



MONTHLY REVIEW

SACCI Comments on Crime Statistics

Commenting on the crime statistics released today, South African Chamber of Commerce & Industry CEO Neren Rau said:

Quote

'SACCI notes with concern that Business appears to have become a favoured target for criminals. This is reflected in the 41% increase in business related robberies, the 15% increase in truck hijacking, the 19% increase in commercial crime and the 21% increase in shoplifting.

At a time when businesses are grappling with socio-economic pressures, crime once again dominates the agenda of high risks. Government must exercise immediate, bold and decisive leadership in reducing crime levels if we are to foster a stimulative business environment. A stimulative business environment is one that encourages existing businesses to expand and prospective new entrants to seize business opportunities, both of which are essential for propelling our economy on the path to economic recovery.

For its part, Business will continue to play a constructive role in combating crime. This will include working with the police and other crime prevention agencies as well as providing resources to assist in the struggle.'

Unquote

The **Roodepoort Chamber of Commerce & Industry** endorses the above statement by the South African Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and we urge all role players to attend the Crime Prevention meeting taking place on 5th October 2009 at Roodepoort Civic Centre, Pelindaba Chamber, Christiaan De Wet Road, Florida. The meeting commences at 14h00.

Building Business Confidence : SACCI Business Confidence Index

The **SACCI** Business Confidence Index (BCI) improved notably to 85.5 in September 2009 from 83 in August 2009. The BCI is 6.6 index points higher than the depressed level of 78.9 measured in March 2009.

The September 2009 level is the best level recorded since November 2008 when the index stood at 86.7. The majority of the BCI sub-indices had a positive impact on the BCI in September 2009 on a month-to-month basis suggesting that business confidence may continue improving over the medium term. The majority of the year-on-year changes in the sub-indices are negative except for inflation, the weighted rand exchange rate, precious metal prices and liquidations. The improvement in business confidence may therefore be a slow process depending largely on healthier real global economic conditions.

To fully comprehend the substance of the improved BCI, the latest level of the BCI must be viewed against the economic context we currently face. Given the slow economic global recovery and low inflation and even deflation in the US, Japan, China and a number of other economies, it becomes apparent that markets may be too optimistic about the strength of the recovery of the global economy. In its October 2009 World Economic Outlook, the IMF indicated that the pace of recovery is slow, and activity remains far below pre-crisis levels in some economies.

South Africa must also be wary of a twin deficit risk (public sector borrowing requirement and current account deficit of the BOP) that could retard South Africa's growth ability and recovery from the present economic situation. Crowding out the private sector from the capital markets in a low savings economy, remains a risk for SA's economic outlook. Business confidence and economic performance will however to a large extent depend on the pace of the global economic recovery and the ability of South Africans to seize opportunities.

2009 Business of the Year Awards



We are proud to announce **FNB** as ROCCI's Project Partner for the prestigious Business of the Year Awards for a third consecutive year.

Judging for ROCCI/FNB's Business of the Year Awards was hosted at **Cabanga Conference Centre** during the month of September 2009 with Mr Leon Liebenberg, Chairman of **SAIPA** North West Region heading up the panel of judges from **Business Partners**, **FNB**, **ROCCI**, and **Isabel Steyn** as an independent judge on the panel.

Finalists of the 2009 Business of the Year Awards will be announced at a special cocktail function at **Fashion TV Silverstar** on **15 October 2009**.

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October Training Programme:

- Access to Finance (Presented by Business Partners, FNB & Standard Bank)
- Small Business guide to Taxation (Presented by SAIPA)
- Small Business Guide to Marketing (Presented by ZA Marketing Group Pty Ltd)
- Human Resources (Presented by Cofesa)

November Training Schedule:

- Tender Process (Presented by Local Government)
- Import and Export (Presented by FNB)
- Basic Financial Planning (Presented by Bestsure)
- Developing a Business Plan (Presented by Business Partners)

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Your comments

Kaylu IT Solutions CC, Kerryn Marcus

Thank you so much for having our Rocci Reviews delivered to us on Tuesday. Having looked at the Review, Kaylu IT Solutions are very proud to be included and associated with such a wonderfully presented magazine. Being new to Rocci, we were uncertain of what to expect in the Rocci Review, and it most certainly exceeded our expectations.

We look forward to being involved in next year's Rocci Review Magazine.

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