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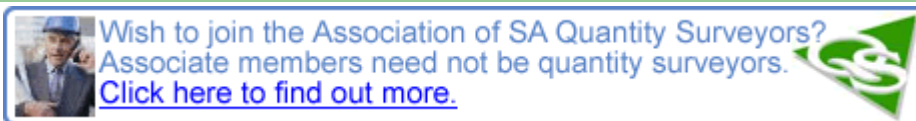
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ASAQS NEWS

FINANCIAL MANAGER RESIGNS

Members are advised that the Financial Manager of the ASAQS, Mrs Renny Moodley, has resigned from the employ of the ASAQS with effect from 21 September 2010. We apologise for any interruption and inconvenience that her sudden departure may have caused. Interim measures are in place to ensure that all the financial functions of the ASAQS will continue with minimal disruptions.

SURVEY ON PERCEIVED SHORTCOMINGS OF GRADUATE QS'S

A survey was recently undertaken to gauge the perceived shortcomings of graduate Quantity Surveyors. Member practices were invited to make comment and to express their views in this regard by filling in questionnaires for University, as well as University of Technology, graduates in their office.

To all members who participated in this survey, a big thank you. The responses have been analysed by an independent firm, Industry Insight, and a draft report of the findings has been completed. After some final editing to e done before publication, this will shortly be made available to all members.

ASAQS SALARY SURVEY 2010

Members are advised that the annual "Salary Survey Report 2010" has been completed by an independent firm, Industry Insight, and it is now available to all members who participated in this survey.

It should be noted that the results of this survey will not be made freely available to everyone on the ASAQS website, but only to those respondents that participated with the questionnaires.

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The Concrete Society of Southern Africa (CSSA) is calling for nominations of projects for the prestigious [Fulton Awards](#), presented by the Society every two years to honour excellence and innovation in construction utilising concrete.

Awards will be made in the following six categories:

- * Overall Civil Engineering Project
- * Overall Building Project
- * Concrete in Architecture
- * Unique Design Aspects
- * Construction Techniques
- * Innovative Technologies.

To view the "Call for Nominations" form, [please click here](#).

For Nomination Forms and entry packs, please contact the CSSA Administrator on the following contact details:

- * Telephone (012) 348 5305, or
- * E-mail : admin@concretesociety.co.za

CESA CONFERENCE 2010

Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) are inviting members to attend their CESA Conference 2010 scheduled as follows:

- * Date : Wednesday 6 October 2010
- * Time : 09h00 to 16h30
- * Venue : Glenburn Lodge, Muldersdrift, Gauteng
- * Cost : R1 485,00 plus VAT per delegate.

The theme of the conference is "Working together towards a sustainable future.....accelerating and enhancing infrastructure provision and maintenance in the Public Sector".

To register, [please click here](#).

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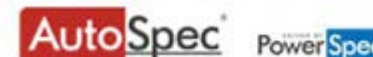
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For more details, visit the Classic Seminars web site: www.classic-sa.co.za

2010 AFRICAN QUANTITY SURVEYORS CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors Conference "Africa the Ultimate Investment Challenge" on 28th and 29th October 2010 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Granger Bay, Cape Town.

The conference will offer 200 delegates the opportunity to share ideas and constructively debate the challenges facing Quantity Surveyors and investors on the African continent.

A total of twelve key note addresses will be made by respected national and international speakers on subjects pertaining to investment in Africa. To view a summary of these speakers and topics, [please click here](#).

Ten papers are to be presented by national and international speakers on subjects pertaining to investment in Africa. The key note addresses will be delivered by high profile personalities from the Public and Private sectors. A highlight of the conference is a gala banquet at the Mount Nelson Hotel at which awards for excellence in the Quantity Surveying Profession will be presented.

Our appreciation goes to all stakeholders who will make this event possible. The ASAQS 2010 Conference cannot be a success without the contributions of our sponsors and speakers and the attendance of you, the delegates. To view the dedicated website (www.aqsc2010.co.za) for further conference and registration details, [please click here](#).

To view the invitation brochure, [please click here](#).

We look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you to Cape Town in October 2010.

OFFER OF SALE OF SHARES

The ASAQS Members Investments Limited wishes to bring to the attention of previous investors and ASAQS members generally the fact that the shares currently held in the company by two investors are available for purchase. One investor wishes to sell her shares for personal reasons (2467 shares), the another person is deceased and those shares are also available for sale (2055 shares).

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SAPOA KZN PROPERTY INVESTMENT WORKSHOP

An investment is a sacrifice of a present value for a future value. The investment decision is therefore very important and the risk and return aspect need to be taken into account.

SAPOA KZN is hosting a Property Investment Workshop designed for practitioners involved in property investments and management decisions. This interactive workshop will assist delegates to analyse property performance and ensure consistent sound returns.

