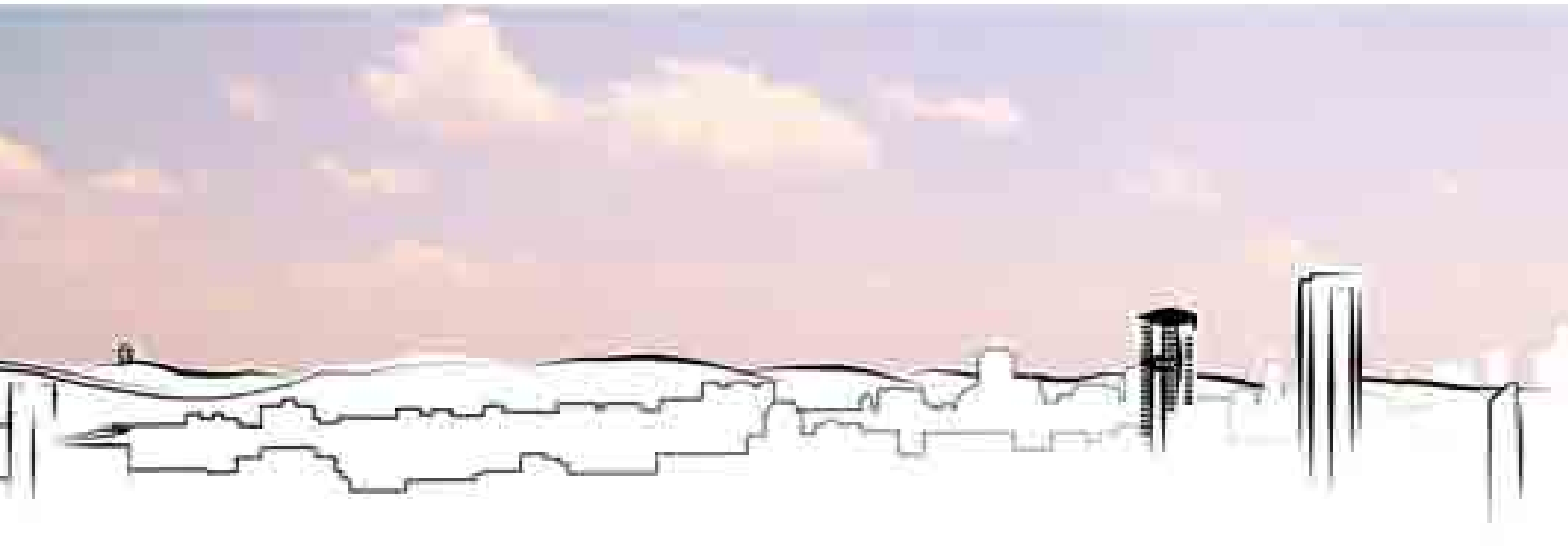


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Fig. 1 mossy stones

Innovate/v. to change something established by introducing new methods, ideas, or products. origins from Latin *innovare* meaning 'renew, or alter.' [Soanes,2008]

Innovation represents one of man's tools to ensure a brighter future. A rolling stone gathers no moss, thus we must strive to consciously pursue developmental and technical progress.

Innovation in South Africa is at an all time high, thanks to institutions such as the CSIR and the SABS, along with private initiatives such as the African Carbon Trust. The Design Indaba held annually in Cape Town inspires young and old with new ideas in a time of economic and environmental crisis.

"He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils; for time is the greatest innovator."
Francis Bacon, 1625 [en.wikiquote.org]

Francis Bacon's words still ring true to this day. It is our responsibility as designers to develop new methods, ideas, and products that will assure that we will continue to prosper many years into the future.