.
Contact: Sharon Muger cpd.sharon@saice.org.za
Phone Number: 011 805 5947

26 February 2008

Event: NEC Workshop - Early Warnings
Time: 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Information: This course will deliver a series of topical events intended for both existing users of the NEC and potential new users.
Contact: Sharon Muger cpd.sharon@saice.org.za
Phone Number: 011 805 5947

26 / 27 February 2008

Event: FIDIC Workshop
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This two day workshop will be based on recent developments in the industry and in the development of contracts in general and the FIDIC contracts in particular.
Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

26 February 2008

Event: JBCC Minor Works Seminar
Time: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Information: Minor Works Agreement Seminar in Midrand.
Contact: Monica Reimers jbcc@mweb.co.za
Phone Number: 011 646-0174

27 February 2008

Event: JBCC Principal Seminar
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



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Information: Principal Building Agreement Seminar in Midrand.
Contact: Monica Reimers jbcc@mweb.co.za
Phone Number: 011 646-0174

4 / 5 March 2008

Event: Delay Disruption & Extension of Time Johannesburg
Time: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM
Information: A must for anyone associated with contract administration.
Contact: Sue Rule sue@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

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

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

Mr. Jaco Bosman - Murray & Roberts Construction
Mr. Nittin Napaul - MLC Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd

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

[New focus on 'green building'](#)

THE electricity supply crisis is giving developers an incentive to adopt "green building" principles in their new property developments.

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[Construction firms under investigation](#)

The competition commission has launched formal investigations into alleged anti-competitive practices and bid-rigging by several companies in the construction sector.

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[Power crisis threatens to abort property projects](#)

The electricity crisis is threatening to bring new property development projects to a standstill, with severe ramifications for the survival of companies and the creation of jobs in the building industry.

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['State will help Eskom with crisis'](#)

THE government is going to help Eskom with state funding for its R300bn investment programme, President Thabo Mbeki said in Parliament on Friday.

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[Black and white farmers unite in worry](#)

Farmers' organisations have acted in unison by expressing concern over remarks made by agriculture and land affairs minister Lulu Xingwana that she would not mind if the value of farm land in South Africa plummeted, as it would make it easier for the previously disadvantaged to gain access to it.
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[Heathrow unveils its 'travel revolution' Terminal 5](#)

PASSENGERS using Heathrow's new Terminal 5 from March 27 will be treated to a "travel revolution" aimed at drastically reducing the time spent on check-ins, baggage handling and security scanning.
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[Heritage protection upheld](#)

THE Supreme Court of Appeal recently dismissed an appeal against the Cape High Court which had upheld a condition imposed by Heritage Western Cape.
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[A living space on the Tygerberg mountain side](#)

BURGUNDY Lifestyle Estate, established in 2006, is the newest site of development in the upmarket Platteklouf area in Cape Town's northern suburbs on the slopes of the Tygerberg Mountains.
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[MontClare project offers prime space](#)

GROWTHPOINT Property Fund is bringing the newly renamed MontClare Place to market. This comes less than a year after acquiring the former Paramount Towers in Cape Town's Claremont node as part of its acquisition of Paramount Property.
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[Company will mould its display](#)

The Building and Finishings trade Expo 2008 is taking place at the Bellville Velodrome on 8 and 10 April, and a lightweight moulding company is taking part as one of the many exhibitors.
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[First triple-storey in Bredasdorp offers secure environment](#)

Bredasdorp, South Africa's first town to receive the suffix of 'dorp', was established in 1838 by Michael van Breda, the first Mayor of Cape Town.
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[Whose name will CT stadium bear?](#)

The City of Cape Town today took the first step in selling the naming rights of its new Green Point stadium.
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[Prime seafront property for sale](#)

On offer at the March 6 sale will be 1300m² of elite mixed-use property on Main Road, Camps Bay. The property has already generated massive interest, with domestic and international bidders scrambling to register their attendance at what will surely be a hotly contested affair.
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[Estcourt poised to become a new hub](#)

Estcourt is poised to become a key hub in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands with a new cultural village about to open its doors, a 100-unit Lifestyle Retirement Village just launched and considerable commercial expansion under way.

