

# **SOUTH AFRICA'S BUILT ENVIRONMENT PUTS INFO & KNOWLEDGE HUB IN PLACE**

**Council for Built Environment (CBE) launches an  
information and knowledge centre**



On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, the Chief Executive Officer of the Council for the Built Environment (CBE), Bheki Zulu, launched an information and knowledge centre of the built environment sector. This information hub is intended to develop into a one stop shop solution for anyone with interest in South Africa's built environment sector.

"The essence of CBE's deliverables requires credible information and knowledge to be at the backbone of our booming sector" said Zulu as he addressed stakeholders attending the launch. "We believe one of the key instruments to achieve this is through an information and knowledge centre that enables the development of a collective one-stop info hub on South Africa's built environment".

Zulu demonstrated the information and knowledge centre to guests, emphasizing that whilst meaningful effort has been put into its construction, there was room for stakeholders to engage on how to further grow and improve on what is to offer. "Notwithstanding the amount of work already done, for us this remains work in progress and we see this site growing in sophistication and relevance through regular interactions with yourselves"

To ensure sustainability of this initiative a number of steps have and will be taken. These include the appointment of full-time staff to oversee the centre, partnerships with tertiary institutions and research institutions, quarterly peer review session in the first year and tracking of monthly hits reports to define an awareness raising strategy.

Built environment encompasses engineering, landscape, architecture, project and construction management, property valuers and quantity surveying.

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) is a coordinating body of six professional councils which are the Council for the Architectural Profession, Engineering Council, Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession, Council for the Project and Construction Management Profession, Council for the Property Valuers Profession and Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession.

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