Topics for discussion include:

- Property cash flow in the investment process
- The potential gross income, effective gross and net income
- Operating income of property investment
- Calculating the property investment before and after tax

Date: Thursday, 7 October 2010

Time: Registration 08h30 – 09h00 Workshop 09h00 - 13h00

Venue: Durban – Sica's Guest House, 19 Owen Avenue, Mayville
Richards Bay – Boardroom, 16 Anglers Road, Meersensee

Presenter: Graeme Jay - College of People Management and Development (CPMD)

Fee: SAPOA Members – R950 (incl. VAT)

Non SAPOA Members – R1500 (incl. VAT)

[Please click here](#) to access the Registration Form for this event. You are required to complete the form and return it email to Sianne@ccn.org.za or fax (031 584 7053). You will then receive an invoice by email, and payment should be processed in due course.

Note that this workshop is not being broadcast to individuals' computers, attendance is limited to live venue attendance only. If you are in the Durban or Richards Bay area, we'd love to see you there.

SACQSP ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

The full SACQSP 2009/2010 Annual Report is now available on the [SACQSP website](#).

In terms of Section 15.(8) of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act No 49 of 2000), the Audited Statements and Balance Sheet which are contained in Part 3 of this report, were delivered to the Minister within six months of the close of the financial year and a copy was also provided to the Council for the Built Environment.

10 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER!!!



"THE P8 SUMMIT"

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The SACQSP invite interested parties to attend the Quantity Surveying Conference to be held in East London on the 14th and 15th October 2010.

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CIDB WORKSHOP ON "DELAYED PAYMENTS IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY"

The CIDB through its partnership programme, Infrastructure Delivery Improvement Programme (IDIP) recently identified delayed payments to Contractors as one of the main blockages to infrastructure delivery in the construction industry. While the PFMA stipulates payment within 30 days of submission of claim, most clients do not comply with this legislation as well as the individual contracts signed between themselves and the contractors. Failure by clients to pay contractors within the stipulated period in their contracts results in slow service delivery, poor quality of infrastructure, poor performance of contractors, demise of contractors due to severe negative cash-flow, risk of unfinished projects and interest charges being incurred.

But in the same vein, similar problems and frustrations exist for the practicing professional consultants and these were also recognised.

The CIDB hosted and facilitated a workshop on Tuesday 28 September 2010 in Pretoria to debate and consider delayed payment challenges with invited construction industry stakeholders. The purpose of the workshop was to chart a way forward in ensuring that clients comply with the PFMA as well as their payment contractual obligations with the contractors.

As soon as a full report of the workshop comes to hand, this will be made available to all our members.

CIDB PUBLISHES PRACTICE NOTE ON THE USE OF BILLS OF QUANTITIES

The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) recently issued a Practice Note on the use of Bills of Quantities as a means of evaluating tenders. The Practice Note is referenced as "Practice Note # 21 dated August 2010.

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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 :

SACQSP Research Conference 2010

"THE P8 SUMMIT"

- 15 October 2010 - East London

ASAQS/AAQS Conference 2010

- 28 to 29 October 2010 - Cape Town (further details to be advised)

PAQS Congress 2011

- July 2011 - Colombo, Sri Lanka

ICEC World Congress 2012

- 23 to 26 June 2012 – Durban, South Africa

PAQS Congress 2012

- July 2012 - Brunei

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

CLASSIFIEDS

PROPOSALS ENGINEER / ESTIMATOR

Development of tender project and construction estimates. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor Rwanda - 545/SF

Diploma/Degree in Quantity Surveying with 5 years exp on large projects (Hotels, office blocks, apartment, shopping centres hospitals etc) required for a large hotel project. This is not an AA post. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

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Junior Quantity Surveyor

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B Sc QS Moçambique

Due to expansion our Client, an engineering / construction and PQS organisation needs Snr and Jnr Quantity Surveyors. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

COMMERCIAL MANAGER - TELECOMMUNICATIONS

QS Qualification plus 10 years industry experience and 3-5 years minimum role experience. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR - Mining Experience

Progressive PQS firm is seeking an experienced Quantity Surveyor to join their mining division. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

QUANTITY SURVEYOR required for building contractor / property developer in Johannesburg. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR - Building

Are you a qualified (BSc or ND QS) and experienced (minimum 10 yrs) QUANTITY SURVEYOR capable of running a large (over 100 million) building contract? Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR - Braamfontein

B Sc QS with 10 years post grad experience with a contractor - if you have also worked for a PQS - this would be advantage. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR CONTRACT SURVEYOR - Mauritius

Due to work load, our Client needs a further Snr QS who is able to manage and support and train 2 to 3 QS's within their building construction company

If you are able to handle tenders, full QS function, procurement and are a strong final account negotiator, this may be for you. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor

Established company urgently requires the services of a Quantity Surveyor. Our client is currently experiencing a high volume of new work and needs experienced staff to complete their expansion on-site in Welkom. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor - Mining

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Senior Building Estimators

Very experienced Building Estimators are required for positions in the UK, Ireland and UAE. Must have already personally priced bids exceeding R500m. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Construction Quantity Surveyors

