

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2016. SINCE 1988

Dear All,

Happy New Year to you all and we wish you and the whole of South Africa in particular a wonderful peace filled year. I believe, despite all the negativity and the weak Rand, we are in for big surprises which will benefit the country!

South Africa is very dry and extremely HOT! Radio Stations are collecting water for WATER DROP projects and wild life is being culled to save herds of Buffalo and Impala. We, in the Province of Mpumalanga have been blessed with enough good rain at the right time to allow a good maize crop to mature. Towns are without water! The heat and the drought has resulted in severe run away fires in the Cape which have destroyed fynbos, homesteads and even vineyards! Communities are praying for rain and we pray that their prayers are answered very quickly as the lingering drought will affect our fragile economy.

Now to tell you the grim news! All our suppliers are taking serious strain with the weak Rand and applying immediate increases of up to 15% on material and consumables we use. There is no way that they can absorb increases of up to 25% for chemicals any longer. We have done our utmost to keep costs down and the year has barely begun with wage negotiations looming to crown it all. To not bore you, we have no option but to increase all our price lists by 10% across the board from the 1st of March 2016.

To help with the bad news there is some good news:

Our Silver Plating plant has new anodes and now we can offer you the very best of **FINE SILVER PLATING** which is 99.9% pure silver plate to 8 microns.

Happy Valentine's Day to all our lovely Valentines. We need you to take a look at the Valentine designs in the 2014 catalogue which remains very popular and a winner!

As usual we have been blessed with wonderful visitors especially Monique who now lives in LA with her boyfriend Alonso all the way from Mexico City. Then we had Inge's friend Roberto all the way from wonderful Rome! We are expecting Rene from Holland and Idil from Washington to pop in soon. Thanks to you all.

Best wishes for an amazing 2016,

MICHAEL