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[KZN commercial boom to continue](#)

In 2006, KwaZulu-Natal was the top performer in commercial property, and according to a local property expert this bullish trend continued through 2007, and should continue in the short to medium term.

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[Energy crisis gives Rio doubt on Coega](#)

THE long-awaited R21bn aluminium smelter investment at Coega may not happen as soon as expected, after mining giant Rio Tinto Alcan expressed doubt yesterday about the future of the project because electricity supply was not guaranteed.

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[JBay guesthouse going for R14m](#)

Running a guest house together in one of SA's most beautiful places is the dream of many couples. Now a 10-bedroom guesthouse in Jeffrey's Bay in the Eastern Cape has just come on to the market at R14m, making the dream a possible reality for those who have the cash.

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[Ecofriendly roof slab built at Cradle of Humankind](#)

The design and build of an ecofriendly roof slab for the Monaghan Ecodevelopment complex has been completed by MRH Consulting Engineers, using Automa Building Products lightweight and patented thermal acoustical expanded polystyrene multistorey slab system (TASS), reports ABP director Craig Paton-Ash.

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[Ekurhuleni outlines five-year plan, but admits that it still lacks the capacity](#)

Despite the fact that the Ekurhuleni municipality has allocated a total of R12,7-billion to its 2007/8 budget,

city manager Patrick Flusk admits that the capital budget is still insufficient to meet backlogs.
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[Old Union Club building up for sale](#)

The days of the historical gentlemen's club will be remembered when the old Union Club building in Bree Street, Johannesburg, comes up for auction later this month.
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[More bad news as UBS ends year in red](#)

UBS yesterday reported the biggest quarterly loss by a bank, after writing down \$13.7 billion (R105 billion) on securities infected by risky US mortgages in the fourth quarter.
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[RBA looks to rentals](#)

ALTX-listed affordable housing developer RBA Holdings says it has embarked on a strategy to increase its rental property stock as rental payments in higher-density developments are more affordable than bank repayments on full-title houses.
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[Subprime woes hit Liberty International](#)

Listed-property group Liberty International, which is a leading firm in the UK's regional shopping centre industry, yesterday reported a loss of £105 million (R1.6 billion) in the year to December compared with a profit of £1.56 billion in the previous year.
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 **RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP**

[Group to open second Sandton hotel](#)

A hotel group has announced its second hotel for Sandton, Gauteng, complementing the Radisson Hotel Sandton which is due to open in late 2008.
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[Italtile shines up its performance](#)

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Theme: Hurdles in Architecture (0.2 – 0.3 cpd credits – validation pending)

Speaker: Martin Kruger

Venue: Ferreiras décor World, Cnr Zambezi Drive and Veronica Street, Montana

Date: 29 Feb 2008

Time: 07h45 for 08h00 - 11h30

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2. CBE, CIDB, DPW
3. Office management
4. Munitoria, and Pia liaison with Munitoria
5. Fees
6. Future projections on the built environment
7. Problems with Materials
8. Problems with contractors, trades, or other Built environment issues
9. Contractual problems
10. Interaction with other building industry professionals
11. Design issues
12. Green architecture
13. Client misconceptions on the architect's work

Members, please note that questions / issues needs to be submitted via e-mail to admin.pia@saia.org.za at least 2 weeks prior to the event so that we can work on it.

Please RSVP and Pay to confirm on or before Tuesday, 26 February 2008, as we can only accommodate 60 guests for this event.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

[Churchill's Choices of What to Do \(designs a solution\) Churchill the Agile Project Manager - Part 12](#)

Most people are very familiar with Winston Churchill but may not be familiar with his "agile" approach to project management and his skills as a PM in the summer of 1940. Part 11 looked at how Churchill set up a Governance Framework to transform the U.K. This article discusses the tactical choices he made to meet the short term objectives of his project, and the initial designs of the solution. In 1940 emerging technology had mechanized warfare (Part 4) and agility was the new mode of operation for the military

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- To create adaptive teams that respond quickly to change