The international building division of one of South Africa's leading contractors is seeking qualified Q/Surveyors to work in Central and East Africa including the Portuguese territories. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS – Gauteng

We have vacancies for construction companies for Quantity Surveyors at various levels, planner on a contract basis, and a junior cost controller. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Quantity Surveyor

Our client is a construction company based in Pretoria looking for a Quantity Surveyor with at least 7 to 8 years experience in quantity surveying. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Associate QS Director

Our client has several years' experience in the professional construction and property business, and are a progressive multi-disciplinary practice operating in a wide variety of markets throughout South Africa, dedicated to excellence in a range of surveying and related services. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Junior Quantity Surveyor

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[CALENDAR](#)

4 / 5 October 2010

Event: Project Control 1st Step towards Cost Engineering
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:25 PM
Information: The first step towards an International Cost Engineering Certification.
Have a look at our website www.elpavo.co.za

Contact: Patricia Smith elpavo@absamail.co.za
Phone Number: 011 478 1540

11 / 12 October 2010

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13 October 2010

Event: New Engineering Contract Seminar
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This seminar will look initially at contract strategy from the perspective of main Contractor/Sub-contractor appointment. Thereafter the seminar will deal with that most difficult area under the NEC, change management systems, which will embrace dealing with variations and extensions of time.

Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

13 / 14 October 2010

Event: A 2 Day Workshop on the FIDIC Contract Documents
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Information: This workshop will trace the contractual process from pre-tender stage to taking over, where the FIDIC contracts are used. We will not only consider the FIDIC general conditions of contract but will also discuss pre-award issues.

Contact: Norah norah@bca.co.za
Phone Number: 011 888 6141

14 October 2010

Event: Contract Law Workshop – “When it all goes Wrong”
Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Information: Cape Town. Contracts On-demand is organising a one-day Specialist Workshop on the subject of “When it all goes Wrong” - Prevention & Mitigation, relative to a Building / Construction / Professional, Contracts / Agreements.

Contact: Adrian Michie amichie@intekom.co.za
Phone Number: 082 851 5924

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](#).



CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

[SANRAL—On The Road To Success](#)

The South African National Road Agency Limited is currently upgrading many of the nation's freeways in an effort to ensure the safety and convenience of motorist, while projecting the excellence and high quality of the country's road network. Ask any motorist about the congestion on most South African highways and the answer will be the same—that they are very congested. Yet the answer may reveal that the source of this congestion does not directly involve other motorists, rather it is the ongoing road improvements that are currently forcing motorists to vie for space on the nation's road network.

(@www.constructionreviewonline.com)

[ABB for Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme](#)

ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order worth US\$23 million from Eskom, South Africa's leading electric utility, to supply an electrical balance of plant (eBoP) solution for the Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme (PSS), currently under construction on the border of the Free State and KwaZulu-Natal provinces in South Africa.

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[Joburg CBD properties on auction 7/10](#)

An array of commercial, industrial, retail and residential property will be going under the hammer at Summer Place in Hyde Park on 7 October.

(@www.property24.com)

[18,000sqm bought at Lanseria Corporate Estate](#)

The 90 hectare Lanseria Corporate Estate, situated next to Lanseria International Airport in a high growth node of Johannesburg, saw its first land transfer, including Freeworld Coatings taking ownership of approximately 18,000sqm of land.

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[Commercial property lacks lustre](#)

Commercial real estate in South Africa has shown a 4,6% total return according to the SAPOA/IPD South Africa Biannual Property Indicator.

(@www.property24.com)

[Investors lose out as vacant office space increases](#)

With office developments popping up all over former residential areas, East London is experiencing such a glut of office space that agents are battling to rent it all out.

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[Listed property all the rage](#)

Listed property funds continue to blaze a trail on the markets, with the overall JSE index failing to

match up to the heady performances being achieved. Will it last? Developers and property analysts believe so, predicting low vacancy rates and 8.4% yields going forward.

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[Fountainhead buys FHP properties for R204m](#)

Fountainhead Property Trust announced on Thursday that it has concluded an agreement to acquire an 80% undivided share in Section 4 of the proposed sectional title scheme from FHP Managers.

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[Bonatla expects higher earnings](#)

Property fund Bonatla announced on Thursday that its headline earnings per share for the six months ended June 2010 are expected to improve between 150% and 160% when compared to the previous period, which reflected a headline loss per share of 0.70 cents.

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[Sephaku to realign business, posts R90m loss](#)

JSE-listed Sephaku Holdings posted a loss of R90-million for the 16 months ended June 30, 2010, primarily as a result of an R86-million loss incurred by the Sephaku Cement group.

