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Welcome to this month's issue.

If you have any feedback or comment to make on the content of this newsletter, or if you have something to share that would appeal to our readers, we would love to hear from you.

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Tanzania –

How TISCAN electronic facilities ease congestion at Dar port



Destination Inspection company TISCAN has deployed a series of modern electronic features to better serve its customers, facilitate trade and secure all steps of its process. Correspondent Njonanje Samwel recently interviewed the company's General Manager, Fred Tranchart, to seek his elaboration on these electronic facilities.

One of such facilities is that all dealing with TISCAN can now be done via e-mail from anywhere in Tanzania. A recently launched electronic feature is the automatic dispatch of e-mail notifications to importers, clearing and forwarding agents for each change in their file.

The above article appeared in the Tanzanian Guardian, 30 August 2007

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Nigeria –

FAAN upgrades Lagos, P/H airport runways



The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria has intensified its upgrade of the nation's 21 airport facilities as part of efforts aimed at raising them to international standard.

Presently the runways of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport and Port Harcourt International Airport are undergoing resurfacing and reconstruction. These include upgrading their airfield lighting to CAT III status. The rehabilitation of the Lagos runway is about 70%, including improvement to the profile. The latter ensures more safety and proper upgrading of the facility to international standard.

To read the whole article click <http://allafrica.com/stories/200710290590.html>

60-second trivia

The right side of a boat was called the starboard side due to the fact that the navigators used to stand out on the plank (which was the right side) to get an unobstructed view of the stars. The left side was called the port side because that was the side that you put in on at the port

Sustainable-development.gov.uk –

Way to go

In the recent Government survey of public attitudes and behaviours toward the environment, over half the people questioned agreed that they "would like to reduce their car use but find that there are no practical alternatives". The Government's aim is to help us make better, more sustainable travel choices, for instance by encouraging more people to walk to the shops, making cycling to school safer, and the commute to work easier by public transport.

To read the whole article click <http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/what/newsletter/current.htm>



Africa –

Waiting for net revolution

More than a third of Africa's citizens should have access to broadband internet by 2012, a conference of technology leaders is set to hear.

Fewer than four out of 100 Africans currently use the internet, and broadband penetration is below 1%.

To view the whole article click <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/7063682.stm>



Looking forward: ISO 9001 : 2008

ISO 9001 : 2000 is due for an update in 2008. It is at Draft International Standard (DIS) stage and is likely to be **published in the autumn of 2008**. For those already registered to ISO 9001 : 2000, there will be little impact as changes to the standard are likely to be very small. It will replace ISO 9001 : 2000, but each organisation will be given approximately one year after its publication to make any changes

For more information: www.bsigroup.com/update9001

Cotecna Health and Safety Risk Assessment

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Internet site of the month

Want to know the latest about online crime or protecting yourself? You may be interested in www.getsafeonline.org.

This site gives free, objective advice and offers a ten-minute internet safety guide.

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