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Eskom sets June approval deadline for first nuclear project](#)

Power utility Eskom would complete its initial evaluation of the two bids for the construction of a new 3 000 MW to 3 500 MW nuclear power station in South Africa on Friday (February15).
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[Eskom vets 45mt emergency coal procurement plan](#)

State power utility Eskom announced on Thursday that it was going to procure an additional 45-million tons of emergency coal over the next two years to increase stockpiles at its power stations to at least 20 days.
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[Power constraints drive a green agenda in property sector](#)

Seeking the silver lining in the power crisis, the commercial and industrial property sector, unified by the South African Property Owners Association (Sapoa), has affirmed that power outages "might just provide the push needed for South African businesses to accelerate their green initiatives and catalyse more effective energy management to South Africa".
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[Local government manages infrastructure poorly – survey](#)

Good practices in the implementation of infrastructure maintenance and management should be prioritised along with public-sector or government investment in new infrastructure as this makes sense in terms of reducing current noncapital costs, and enabling increased current noncapital revenue in government, says Dr Kevin Wall of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
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[Road improvement scheme kicks off ahead of 2010](#)

Construction has begun on Phase 1 of the South African National Roads Agency's freeway improvement scheme with the developments of the N21 between the R21 and Atterbury interchange.
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ENGLus is a groundbreaking Engineering Measurement software package which offers a complete software solution for Engineering Schedules of Quantities. It is fully multi-user over a network and is based on a relational database management system. A full User Profile (setup by the user)

is included so that any User's access to functions may be permitted or restricted. Generally ENGPlus 2001 follows the same fundamentals as QSPPlus 2001.

[Cape manufacturer produces ecofriendly bricks](#)

Concrete brick manufacturer Cape Brick manufactures an eco-friendly product as part of the company's long-term commitment to manufacturing a sustainable environment-friendly product, says Cape Brick sales director Jean Tresfon.
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[New acquisition to garner growth for road building group](#)

The acquisition of aggregates and contract crushing company B&E Holdings by road infrastructure development and crushing company, Raubex, will empower the company to participate in a greater array of road construction and maintenance projects in South Africa, says Raubex financial communications adviser Francois Diedrehsen.
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[Skills shortage hammers construction industry](#)

The acute skills shortage that is prevalent in many sectors of local industry is, arguably, the most severe in the economy's booming building and construction sector, says JSE-listed civil engineering company Protech Khutele CEO Gerald Chapman.
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SAFCEC Contractual Affairs

Kwa-Zulu Natal News

Quadrangular Golf Competition – 2 and 3 May 2008

The Western Cape are making arrangements to hold this year's competition at Oubaai and Kingswood Golf courses. Please advise if you wish to participate as we would like to send a team of 8 golfers from KZN.

North Branch News

North Branch Breakfast Meeting

Don't miss presentations by two esteemed clients Transnet and Bombela CJV who will be sharing with our members their plans for 2008 (i.e. capex, size of contracts, BBEEE policy they will be using in selecting contractors etc.) Date: 5 March 2008, Time: 07:30 -10:00, Venue: Construction Centre, 12 Skeen Boulevard, Bedfordview, RSVP: Jacqui on 011 409 0906 or jacqui@safcec.org.za

North Branch News

Sports Day – 4 April 2008

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 4 April 2008 at the Randpark Golf Club and Randburg Football Stadium.

Construction Management Program (CMP) Stellenbosh

A decision was taken during discussions last year to run the CMP on an annual basis commencing 2008. The dates for the 2008 Construction Management Program are 22nd of June and 19th of July 2008.

Construction Seminars to be held during February 2008

Members are advised that the following Construction Seminars are scheduled to be held at the Sunnyside Park Hotel, Parktown, Johannesburg during the month of February 2008:

Contract Law 2007 : 19 February 2008

GCC 2004 : 20 February 2008

FIDIC Workshop : 26 & 27 February 2008

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) Conference 2008

Another reminder that Project Management South Africa (PMSA) will be holding a conference for Project, Programme and Portfolio Management Professionals on the 26, 27 and 28 May 2008 at the Gallagher Estate, Midrand.