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EMPLOYMENT CORNER

COMMERCIAL MANAGER

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GENERAL MANAGER PROJECTS

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MANAGER – FABRICATION WORKSHOP

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P6 PLANNER

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Contracts Administrator

Administrative activities associated with handling of contracts, such as (1) invitation to bid, (2) bid evaluation, (3) award of contract, (4) contract implementation, (5) measurement of work completed, and (6) computation of payments. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Contracts Administrator

Contracts Administrator required for Johannesburg based Consultancy. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

MANAGER FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Pakistan

Reporting to the Director Corporate Services, our Client needs a local Pakistani to join their growing organisation

One of the largest developers in the Middle East, our Client is always searching for the best – this is an opportunity to move in on the ground floor and make a difference. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT Pakistan

This long established developer in the Middle East is based in a safe area and the projects are developed in areas where security is taken care of. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

DIRECTOR PROJECTS Pakistan

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Contracts Administrator

Contracts Administrator required for Johannesburg based Consultancy. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Regional Manager - Commercial Property

A Financial Bank is seeking a Commercial Property Finance Regional Manager. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Managing Director - Concessions Division

Well known construction company seeks a dynamic new leader to head up its Concessions Company. Candidates must be at least 40, extremely well versed in the contractual, financial and technical aspects of assembling winning PPP Bids and also have substantial experience ensuring the successful performance of SPVs. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Commercial Director

Dynamic Commercial Manager/Director? Our client is a well established construction company. Due to their rapid growth they are in need of a Commercial Director with a QS Qualification. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Contracts Manager

12 month contract for contracts manager in Pretoria. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Contracts Manager - Ref# 502/TM

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RETAIL, HOTEL AND LEISURE ROUNDUP

[Footcount and turnover increases for Alex centre](#)

Pan Africa Shopping Centre, a project that began as a component of the Presidential Alexandra Renewal initiative, shows its investment credentials as well as catalytic quality.
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[The Don reports loss of 3.10 cents](#)

Hotels, travel & tourism group The Don on Wednesday reported a headline loss per share of 3.10 cents for the year ended June 30, 2010, from a loss of 3.12 cents previously.
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[Fully anchored shopping centre for sale](#)

Auction Alliance will take to auction a fully let retail centre on the corner of Carrington and Hatchard Street, Mafikeng on 20 October 2010. The property comprises a single storey shopping centre, with a gross lettable area of 5205m² and ample parking. The retail centre is situated adjacent to the Mafikeng train station and enjoys a high volume of pedestrian traffic.
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[Shopping centres requires thorough planning and management](#)

We need to be careful in our thinking about where the future of retail lies in South Africa. "This in the context of a dynamic world with constantly changing patterns and so careful thought is required in order to secure the asset's ongoing success". So reckons doyen of the South African shopping centre industry with a wealth of experience and retail success stories behind his name, property developer and investor Patrick Flanagan.
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[Property retail sector 'offers recovery potential'](#)

JHI property services group says that property analysts are unanimous in their view that the retail industry offers the best recovery potential.
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[Wholesale and retail sales are up](#)

Wholesale trade sales, at constant 2000 prices, for the three months ended July 2010 increased by 3,9% compared with the three months ended July 2009, while sales for the same period in 2009 decreased by 11,1%. Seasonally adjusted wholesale trade sales for the three months ended July 2010 increased by 0,6% compared with the three months ended April 2010.
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[Retail recovery good for property](#)

Positive news for the property retail industry is that property analysts agree that this sector offers the best recovery potential.
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Facing the Palapye Francistown A1 highway, the spacious parking facilities makes it very convenient place to shop. Builders World Palapye, a member of the World Group of Companies, commenced operation in April 2005 at Plot 4418 in Industrial Area Palapye and we are now celebrating our 5th year in existence. Our expanded warehouse and stores were built to accommodate a complete and comprehensive range of building materials and while keeping in mind spacious and pleasant shopping experience for customers.

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NEWSFLASHES FOR ARCHITECTS

[Focus Groups as a Marketing Tool](#)

A focus group is one way to receive feedback from an outside objective audience. Often focus groups are used for consumer testing of products and foods but this handy tactic can also be valuable for architecture firms. Architecture firms can use focus groups to review a new Web site or print advertisement. Often a nonbiased opinion can point out strengths or weaknesses the creator of the promotion did not notice.

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[Spain: Sculptural Home](#)

A-cero architecture studio has presented a recently completed house in 'La Finca' estate in the town Pozuelo de Alarcón (Madrid). This project is smaller (1,000 sq m) than the other buildings in the surrounding housing development however A-cero maintain that its smaller dimensions turn the structure into a comfortable, cosy and practical house that offers maximum life quality to its occupants.



