

MONTHLY REVIEW

IMPROVED CONFIDENCE

SACCI Business Confidence Index (BCI) for February 2010



The Business Confidence Index (BCI) of SACCI increased by 1.8 index points between January and February 2010 registering 83.0 in February 2010. This is 1.5 points below the February 2009 level. The BCI has performed as expected in February 2010 with business confidence responding to positive medium term economic developments.

Despite fewer sub-indices having positive impact on the BCI in February 2010 than in January 2010, lower liquidations data and increased manufacturing output had a significant impact on the BCI in February. The negative influence of international trade through both import and export volumes continued to weigh on the local business environment.

On a year-on-year (y/y) basis, eight sub-indices had a positive impact on the BCI in February 2010 – two more than in January 2010. The additional positive contributions in February came from sub-indices on real economic activity, suggesting enhanced levels for the BCI in 2010.

In February, a number of major events and announcements supported greater economic optimism, but there were also a number of factors that contributed to uncertainty or the possibility of unintended outcomes over the medium term.

Service delivery as prioritised by the President in his State of the Nation Address is essential in ensuring fiscal discipline and value for budgeted allocations. Debt servicing cost will cause a significant shift in functional expenditure towards the category general public services over the next three years, unfortunately at the expense of mainly economic services.

The fourth quarter 2009 GDP data indicated that, although the volume of goods and services produced was still 1.4% less than a year ago, the turnaround that started in the third quarter 2009 was gathering momentum.



Unintended economic consequences will emerge as the relative price of electricity and its share of costs to business and consumer expenditure changed substantially.

Business confidence would have received stronger support if the approach to electricity supply and pricing had been appropriately managed over the longer term.

For a full **BCI Review** see www.sacci.org.za



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We're talking to YOU! What are the City's plans for your area? Come and find out!



Development Planning Open Days: 04 March 2010 – 13 March 2010. The Department of Development Planning and Urban Management is hosting a number of Planning Open Days to present and discuss the following:

- * The Draft Spatial Development Framework for 20010/11
- * The Draft Regional Spatial Development Frameworks for Regions A to G for 20010/11
- * Recent Precinct Plans and Urban Development Frameworks we are compiling for your area.

The community and interested parties are invited to join Development Planning and Urban Management at the following venues and dates:

Region Date Venue Duration

- Region A: Ivory Park 6 March 2010 Lord Khanyile Multi-Purpose Centre, Ivory Park 09:00 – 12:00
- Region A: Midrand 8 March 2010 Cluny Farm, Rose Road, Kyalami (Sun Valley) *17:30 – 20:00
- Region A: Diepsloot 13 March 2010 Diepsloot Youth Hall 09:00 – 12:00
- Region B: Ferndale & Surrounds 9 March 2010 Ferndale Recreation Centre 09:00 – 12:00
- Region B: Southern Areas 10 March 2010 Danie van Zyl Recreation Centre, Montclare 09:00 – 12:00
- Region C: Southern Areas 7 March 2010 Tshepisoong Multi-purpose Centre, Tshepisoong 09:00 – 12:00
- Region C: Roodepoort 11 March 2010 Roodepoort Civic Centre, Florida Park 09:00 – 12:00
- Region D: Orlando 9 March 2010 Uncle Tom Community Hall, Orlando West 09:00 – 12:00
- Region D: Jabulani 11 March 2010 Jabulani Civic Centre, Council Chambers 09:00 – 12:00
- Region E: Sandton & Surrounds 8 March 2010 Ernest Ullmann Park Recreation Centre 09:00 – 12:00
- Region E: Klipfontein View 10 March 2010 Klipfontein View Community Centre 09:00 – 12:00
- Region F: Inner City 9 March 2010 Museum Africa Auditorium, Newtown 09:00 – 12:00
- Region F: Southern Suburbs 11 March 2010 Eureka House, Wemmer Pan *17:30 – 20:00
- Region G: Southern Areas 4 March 2010 Finetown Multi-purpose Centre, Ennerdale 09:00 – 12:30
- Region G: Protea South/Lenasia 10 March 2010 Lenasia Multi-purpose Centre 09:00 – 12:30

Key presentations will start at 09:00 for the morning sessions and *17:30 for the evening sessions. Draft documents will be available for perusal and discussion at the venues on the day, and also on the City's website from 8th March 2010. Officials from Department of Development Planning and Urban Management will be available for discussions on these topics.

The detailed agendas for the key presentations will be available on the City's website from 1st March 2010 at www.joburg.org.za **Enquiries: Ms Anna Mabe at 011-407-6921 or annad@joburg.org.za**

GDP FIGURES

In response to the release of the GDP figures SACCI spokesperson said: SACCI welcomes the improvement in the GDP figures released by STATSSA in February which strongly adds to the momentum of the fragile improvement in the third quarter of 2009.

The improvement of 3,2 per cent quarter-on-quarter was led by the manufacturing industry, which contributed 1, 5 percentage points based on growth of 10,1 per cent. It has long been SACCI's opinion that the recovery will be led by this sector of the South African economy. This also reinforces the DTI focus on manufacturing in its Industrial Policy Framework Action Plan that was recently released for comment. Notwithstanding the increase in the fourth quarter of 2009 GDP figure, real annual GDP decreased by 1,8 per cent in 2009. The South African economy remains vulnerable. Government, business and labour need to continue to strengthen their partnership with each other in an effort to gather the momentum required for a sustained improvement in the economy.