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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

[IMF urges Zambia to renegotiate bulk electricity agreements](#)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called for a renegotiation of electricity bulk-sale agreements between the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (Zesco) and mining companies operating in the mining-dependent Southern African country.

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[Beneficiation kicks off in Botswana, more to come, says Mogae](#)

Multinational diamond group Steinmetz has opened the doors to its diamond polishing facility in Gaborone, Botswana - disproving the beguiling myth that diamonds can not be beneficiated in diamond-producing countries.

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[We're well positioned to meet 51% Zimbabwean ownership, says Implats](#)

Platinum company Impala was well positioned to meet the 51% Zimbabwean mine ownership requirement if it were signed into law, Impala Platinum executive director Les Paton said on Thursday.

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[Zimbabwe Dec inflation hits record 66 212,3%](#)

Zimbabwe's annualised inflation rate rose to a record 66,212.3 percent in December, dealing another blow to President Robert Mugabe's efforts to pull the once prosperous African nation's economy out of a deep crisis.

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[Africa's oil and gas sector growth still undermined by poor infrastructure and skills](#)

To derive maximum benefit from its massive oil and gas resources, Africa should improve its infrastructure, and build on developing its skills, says independent energy adviser Jack Holliday.

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[Building of Maputo fuel pipeline starts in June](#)

MAPUTO — Construction of a \$517m pipeline to take imported petrol and diesel from Maputo to SA would start in June, the head of Mozambique Petroleum Company (Petrococ) said yesterday.

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[China increases its footprint in Congolese mining](#)

KINSHASA — China, stepping up its investment drive in Africa, plans to pursue infrastructure deals in the Democratic Republic of Congo following last month's signing of a multi billion-dollar accord giving Chinese companies major mining rights.

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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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[Implats trumps rivals with record output](#)

IMPALA Platinum stole a march on rivals yesterday by becoming the only one of the world's top three producers to post record production levels in a platinum market surging to new peaks.

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[Kumba ready to launch new Sishen project](#)

KUMBA Iron Ore's R5,2bn Sishen South project was ready to start but the go-ahead depended on securing commercial rates through export channels and the granting of mineral rights, Kumba CEO Ras Myburgh said yesterday.

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[Northam works around electricity cuts](#)

Eskom's mandatory 10 percent electricity cut for mines would not stop Northam Platinum from maintaining its current level of platinum production in the next six months, Glyn Lewis, Northam Platinum's chief executive, said this week, to the surprise of industry analysts.

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[Top steel maker to generate electricity](#)

ArcelorMittal South Africa will spend more than R1.2 billion on a power plant at its Vanderbijlpark mill to overcome a national electricity shortage that is curbing steel production.

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[Better-quality diamonds still in demand in subprime-hit US, says Oppenheimer](#)

Demand for better-quality diamonds is continuing in the subprime-impacted US, says De Beers chairperson Nicky Oppenheimer on the impact of the US subprime crisis on diamond sales in the important US market.

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[Mine costs to 'spiral out of control', Implats CEO Brown warns](#)

Costs would "spiral out of control" for the entire South African mining industry if the skills shortage persisted and retention bonuses became an ongoing feature, Impala Platinum CEO David Brown warned on Wednesday.

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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS
[Property's wish list for budget](#)

ALTHOUGH no one seriously expects a property-friendly budget from Finance Minister Trevor Manuel next week, property commentators have placed further transfer duty relief for home owners on their wish lists.

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[Lock-up-and-go or keep control](#)

If you like to follow your own lead, think carefully before buying property in complexes where a body corporate or a homeowners' association (HOA) makes the decisions.

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[Rates scare off buy-to-let investors](#)

THE residential buy-to-let market has dropped significantly since the height of the property boom in 2004, with higher interest rates scaring off many would-be investors and speculators.

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[Durban Rates – Soundness of valuations](#)

Durban ratepayers should not worry that the new valuations on some properties are unsound, just because valuers did not enter the properties to take actual measurements and check renovations, says eThekweni officials in an article in today's edition of Metro ezasegagadini.