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[K-25](#)

K-25 is a former uranium enrichment facility located on the southwestern end of the Oak Ridge Reservation, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, constructed by the Manhattan Project. The code name "K-25" was a combination of the "K" from the Kellogg Corporation, the initial contractors of the plant, and a World War II-era code designation for uranium-235. Begun in June 1943 and completed in early 1945 at a cost of \$512 million (equivalent to \$6.2 billion in 2009 dollars), the K-25 plant employed 12,000 workers. The U-shaped K-25 building measured half a mile by 1,000 feet (300 m) – over 2,000,000 sq ft (609,600 m²). Construction began before completion of the design for the process. Due to construction needs at K-25 and elsewhere on the reservation, the town of Oak Ridge, originally designed for 13,000 people, grew to 50,000 by summer 1944. The people needed for the construction of K-25 lived near by, in a community that came to be known as Happy Valley. Built by the Army in 1943, Happy Valley was a temporary community that housed 15,000 people in trailer homes



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Great Buildings:

[Coffee House on the Bosphorus](#), by Sedad Eldem, at Istanbul, Turkey, 1948.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWS

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[The Project Management Calendar](#)

[Is Your Focus a Fallacy?](#)

Last month I facilitated an executive level leadership retreat. I was an observer the first day of the retreat and would facilitate the development and prioritization of organizational goals and challenges on the second day of the retreat. The first day was dominated by a discussion of "Challenge A", what the organization had done about "Challenge A" and what they were going to do to rectify "Challenge A". The discussion was intense with folded arms and strong opinions.

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PROJECT MANAGERS – TELECOMS

Installation of 200 telecom stations throughout Gauteng. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Project Manager Rwanda - 545/SF

Diploma/Degree in Construction Management/Quantity Surveying/Civil Engineering or similar with 5 - 10 years constructing large projects (Hotels, office blocks, apartment, shopping centres, hospitals etc) required for a large hotel project. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Assistant Project Manager Rwanda - Ref

Construction Company seeking Assistant Project Manager in Rwanda Qualification in the built environment essential 3-5 yrs exp preferably in the construction of hotels. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Senior Project Manager - Ref# 493/TM

Senior Project Manager for the Gauteng Area with at least 10 years PM experience in the Built Environment. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT / CONTRACTS MANAGER - Seychelles

Our client is a well-established building contractor who works in the islands and along the East Coast of Africa on various building projects, which include leisure, commercial and retail. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR Ref PL05

Our Client needs a top quality BEE lady to be the right hand person to the Development Director. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PLANNER (Mozambique based) Ref PL04

Extremely busy PQS which handles not only QS but also project management requires the services of a planner to support their ongoing workload. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

PROJECT MANAGER (BEE APPT) Ref PL03

Our Client needs a top quality BEE PROJECT MANAGERS. This progressive and successful finance house's property division has continued to develop properties not only in South Africa but in Africa as well. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR PLANNER (BEE APPOINTMENT) Ref PL01

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VISIT SACPCMP

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ENGINEERING NEWS

[Despite big infrastructure pledge, construction contracts stall and margins fall](#)

It was a big Budget announcement that, in the end, yielded only a fraction of what was promised in the time frame specified. It is not certain what factors are to blame. It could be the emergence of a new administration at the very time the recession was gaining traction. It could be the country's project-execution skills dearth.

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[Iron-ore fines beneficiation plant to be built in SA following Severstal deal](#)

A 50 000 t/y facility to convert iron-ore fines into metallic briquettes for use as a scrap supplement in electric steelmaking, will be developed in Phalaborwa, in South Africa's Limpopo province, following a \$17-million transaction unveiled on Friday.

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[Academic questions whether South Africa benefited from the R40bn splurged on branding for the FIFA World Cup](#)

An associate professor of history at Michigan State University, in the US, and visiting Fulbright

professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal Peter Alegi has questioned whether the R40-billion spent on branding South Africa for the 2010 FIFA World Cup was justified.

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[Europe's first phosphorous recovery plant announced in UK](#)

A £2 million project that will see phosphorous extracted from wastewater and recovered for the first time in Europe was announced ahead of what major U.S. environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. predicts could be a "worldwide phosphorous crisis".

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[Water, sanitation rights clarified by U.N.](#)

Through resolution A/HRC/15/L141 passed yesterday, the U.N. Human Rights Council has achieved a landmark that clarifies the meaning of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation as well as the responsibilities of States and other parties towards right-holders. This is real progress towards making these Rights a reality for the people who need them.

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[Largest underground MBR plant in Asia completed](#)

Mainboard-listed United Envirotech Ltd., a leading membrane-based water and wastewater treatment solutions provider, is pleased to announce that it has completed Asia's largest underground municipal Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) plant in Guangzhou City. The contract, worth a total value of RMB264 million, has a design capacity of 100,000m³ per day. With an underground depth of 20 metres, the Jing Xi MBR plant takes up the smallest ground area among all wastewater treatment plants in China, approximately 1/10 of a traditional water and wastewater treatment plant.

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PROPOSALS ENGINEER / ESTIMATOR

Development of tender project and construction estimates. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

JNR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

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Cost Modeling Engineer

Unique opportunity exists for an analytical, professional quantity surveyor. Our client provides a large range of development advice to local & international clients in the built environment. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

SNR COST ENGINEER

Snr Cost Engineer required for Durban based Engineering Consultancy/EPC Company. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Estimators Civil Engineering Gauteng/KZN

BSc/BTech/Dip Civil Eng/QS. 10 - 12 years of experience in the Construction Industry, of which the last 6 - 8 years should be in a similar capacity in a large construction company, preparing estimates on

CCS. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

Multi disciplinary practice is starting up a civil division. They need someone to head up the division and bring in staff to complete his team. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Structural Engineer/ Technologist

Structural Engineer / Technologist required for consulting firm based in Johannesburg. Operating at a national level, our client who has been in existence for over 50 years prides itself in consulting in civil, structural and development engineering. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Cost Engineer - Johannesburg

The services of a Cost Engineer is required in Johannesburg. Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR / COST ENGINEERS

If you are seeking a permanent position, worked on engineering, civil or mining projects and wish to secure your future, here is a chance! Browse to [Classifieds](#) for full details.