JOB SEEKERS

Free for members : Advertise your job vacancies here!

Accounting Student

Position for an accounting 2nd year student is available at well established business on the West Rand Casual to assist with them with accounts. Training will be provided on office system. Please be so kind as to put the word out for referrals. CV's to letitia@rocci.org Quote Ref Ang/001

Service Co-Ordinator

West Rand swimming pool company requires the services of a service co-ordinator. Must have code 08 driver's license. R4500 per month. Experience advantageous. Fax CV to 0866544565



CREATE A ROCK SOLID BUSINESS THROUGH ROCCI/BATSA SMME TRAINING



"ROCCI is a guaranteed recipe for success" Quote Roodepoort Record February 26, 2010.

British American Tobacco South African (BATSA) has been ROCCI's major sponsor of the SMME training programme since 2008. With the support of BATSA, free training is offered to SMME's. The purpose of the training is to ensure the future sustainability of SMME's in South Africa.

Approximately 80% of small businesses fail due to lack of skills. ROCCI is very involved in the business realm and offers businesses the opportunity to grow, network and acquire skills essential to business. With the assistance of the various training partners involved in the SMME training programme, ROCCI offers SMME's knowledge and expertise guaranteed to assist growing businesses. The SMME training programme is open to qualifying SMME's and training is offered at ROCCI's office at 10 President Street, Princess Business Park, Princess Roodepoort.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

- 3 March 2010** : Taxation (Presented by SARS)
- 14 April 2010** : Human Resource (Presented by COFESA)
- 21 April & 12 May 2010** : Drawing up a Business Plan & Access to finance (Business Partners)
- 26 May** : Small Business Guide to Marketing (Presented by ZA Group Pty Ltd)

The full training schedule is available on www.rocci.org

HOW TO BOOK

Tel. ROCCI 086 111 3304 or email smme@rocci.org

The training is FREE to all ROCCI Members. ROCCI Members may also nominate aspirant entrepreneurs to benefit through the training programme. Refreshments are provided throughout the sessions.



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business to integrate and analyse financial, operational and marketplace information to extract higher performance from the business.

ROCCI / FNB TOURISM CONFERENCE : 16 MARCH 2010



ROCCI, in conjunction with FNB Tourism, brings you a very informative and practical conference on Tourism Business opportunities 2010 and beyond.

This conference is more specifically aimed for the hospitality and tourism industries. Details are as follows:

Date & Time: 16 March 2010 at 08h30 to 14h00
Venue : FNB Building, Fairlands
Cost : No cost
RSVP : Booking Essential by 12 March 2010
Tel. 086 111 3304 / rocci@rocci.org

Conference Topics:

- Setting the scene in Tourism
- Business Tourism - Transport business opportunities
- Role & vision of Tourism Business Council SA
- How eMarketing can help position and grow your business
- Expected impact of 2010, opportunities, beyond 2010
- How Lanseria is building capacity beyond 2010
- General Q&A

High Tea at Alice Art Gallery

Amor Vittone was welcomed by Lady ROCCI Members at a quarterly 'High Tea' meeting held at Café D'Art, Alice Art Gallery 19 February. Lady ROCCI Members and guests enjoyed the opportunity to network and make new business contacts.

Lady ROCCI promoted charity 'Soul Food' at this event. Soul Food benefited through sales of Amor's latest CD and business owners were encouraged to support this worthy charity who deliver bibles to less privileged residents of informal settlements.



Lady ROCCI's Business Woman of the Year 2009 Gold Award winner, **Liz Bath** (Left) Managing Director of Educos Vision Holdings was congratulated for her outstanding business achievements. Liz gave a heart-warming talk at the event.



Ester Pretorius (Left), Angels (NPO), was introduced as Lady ROCCI's Individual Community Champion and received ROCCI's Gold Award in 2009 for her dedication to the community.

Next Lady ROCCI Event 21 May 2010 at Global Aesthetic Centre, Mayo Clinic.

Contact Tel. 086 111 3304 or ladyrocci@rocci.org



ROCCI WEEKLY NETWORK SESSIONS

Building better business relations.

ROCCI's weekly "1 hour" Network sessions are becoming increasingly popular. Members are given the opportunity to host the weekly network sessions at their premises. The last network session was hosted at Mugg & Bean Town Square, and members were welcomed

by owner Leanne McNaught and ROCCI's Vice President, Sakkie Stoltz.



These networking sessions offer members regular opportunity to network, exchange ideas, promote business services, and build business contacts. You will find Members from diverse sectors, such as lawyers, labour specialists and fire-safety suppliers, motor dealers, web developers, etc. at the weekly network sessions.

The sessions are open to all members, and in keeping within the '1 hour' network, seating is limited so as to give each Member an opportunity to introduce their business. ROCCI encourages all Members to participate.

Next network session

Friday, 12th March 2010 at Town Lodge Constantia Kloof.

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