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[Green homes save planet and pocket](#)

Homeowners can help save the environment as well as their money with simple energy saving and environment friendly measures.

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[CT's Newlands still has good value](#)

The Cape Town suburb of Newlands saw residential property price rises of 15% in 2005, 11% in 2006 and 10% in 2007 - but it still offers exceptionally good value.

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[New homeowners warned to check for faults within 24 hours](#)

The latest building statistics from Stats SA show that residential buildings completed in 2005 rose by 5,5 percent compared to 2004.

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[Smoking tenants could be stubbed out by landlords](#)

With the demand for rental units on the increase, landlords are now in a position to protect themselves against damage to their properties.

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Tips for Trevor to make home ownership more affordable: * Increase exemption on transfer duty * Abolish attorneys conveyancing monopoly * Tax relief for mortgage payments.
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[Tenant Deposit: What's The Point?](#)

Few realise that a tenant's deposit is not a legal requirement when renting and is completely at the option of the landlord.
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[Northcliff demand still peaking](#)

Property investor activity in the suburb of Northcliff remained strong in the face of 2007's adverse market conditions, partly because of its competitive entry level offerings of under R600 000.
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[Don't try to up your loan with lies](#)

Those who try to get around the stricter restrictions of the New Credit Act (NCA) and increase the size of their mortgage bonds by falsifying their income statements will find that the banks are not easily hoodwinked.
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Doing a Grecian design? [RhinoArt Classic](#) ceiling roses and cornices - Captures the spirit of the magnificent Grecian order to make myth and magic in your modern home.

[Banks remain steadfast on new credit rules](#)

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[Harties sellers need to factor in rising commuter costs](#)

Hartbeespoort property sellers need to be particularly careful about right-pricing in the current market as most residents commute long distances to work.
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[Shelley Beach in growing demand](#)

As evidenced by brisk sales at a new eco-estate, the Shelley Beach area of the lower south coast of KwaZulu-Natal continues to attract home buyers.
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[Mindalore houses fetch high prices](#)

An average of 8.08 houses per month has been sold in Mindalore over the past two years, and the market is growing steadily.
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[Position, position, position ... and now power, says FNB](#)

Sixty-eight percent of home buyers have admitted that electricity load shedding was influencing their residential property purchasing decisions, according to a First National Bank (FNB) survey.
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Rand/\$	7.6600	7.8500
Rand/£	15.0100	15.3000
Rand/€	11.2400	11.3700
Gold/oz	\$902.50	\$912.25
Gold Mining	2267.66	2381.45
JSE All Share	28505.82	27880.00

[Repo rate to fall slightly](#)

According to the latest Merrill Lynch Fund Manager Survey, surveyed managers expect the inflation rate to be slightly lower a year from now and the next repo rate move to be a cut.

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[Fat taxes squeeze out savings](#)

The tax burden on individuals in South Africa has placed huge pressure on savings, making a case for tax collection through higher VAT instead, an economist says.

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[Rand Report](#)

THE rand gained on the dollar yesterday, while government bonds snatched back some of this year's losses, pointing to renewed interest in domestic assets.

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[Dollar falls on US economy fears](#)

The dollar suffered losses against the euro on heightened fears the US economy was heading toward recession.

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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>

TAILPIECE

A newlywed sailor is informed by the navy that he's going to be stationed a long way from home on a remote island in the South Pacific for 2 years. A few weeks after he gets there he really starts to miss his new wife, so he writes her a letter.

"My darling," he writes, "it looks like we're going to be apart for a very long time. Already I'm starting to miss you and we're constantly surrounded by young, attractive native girls. The temptation's terrible. I need some kind of hobby to keep my mind off them."

His wife sends him back a harmonica with a note reading, "Why don't you learn to play this?"

Eventually his tour of duty comes to an end and he rushes back to his wife. "Darling" he says, "I can't wait to get you into bed, I've missed you so much!"

But she stops him with a wave of her hand. "First, let's see how well you play that harmonica."

Dictionary: A place where divorce comes before marriage.



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