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BUDGET FRIENDLY

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Light Steel Frame building gives you the opportunity to add value and a fresh look to your property while keeping those special memories that you have made in your home.

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When you look at the advantages of working from a small outdoor home office (SOHO) it's easy to see why working from home is a growing trend.

Whether you are launching into a new career or if you are already a seasoned professional in your industry, working from home can be a smart career move which is why it is a growing trend across all fields from graphic design to accounting and psychology.

Regardless of your field, you will find that working from home has many benefits. The most common being the ability to maintain a more flexible balance between work and life. This is ideal for parents who want to spend more time at home or for those who juggle multiple businesses.

A fair chunk of "work time" is spent travelling between the office and home. Working from home reduces the amount of time spent on the road, freeing up time and money. This gives you more time in your day for your kids, seeing extra clients or including that extra hour at the gym.

A simple commute to work might not seem expensive but estimating the costs can be eye opening. A short 20km round-trip can cost up to R7500 per year in fuel and maintenance. Add in tolls, parking fees and insurance if you pay them and you are looking at even more. Add to this the advantage of not

having to deal with frustrating traffic each day and working from home is sounding more and more appealing isn't it?

In addition, working from a small home office allows some relief from constant distractions and stresses by giving you much more control over your environment from noise levels

and interruptions to lighting and airflow.

This extra control may increase your productivity by allowing you to set your own schedule, complete tasks when you are most focussed and take more regular breaks. More control over your schedule means less money spent on school aftercare or baby

sitters and allows you to spend more time on the things you love.

Now just add in the joy of having your favourite pet as your only co-worker or the thought of replying to emails while sipping on a glass of red and you can see why we're dreaming about when to start building our small outdoor home office.



A small home office is easily constructed from a Light Steel Frame structure. Visit www.steelhomecompany.co.za for more small office concepts.

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Not many people consider the effect that framing materials have on overall energy consumption. Choosing the right framing material can reduce energy spend, as well as the costs of maintenance and frequent replacement.

When it comes to windows and glass doors, many savvy developers consider double glazing an investment that will reduce energy spend over time. However, traditional framing materials like aluminium and wood are conductive. This means that energy is transferred through the

material and, in the case of hot weather, will heat the glass, whether single or double glazed. These materials are quickly affected by rain, humidity and harsh sunlight, leading to deterioration.

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