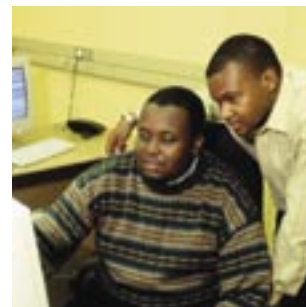


HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Celebrating the start of construction

Construction started at The Innovation Hub in October 2003 with Gauteng Premier Mbhazima Shilowa officiating at the soil turning ceremony. Occupation is planned for December 2004, upon completion of the two core buildings, the Innovation Centre and Enterprise Building.

Sappi turns soil at The Innovation Hub

Sappi Ltd has been announced as the first owner-built anchor tenant. Construction has started on their 6 000 m² Technology Centre and Paper Academy, for which soil was turned in December 2003.

Collaborating globally in virtual reality content development

The Naledi3d Factory, a Business Incubator tenant, completed a UNESCO study on applying multimedia and interactive 3D tools, such as virtual reality (VR), to the learning environment. They also signed a memorandum of understanding with Swedish-based Infotiv Visual for 3D and VR content development for vocational and industrial training in Africa and Europe, and supported the HP-funded Mogalakwena i-Community project, which was visited by President Thabo Mbeki, with VR content.

Collaborating with African countries

Regional representatives from the Botswana Technology Centre and a Kenyan delegation visited The Innovation Hub to, respectively, learn more about the development of a Science Park, and look at joint research projects between South Africa and Kenya.

Start-up company part of consortium that wins e-schools tender

Moloko-iClass, a pre-incubation participant, made the grade as part of the consortium of three ICT companies awarded a multi-million Rand tender for supplying Gauteng schools with personal computers (PCs) and related technology.

Quality-mindedness leads to international accreditation

Public transport technology company, TCiThoreb, a Business Incubator tenant, received an International Quality Accreditation from DQS, a leading German Quality Systems Auditing Company.

Series of business support events launched

The Innovation Hub launched the How 2 series of business support events, which are designed to strengthen learning opportunities for its Business Incubator tenants.

New security product performs well in industrial environment

Local electronics development company, Spline Technologies, a Business Incubator tenant, has launched a competitive, high-quality range of optic fibre interface products that transmit video and data signals used in video surveillance networks.



Innovative modem and tracking products on the market

Wireless connectivity solutions specialists Blue Square Technologies (Pty) Ltd, an Associate company at The Innovation Hub, has launched two products: Blue Book, a real mobile computer modem and Bluetrac, a personal tracking device.

Participating in new national incubator initiative

The Innovation Hub's Incubation Manager, Jill Sawers, has been elected to chair the newly established South African Business and Technology Incubation Association (SABTIA). SABTIA will serve as an umbrella body for incubators throughout the country.

Novel interactive application for vehicle management

A novel interactive application for vehicle management has been launched by UK-based eSay Solutions, represented in South Africa by eSAY Programming cc, an Associate company at The Innovation Hub, to facilitate research and development of eSay products locally.

Identity authentication system an answer to identity theft

The Cell-ID authentication system developed by the Expertron Group (Pty) Ltd, the first company to join the Business Incubator, has been patented locally with international patents pending in the USA, Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. The Cell-ID system protects, *inter alia*, web page access, Windows and Unix logins, firewalls, and dial-up connections.

Innovative approach to school management launched

Mohwiti Technologies (Pty) Ltd, a Business Incubator tenant, launched their pilot Open-source School Management System, which resulted from initial efforts by the Shuttleworth Foundation to develop such a system for schools in Africa.

Development system that gives companies a competitive edge

World Wide Objects (Pty) Ltd, an Associate company at The Innovation Hub, launched a dynamic software development system that responds to company-specific needs, making expensive processes to develop company-specific software obsolete.

Providing value-added support for the high-tech community

Value-added initiatives that have been launched for members of The Innovation Hub's INNOV8 community have included monthly Pub@Hub business networking events, a series of POWER Breakfast working events, a Know-How Network, supported by specialised Knowledge Partners, that serves as a single access point for entrepreneurs and high-growth, technology rich companies to a range of business services, and the SevN Days series of interactive business seminars aimed at sharing insights into key business management and strategic decision-making principles.

The future is not just a theory, an unseen place beyond the far horizon. The future is where you find it a home, lay the foundations and build it in concrete.

THE FUTURE IS WHERE YOU BUILD IT TURNING VISION INTO REALITY...



September - October 2003: Clearing and surveying the site, making way for the internal roads, and turning the soil.



November - December 2003: Completing the perimeter fence and the bulk earthworks, and monitoring traffic from and to the site.



January - February 2004: Erecting the batching plant, pouring concrete and handing the site over to the main contractor.



March 2004: Preparing columns for the first levels of the core and Sappi buildings, and the name goes up on the perimeter wall.

Visit www.theinnovationhub.com to view current construction progress.