

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2015. *SINCE 1988*

Dear All,

The weather is a true sign of global warming with hot and dry conditions day after day. South Africa is suffering the harsh effects of **EL NINO!** Most of our Provinces are struggling with water restrictions, as our vital water resources take strain on the scarce rainfall and extreme heat. Having said this, we had a flash storm that was over in 15 minutes with 28 mm of heavy rain and the world was a white wonderland with hail! So the unexpected does happen?

Presently Pope Francis is in Africa and was quoted in Nairobi: "Experience shows that violence, conflict, terrorism feed on fear, mistrust, and despair born of poverty and frustration!" He is here after the horrid terror attacks in Paris, Mali, a Russian airplane and other senseless attacks. My fear has been the Syrian migrants, flocking the shores of Europe on anything that floats. All young, well dressed with operating cell phones? One could compare them to a pack of hounds, most of them good but hidden in the pack is a rabid one (terrorist)? Hopefully the powers that be, can avert a World War 3?

During the winter season we had a real hard time with **LOAD SHEDDING** although the effect on production was minimal. We can move onto manual tasks so no real time was wasted. The good news is that the Power Utility has really got their act together and we have had no **LOAD SHEDDING** for a few months now. The other good news is that no electricity after hours at night, brings families together and they can enjoy each other's company in the light of a flickering candle to share a moment!

This time last year, I was in a panic spin as sales were slow and bonuses had to be paid. This year we are much happier. Dubai is growing for us ---- well done Gerry! Arizona is great ----- thank you Renee (!) and my South African agents are trying their best. To all of you out there a very big thank you for the wonderful support you give our brand – **THANK YOU.**

The 2015 Supplement has proved to be a wonderful success and we are thrilled with all the positives out of it. The employee designs with their names have also promoted their own profiles and you can view them all on our facebook page. Amazing what the exercise has done to their own images and dignity!

As with 2014 we have been hectic during this silly season and have been hard at work having to use 4 weekends to keep up. We are blessed with all your orders and some of them we will carry over into the New Year for completion!

A local art gallery was here this week and the owner made the comment that there were more feet here at CC than in his Gallery! Quite a statement but we are very blessed with all the wonderful people who pop in for a visit and leave with a prize!

This year has flown and we now gladly wind up our year by wishing you and yours all the very best for the Festive Season. Let us share the love of Christmas around and make our world a beautiful place. Happy Christmas to you all and we wish you a prosperous New Year.

Mike

