Forthcoming Meeting

W078 – Information Technology for Construction

IT in Construction in Africa

Mpumalanga, South Africa, 29 May – 1 June 2001

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Introduction

A W078 CIB Conference will be held from 29th May to 1st June 2001.

Building and construction is not about bricks and mortar, far from it, it is fundamentally about knowledge and processes, people and behaviour, and last but not least communication.

Information and communication technologies are progressively converging. This creates a new business paradigm in the construction industry that could drastically influence the way in which construction companies will operate and look like in the future.
In order to maximise the IT in construction process, the CIB W078 has an annual conference. W078 - 2001 aims to bring together practitioners, academics and researchers to exchange ideas on Construction Information Technology and to develop a road map for the implementation of this information and communication technologies that will drastically influence the future of construction.

While the conference provides a basis for sharing the latest innovations in the academic world, it will also be providing the basis for sharing of latest practices in industry by industry practitioners.

**The Venue**
The venue, Greenway Woods, occupies a prime position on the White River Country Club Estate in Mpumalanga.

The conference early bird registration fee is R4000 per person (until 30 March), thereafter R5000.

**Conference Programme**

29 May 2001
- Opening of the Conference.

30 May 2001
- Sessions 1 and 2:
  It’s not about technology any more; it’s about behaviour and adoption. Listen to Wickus Marais of Citadel / Future World, who will share his views on behaviour and adoption.

- Session 3:
  Construction product life-cycle information - the management of information for construction products.

31 May 2001
- Session 4:
  Product and process modelling - 3D modelling and virtual reality.

- Session 5:
  Standardising product information.

- Evening banquet: Guest speaker on e-Commerce.

1 June 2001
- Session 6:
  e-Commerce: Re-engineering the supply chain

- Closing of conference and an informal dinner.

The conference fee includes all lunches, dinners and entertainment.
Programme for Accompanying Persons
We have arranged the following for accompanying persons.

Wednesday:
A beautiful scenic drive through forested mountain passes brings you to the town of Sabi, renowned for its connection with the forestry industry. Sabi is situated in the region of one of the largest manmade forests in the world. The beautiful forests with cool, rushing streams and picturesque waterfalls are truly a delight.

Thursday:
The mystical and enchanting Sudwala caves are the oldest in the world. The tour will take you deep into the bowels of the earth through majestically crystal chambers and numerous formations of stalagmites and stalactites. Adjacent to the Sudwala caves the Dinosaur Park is reputed to be the biggest and scientifically most accurate replica of prehistoric creatures worldwide.

Friday:
A trip to the tin-roofed town of Pilgrim’s Rest, the rowdy days of the 1870’s gold rush spring to life and the antics of the loveable Jock of the Bushveld can be pictured in their authentic setting. Pilgrim’s Rest is a living museum and it has a romantic link with the gold mining and prospecting pioneers of the 1800’s.

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