



Another year flies by. Another really tough year in the Construction sector. This downturn seems to be more protracted than all predictions and may go down in history as a significant economic event.

We just need to get through the "madness" of below cost pricing that seems to be affecting not only the Construction industry, but the Consultants & others. This seems to be one of the down sides of living in a true free market economy.

2010 promises to be an interesting year. The Super City kicks in. The jury is still out on this but it is a done deal so we probably all need to embrace this and make the most of it. One thing we are really looking forward to is working to one set of Engineering Standards.

On behalf of all our team we would like to wish everyone a healthy, safe & (we truly hope) a prosperous 2010. Yes that is the first decade of the century nearly done & dusted!!.

David Hick *Joe Coonse*



It seems that this "global recession" has not impacted negatively on everyone. Check this out! It's a Mercedes Benz owned by an Abu Dhabi oil billionaire (naturally). Featuring the newly developed V10 quad turbo with 1,600 horsepower and 2800nm of torque 0-100km/h in less than 2secs, 1/4 mile in 6.89secs running on biofuel. That is NOT stainless steel

people. It's WHITE GOLD!!

Interesting is the biofuel.. Do they know something we don't?

& JUST BECAUSE WE ARE ALL A YEAR OLDER.... BUMPER STICKERS

I was always taught to respect my elders.
Now I don't have anyone to respect.



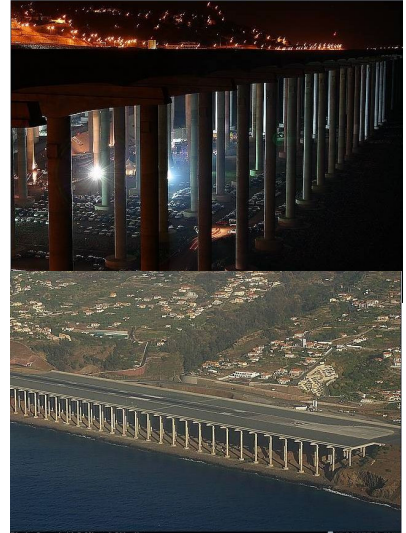
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Amazing new airport runway

New airport runway on the Portuguese island of Madeira

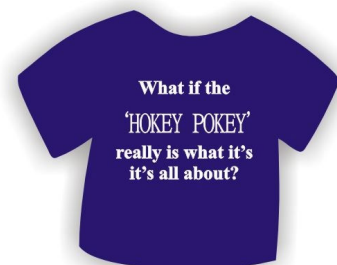


The airport's runway has a length of 2781 meters, (9000 ft) of which 1000 meters are supported by 180 pillars, each pillar 50 meters in length (about 17 floors). The runway is designed to accommodate 747s. Note the cars parked below the runway.

It's a bit like landing on an aircraft carrier.

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.



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Recent Projects (Clockwise from Left Top). 1. Screen Road, Coatesville 450m long concrete driveway: 2. Kaipatiki Reserve, Glenfield: Retaining wall: 10m posts, 350mm diam, retaining 1.5m. 3 Muriwai Beach, driveway & retaining walls. 4. Freedom Furniture, Wairau Park, Carpark repairs after hours & over night. 5. Screen Road, 1200mm culvert in running stream.



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