Civil Engineering Manager

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SAFCEC Conference

Riverside Hotel & Conference Centre, Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng : 17 & 18 October 2010. [Click here](#) for more information.

SAFCEC Human Resources

Amendment: SD Civil Engineering Sector

The above amendment to the Sectoral Determination 2, Civil Engineering Industry SA as was published on 27 August 2010. [Click here](#) to read on.

Diary of Events

For the Safcec Diary of Events for September 2010, please [click here](#), page 5.

VISIT SAFCEC

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

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NEWS FROM AFRICA

[Infrastructure deficit deters foreign investment in Africa](#)

Economic growth in Africa is expected to reach 6% in 2011, but the continent continues to battle to attract foreign investment, a World Bank economist said on Thursday.

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[First Quantum starts arbitration over Frontier project in DRC](#)

Two subsidiaries of base-metals-miner First Quantum have initiated international arbitration proceedings under the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), in Washington, against the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) over the withdrawal of mining permits.

(@www.miningweekly.com)

[DRC to lift mining ban in mid-October – Minister](#)

Democratic Republic of Congo plans to lift a temporary ban on mining in its troubled eastern provinces by the middle of October after attempting to improve regulation of the sector, its mines minister said on Friday.

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[Masterbill Integrated Projects](#)

Where Efficiency and Quality Converge The Practice. Although the name Masterbill Integrated Projects (MIP) formerly came into use in 2007 after the incorporation of the firm, the combined experience of the directors dates back to 1989 when Masterbill (Kenya) was established.

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[Rwanda: Developing water Projects](#)

Discussions are underway between the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Ministry of Infrastructure to put up a US\$37 million water project in eastern Rwanda.

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MINING NEWS

[Metorex boosts Ruashi output despite power disruptions](#)

JSE-listed Metorex reported improved operational results for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, despite power interruptions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

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[Gold could continue 'record-breaking gains' until mid-2011 – RCR](#)

Driven by 'safe-haven' investment demand, gold, which breached \$1 300/oz late last week, is likely to continue its upward momentum for the remainder of the year, Resource Capital Research (RCR) said

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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[Palabora, Foskor to use alternative rail routes for exports](#)

JSE-listed Palabora Mining Company and South African phosphate rock miner and fertiliser producer Foskor have secured the use of alternative rail stations and railway sidings for the export of their goods, while Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) repairs the damaged Brakspruit rail bridge.
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[As gold price keeps upward trend, miners settle for organic growth](#)

Despite dubbing it “the ultimate bubble”, billionaire George Soros is reportedly continuing to hold gold.
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[Impala chases the Bafokeng Rasimone mine](#)

Impala Platinum is almost certainly the company bidding to buy the Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine because there are compelling strategic reasons why it wants the asset.
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[Trading in Firestone shares halted](#)

The Australian group Firestone Energy, which plans to develop coal projects in SA, has requested that trading in its shares be suspended.
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NEWS FOR ESTATE AGENTS AND HOME OWNERS

[Invest, don't speculate](#)

Speculators have been knocked out of the residential market, according to estate agents. The proportion of properties sold to buy-to-let investors has fallen from over 25% at the peak of the boom in 2006 to 7% today.
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[Affordable housing scheme gets Nedbank support](#)

The Cape division of Nedbank Corporate Property Finance announces the funding of a R50 million affordable housing development in Melkbosstrand, situated on the West Coast.
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[Innovate finance 'positive' for property market](#)

Stakeholders in the South African property market are increasingly recognising the important role that innovative finance solutions have to play. After two years of challenging economic conditions, stakeholders in the South African property market are increasingly recognising the important role that innovative finance solutions have to play in driving future market growth and stimulating purchasing activity.
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[Midlands property prices still low](#)

Find out what the price and buying trends are in this KZN region.
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- [Additional Payment - What happens if I pay extra each month?"](#)
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[Affordable houses for EC families](#)

Cash-strapped families in the Eastern Cape are expected to benefit from a partnership between government and the private sector.
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[Richards Bay CBD lures investors](#)

The Richards Bay CBD is abuzz with buy-to-let property investors who are snapping up two bedroom apartments in the R450k price range.
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[Further R42m invested in Fancourt](#)

A further R42m in total will be invested in the privately-owned Fancourt Hotel and Golf Estate.
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['Farm occupations possible in 2010'](#)

