

# construction in challenging environments



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***Presentation: Keeping Construction Communication on Track – Bloemfontein Waterfront Shopping Mall Project***

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***Presentation: How Effective are Your Communication Tools?***

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