



Porsche secures showroom

Porsche implemented iomage intelligent video analytics to secure the perimeter of its car showroom in Sunninghill, Gauteng.

Porsche needed an accurate and reliable intrusion detection system. The accurate detection of intruders was extremely important without the frustration of unnecessary false alarms. C3 Shared Services (Pty) Ltd and Goodman Security Technologies, an internationally trained C3 applied partner for iomage in South Africa, installed 16 channels of iomage intelligent video on site.

Gary Delport, from Goodman Security Technologies, says, "In our vast experience with perimeter detection systems the iomage video analytics system has far exceeded any of our expectations. The reliability, ease-of-use and simplicity of implementation has made this an extremely effective and efficient solution for our organisation".

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PPC plays its part

When South Africa's R25 billion Gautrain speeds along the 80km route linking Johannesburg, Tshwane and O.R. Tambo International Airport, commuters can relax in the knowledge that PPC Cement has played an integral part in its design and safety.

Over 200 000 tons of PPC's CEM 1 product is at the heart of the Gautrain infrastructure.

The CEM1 cement, typically used for the construction of dam walls and other massive projects, has been used for the shotcrete in the tunnelling, as well as in the precast yard for the viaduct segments and tunnel lining segments.

PPC cement is used in the BCJV concrete plant near Midrand which is the largest precast yard in the southern hemisphere.

"Our CEM 1 product provides BCJV with the ability to develop and produce a consistent concrete mix. It is a strong and durable cement, often used in massive projects such as dam walls because of its ability to withstand extreme pressure and loading," Fenn said.



Introducing The Design Network

The Design Network was formed, initially as a business directory for the interior design industry. The idea was pitched to some designers and it soon evolved in to a more visual platform, which benefits both supplier and designer by showcasing the latest products and trends in a unique, searchable gallery format.

Not only are companies able to upload their company details but they are also able to post pictures, upload brochures and feature in any number of relevant categories. They may also view the number of times their listing has been viewed and the number of times their website has been visited through the Design Network.



The Design Network allows those involved to share information within the community and expose new and emerging trends and brands.

In addition to this, clients are invited to send through Press Releases about new products and projects.

There is also a job section where companies can post

available jobs.

The best part of all this is that it is completely free. Users on the site include many of the top names in Gauteng and Natal.

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The M-Pire Group launches new concept

The M-Pire Group recently launched a new division called M-Direct that will supply a diverse range of tiles and sanware directly to the trade professional ONLY. These ranges include quality products and the latest designs from top local and international brands including Franke, ISCA, Ceramic Industries, Cobra, Libra, Island Stone, Artmar and Douglas Jones. All products will carry the relevant industry guarantees and the backup service and professionalism of the M-Pire team.

M-Direct will operate in the same way that the fabric houses do, allowing interior designers and architects to mark up these products as well as offer them to their clients at competitive prices. What this essentially means is that the power is given back to the specifier (designer and/or architect) and not to the builder or contractor.

For more details log onto www.m-pire.co.za or call 086 111 5367



Boogertman + Partners receives accolades

The 2008 South African Council of Shopping Centres Awards, the Spectrum Awards, which also incorporates the Retail Design and Development Awards, saw Boogertman + Partners walk away with four sought after awards.

Irene Village Mall won both the Spectrum and Retail Design & Development Awards, in

respectively the large shopping centre category and the overall design excellence category. Blu Bird Centre walked away with the Retail Design and Development award in the small shopping centre category while Parktown Quarter won the Retail Design & Development Award in the renovation and extension of a shopping centre category.



Zinza goes from strength to strength

Fledgling design firm, Zinza, is going from strength to strength, as 2008 saw it follow its much-hyped Rooms On View and Decorex exhibition successes with the evening trade launch of Design Team's splendid new fabric ranges, in conjunction with Black Fabrics. The Karoo-inspired event gave Design Team the opportunity to showcase its new range in a retail environment. Zinza's Hyde Park store was transformed, using selected designs turned into wallpaper, lighting, cushions and wall panels. Stephen Black and Veruschka Stander presented the eight designs from the new collection, which were enthusiastically received by the designers and decorators in attendance. Zinza's own fabulous new furniture and accessories collection was also unveiled and proved that the company is becoming a creative force to be reckoned with. Zinza's head designer, Brendan Williams, is excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities it holds for Zinza's expansion. Be prepared for great things!

Feature walls – be bold

With the change of season comes the desire to update the home. A simple and cost effective way in which to do this is to introduce a new colour into a room. Choosing the right colour however can often be a daunting task. Dulux have developed a product that takes the guess work out of colour choice, and gives consumers the confidence to experiment with bright, bold colours – Dulux Feature Wall.

Dulux Feature Wall was developed taking years of experience of consumer needs, colour trends and décor design into consideration, resulting in a palette of colours that instantly add drama and excitement to the room. The six striking colours have been carefully selected to work well with base colours such as creams and neutral shades to create a statement within the home.

Feature walls are designed for you to experiment with colours confidently, so make the most of a blank canvas and turn an ordinary room into an exceptional one.



BAI gets SAISC awards

Several buildings designed by Bentel Associates International (BAI), have been awarded prestigious accolades by the Southern Africa Institute of Steel Construction (SAISC).

The Steel Awards serve to recognise and promote excellence, innovation and entrepreneurial development in the industry. The size and the prestige of these awards have grown considerably in recent years with a significant increase in the number of entrants this year.

The Overall Winner for Structural Steelwork category and the winner of the Tubular Structural Steelwork category was Maponya Mall, Soweto's first up-market regional shopping complex. Maponya Mall boasts world-class design aesthetics and exciting features not previously seen in regional shopping centres in South Africa. The decorative and structural elements included the extensive use of steel.