It won't surprise him if farm occupations occur before the end of the year, said Dr Theo de Jager, deputy chairman of Agri SA. Find out why.
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[Sea Point unit sold twice in 1 year](#)

Despite the slow recovery of the property market, a property in Sea Point has been sold for a second time in 12 months – each time at a higher price.
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[Strand Beach Road sales pick up](#)

Find out why the area has experienced better-than-national sectional title sales figures and get all the data on the sales.
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[Airports let property markets take off](#)

Airports in SA have been upgraded and more feet are passing through them than ever. But what effect are they having on the propert markets.
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[The Costs of Turning Houses into Homes](#)

How do you decide which fixer-upper is for you? Before buying any of the potential homes, you need to be certain you would be able to change the property to such an extent that you would enjoy living there. Two things come into play. First of all the practicality of the changes needed, and secondly your budget.
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[Shopping for a mattress](#)

Not sure how to select a mattress that will help you sleep better than ever before? Here are some tips to help you choose.
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[Vacant Land For Sale: To Build or To Buy?](#)

Build or buy? That is the big question when you consider moving. An important decision maker is often cost. There was a point where it was cheaper to for vacant land for sale and then build your brand new dream home on that piece of land. But that is not necessarily the case anymore, especially following a



[Estimated Building Replacement Cost](#)

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BUILDING TERMS

Don't know your architraves from your dados? Don't know your flaunchings from your transoms?

[GET TO GRIPS WITH BUILDING TERMS](#)

recession when the property market is slow.
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[How to Avoid Repossession](#)

The interest rate is currently at its lowest level in years. The recent drop in interest rates implies that most home owners are paying less interest on their mortgage. Sellers might also increase their asking price as they argue that potential home owners are in a position to get a bigger loan from the bank.
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[First-time buyers be 'energy' savvy](#)

Increasing energy costs like rising electricity charges are problematic for everyone, but can be especially so for those trying to become homeowners.
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[Selling property 'long-distance'](#)

The sluggish property market may present problems when you have to move to another area before your existing home has been sold.
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[How to Decide: Build or Buy?](#)

Getting into the real estate market can sometimes be a bit daunting. One only really understands the magnitude of the decision when you realise that you will probably be paying 30% of your salary for your investment over the next 20 or 30 years. Take the time to make an informed decision.
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[How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Rental Properties](#)

Property owners often complain about their tenants. Late payments, damage to rental properties and noisy tenants are just a few of the grievances that property owners frequently air. While the complaints are often valid, tenants can also experience their fair share of problems. In most cases communication is the best way to ensure a good relationship with your landlord.
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[SA Still One Of The Best Places To Buy Property](#)

According to the latest house price index by the UK's authoritative The Economist magazine, over the last 13 years, South Africa's residential property markets has outperformed every other market covered by the index by a truly spectacular margin, notching up 456% growth in house prices. The next best performance recorded was in Australia, at 211% over the same period, followed by 187% in Ireland.
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[How to attract student tenants](#)

Off-campus student housing has become a very important market for developers in university towns such as Stellenbosch and Potchefstroom, and a comfortable niche for buy-to-let property investors in cities with large student populations such as Cape Town, Pretoria and Johannesburg.
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[Market mood improves on rate drop](#)

Recent reports have covered in full the effect the latest interest rate drop could have on the property market – and the consensus of opinion has been that the 0,5% cut is, in rand terms, really too small to make a significant difference.
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[CGT fears 'not warranted'](#)

Although it has been in effect since October 2001, the effect of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on property transactions is still widely misunderstood, and this is having a negative effect on property investment.
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[Two luxury retreats on auction](#)

The auctioneering sector says demand for coastal properties is rising with more homes along the South African coastline are being sold on auction.
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[Banks impose tough lending rules](#)

Banks in South Africa are even more cautious about lending money to self-employed individuals and will demand a full financial statement from them.
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[Buy-to-let in despair](#)

Agent confidence in the property market deteriorates even further after buy-to-let sales remain at a record low of just 7%.
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[Dubai: Abu Dhabi House Market](#)

A study conducted by TASWEEK Real Estate Development and Marketing, an advisor and solutions provider serving the Middle East real estate markets, affirms that Abu Dhabi is still experiencing a housing undersupply and predicts further pressure on property prices in Dubai.
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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

[Green Energy for Aquila Private Game Reserve](#)

Paving the way for solar power projects in South Africa, Concentrix Solar, a leading supplier of Concentrator Photovoltaic (CPV) systems and a division of the Soitec Group (Euronext Paris), announced that it is going to inaugurate its first power facility in South Africa at the Aquila Private Game Reserve in Touwsrivier in 2010.
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[Aligning with government's green economy plan](#)

In the wake of the inaugural green economy summit held in May, in Johannesburg, Cummins South Africa reports that the efforts made by its US parent company, Cummins, have ensured that the company is ideally positioned to meet and even exceed the requirements of South Africa's fast-evolving clean and renewable-energy regulations, legislation and policies.
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[Eskom is designated buyer of initial renewable power, DoE confirms](#)

Government has confirmed that the systems operations and planning division within State-owned electricity utility Eskom will be the designated buyer of power arising from the "first phase" of renewable energy projects that will be selected in the coming months through a competitive bidding process - a process that could begin in November, with initial transactions being finalised during the first half of

2011.

