

## Choosing roof insulation wisely

The inclusion of passive energy efficiency measures in new building projects and retrofits is a clear starting point for all developers thinking sustainability – as early as during the environment control planning and design process. In addition, government and developers need to think about low cost housing. “The fitting of solar geysers to many low cost housing projects is an admirable move, but true energy efficiency in low cost housing will only be effective where the roof is fitted with a ceiling that is insulated too,” says Cecil Homan, founder of the well-known green brand, Eco-Insulation.

Cecil has been very busy at his factory in Montague Gardens – manufacturing and also installing additional manufacturing lines because of the Eco-Insulation brand’s burgeoning acceptance in the market.

“Architects often forget about the sound-insulating benefits of the product, as well”. This is very important for the many industries such as hotels and retail outlets, where levels of noise need to be controlled and sound absorption is required for effective indoor acoustics,” says Cecil.

By placing Eco-Insulation Cellulose Fibre Ceiling Insulation in the roof, the building owner substantially reduces the energy consumed by heating or cooling. Users are also helping to recycle or upcycle a stream of paper waste, turning it into an upgraded insulation product.

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## New tile website

Tile Africa Contracts has launched its new website [www.tileafricacontracts.co.za](http://www.tileafricacontracts.co.za) to keep the industry informed about the company’s latest product offerings and recent projects for which it supplies tiles and bathroomware.

The company invites construction industry professionals, including developers, architects, specifiers and designers to visit the easy-to-navigate site.

Tile Africa Contracts provides building industry professionals with quality products and a range of services to meet their project requirements. Its dedicated team is involved from concept to completion to ensure design continuity and the success of the project and its architectural and design consultants offer on-site technical advice and share their valued expertise.

“Our new website makes it easy for users to submit an online request for our team to visit their site,” says Craig Irvine, national manager for Tile Africa Contracts.

This leading tile supplier delivers an extensive range of construction-related products and its methods of installation and the materials supplied are in line with local and international standards. Tile Africa Contracts is not limited

to a core range of products when supplying for a project. Materials are sourced locally and overseas and the team researches specifications to find the most suitable products or comparable alternatives.

The website features a blog that functions as a networking tool and allows interested parties to share their project highlights and work with the rest of the industry. “We invite companies and practices to showcase their projects and in return they’ll receive exposure on our website,” says Craig.

Photos of recently completed projects can be submitted, regardless of being an existing Tile Africa Contracts client or not, and will be posted together with a company details and a short description of the project on the Contracts’ Showcase page located on the site.

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