

## Title theme

# Soccer fever in South Africa

## The country shows its immense development potential

This year, the FIFA Football World Championships are being staged in South Africa – not just for the first time in South Africa, but for the first time even on the African continent. Despite the many opinions that considered that the country was not yet ready to host such a huge international public, the opposite is now proving to be the case. With the numerous new construction and modernization projects that have been launched all over South Africa in the last five years, the country is now well prepared in terms of local public transport, accommodation and service to stage the world's biggest soccer event.

From the complete modernization of the most important transit roads through to the construction of the stadia, a large number of South African industries are profiting from the World Cup. That also includes the new "Gautrain" high-speed train link. At least the 20 km long section

from the O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg through to Sandton should have been completed in time for the opening ceremony. Although it was never planned that the Gautrain should be completed in time for the World Cup, it gives the visitors a living impression of the progress being made in South Africa.

The stadia will all be completed in good time with first-class facilities. That reflects the potential in this country. After all, less than four years ago there was only naked land where these impressive buildings stand today. Among them are the stunning Green Point Stadium in Capetown and the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban. Both were built practically from scratch, because their predecessors were not suitable for such an international event. The existing stadia were comprehensively renovated, from increased seating capacities through to improvements in the local service infrastructure.



The new Green Point Stadium in Capetown.

## World Cup fever at fischer

fischer South Africa has also caught World Cup fever. With a newly built soccer pitch and teams of employees, fischer South Africa is staging its own "fischer 2010 World Championship". The teams represent the qualified World Cup nations in which the fischer group is at home. Those are Germany, Mexico, Uruguay, USA and of course South Africa. The opening game will be South Africa versus Germany. Who do you think will win the fischer World Cup? <<



fischer teams compete for the cup.



The fischer Bafana soccer team.

## fischer participates in the World Cup preparations

### Stainless steel handrails at King Shaka International Airport in Durban



fischer South Africa together with Euro Steel, one of the leading South African stainless steel traders, and Steel Studio, a specialist stainless steel processor, was actively involved in the preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2010. Steel Studio received the order to install stainless steel railings and handrails at the new King Shaka airport in Durban. It is to be opened in time for the World Cup.

The new airport will replace the old Durban International Airport and is being built on a new site to the north of Durban. It was planned – both from the basic layout and from the aesthetic design – to harmo-

nize with the other international airports in South Africa, such as the O. R. Tambo International in Johannesburg.

The project is a premiere when you consider the stainless steel grades employed. A large proportion of the handrails is made from stainless steel grade 1.4521. Despite the location in a coastal region, the 1.4521 material was chosen instead of 1.4404 – in particular because it led to a major cost saving with comparable corrosion protection.

All the tubes for this project come from local South African production. fischer South Africa wishes to take this opportunity to

thank in particular Columbus Stainless Steel, Euro Steel and Steel Studio for the good cooperation and the joint efforts to make this project a success. <<

## info

### Project data – King Shaka International Airport

- More than 50,000 meters of stainless steel tubes were installed
- 70 % of the tubes supplied were of material grade 1.4521 (444)
- 30 % of the tubes supplied were of material grade 1.4404 (316L)