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[Developers mulling 7 000 MW of wind energy](#)

Currently, there is an estimated 7 000 MW of wind power plants under consideration in South Africa and the wind industry's continuous growth needs a strong foundation, says Danish wind turbine manufacturer Vestas business development manager for Southern Africa Daniel Kurylo.

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[First phase of solar water heater panel factory complete](#)

Alternative-energy solutions company African Emissions Trading (AET) has completed the first phase of its solar water heater panel factory at Silvertondale, in Pretoria.

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[Grid-connected solar farms for sub-Saharan Africa](#)

AEG Power Solutions South Africa has partnered with local solar developer RetoSolar to build large grid-connected solar farms, which aim to generate an alternative source of power in sub-Saharan Africa.

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[New prewired inverter systems](#)

Direct importer, manufacturer and distributor of a wide range of general power protection, power conversion and solar system products Sinetech is the distributor of the new Flexware FP1-6 system in South Africa.

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[Sasol says it is ready to produce 'greener' fuels, but requires regulatory certainty](#)

There has been much criticism of South Africa's introduction of a vehicle-emissions tax in September ahead of the introduction of newer-generation transport fuels that can help reduced carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and other pollutants.

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[Morocco: Tarfaya Wind Farm](#)

Nareva Holding has been awarded the development rights for the Tarfaya wind farm in Morocco. The wind farm is to have 200 MW of installed capacity. The final choice for the awarded company was made from the two remaining companies in the tender – Nareva and GDF Suez.

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[Cameroon: Developing Electricity Distribution](#)

The African Development Fund (AfDF), the concessional arm of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, approved US\$50 million for the strengthening and extension of electricity networks to 423 localities in Cameroon. The total project cost is estimated at US\$80.07 million.

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[How Scum Could Fuel the Hydrogen Economy](#)

The promise of a Fuel Cell Revolution has come and gone. But don't discount the technology yet: While companies have struggled with cost and reliability issues over the years, there are still plenty of niche opportunities for fuel cells in today's market.

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[Renewables Continue Remarkable Growth](#)

Renewables had another banner year in 2009, with policy, investment and market development activity across a spread of nations - as recorded in the REN21 Renewables 2010 Global Status Report.

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Regional Sales Director

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Renewable Energy Systems Engineer

Alpha Technologies, which provides world-class powering solutions, seeks a Systems Engineer for its Renewable Energy Group in Bellingham, WA. [Click here](#) for more details.



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THIS WEEK'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The indicators as on 1 Oct 2010 at 17:01		
	This week	25/09/2010
Rand/\$	6.94	7.08
Rand/£	10.98	11.11
Rand/€	9.54	9.44
Gold/oz	\$1319.15	\$1291.70
Gold Mining	2555.26	2545.27
JSE All Share	29263.16	28575.81

[Liquidations & insolvencies on the decline?](#)

The total number of liquidations recorded for August 2010 decreased by 8,0% (from 264 to 243) compared with August 2009.

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[June 2010 Quarterly Employment Statistics reveals annual decline](#)

Although employment in the formal non-agricultural business sector increased between the quarters ended March 2010 and June 2010, it declined year-on-year.

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[Oil back above \\$80 on strong China, US data](#)

Oil rose back above \$80 on Friday to a fresh seven-week high after stronger-than-expected US and Chinese economic data raised hopes of demand recovery in the world's largest consumers.

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[Gold firms near lifetime high; economic data weighs](#)

TAILPIECE

On a really hot day, four nuns were assigned to paint a room in their church.

After sweating for a few hours in those black robes, they decided to take off all their clothes and paint naked. An hour later, someone knocked on the door of the church.

"Who is it?" they called out. "I'm the blind man," came the reply.

The nuns decided to let him in since he wouldn't be able to see them.

They opened the door and led him to the room they were painting. They were surprised when he walked around the room with no difficulty.

"Okay, sisters," he said, "where do you want the blinds?"

At the scene of the accident a speedcop asked the Brakpan driver what gear he was in at the moment of impact.

Gold ticked up on Friday and held near of a lifetime high, but improving US and China data, which suggested growing global economic strength, could curb gains.
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Property market recovers further

Standard Bank says the property market recovered further, with an 8.3% year-on-year growth rate in the median property price.
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Petrol price hiked

The price of petrol 93 ULP and LRP petrol will rise by 4c per litre, while the price of petrol 95 ULP and LRP will increase by 5c per litre on Wednesday next week.
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He replied, "safari suit & grasshoppers, ek sê"

2010 politically correct vocabulary:

Thief : Wealth Distribution Officer

To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated but not be able to say it.

Wat noem mens 'n Walt Disney Hasie? Animhasie



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