

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2017. *SINCE 1988!*

Dear Friends,

Our weather remains stable and is very comfortable similar to the best weather in the world with expected rain still 8 weeks away. Cape Town is in dire straits with dam averages at 31% versus 59% at the same time last year. Farmers have to reduce their activities. Government is helping, but they firstly need rain and secondly they need to start a huge desalination plant to harvest the sea water? Maybe a pipe from the Gariep Dam will help but that may be a "pipe dream" (! excuse the pun!) The next few weeks are critical, bearing in mind The Cape is **the** tourist attraction of South Africa.

I apologise for this rather belated letter, but we have swung into full motion after a wonderful top-up order from a very good client in the USA. So the truth is we have saved ourselves with working on a "Daily Task". Meaning the workers received their full remuneration, but could leave once the task was completed. Saving us on gas, material, electricity etc The list goes on. Thank you to all of you who sent orders before the price increase. Putting you ahead of the wave.

Our President survived his 8th vote of no confidence, which was surprisingly done with a secret ballot! We now have to patiently wait for the year-end conference for any possible changes in leadership. South Africa is a Journalists' paradise, as they fly around the country chasing all the **BREAKING NEWS!** We are now investigating a "Gupta Wedding" that happened in 2013 paid by the tax payer!

Inge is back and frantically taking photos for the 2017 Supplement. Sorry guys, another catalogue to choose from, as we need to add the new designs. I am aware we have a mountain of catalogues. Simply delete those pages you don't order from. Our reasoning is simply that many of the styles do not lose popularity and many are seen and ordered for the 1st time as we get close to celebrating 30 years!

Duncan (ZOZO RANGE) has decided to depart and work on his family farm. Steve, our long standing pensioner friend, has grabbed the opportunity and will fill the gap while we look for a suitable replacement.

The new display at O.R.Tambo is turning out to be a gem as our Collections fly off the pegs. Please don't miss visiting the stand if you are exiting SA. We would love your feedback.

BREAKING NEWS: The price of copper continues its bullish tendency. The red metal prices reached US \$ 3 a pound this week which is the highest since 2014. There are indications it could continue to rise. This could be due to a higher expected growth in the Chinese economy and a greater global dynamism. Whichever way you understand it, this could be good news for us? That's my thinking!?

I was listening to a radio discussion by a University Professor who was questioned about the medical benefits of magnets in a copper bangle. He was very straight in saying there are no proven medical reason to believe magnets are of any health benefit and can only be referred to as a "placebo"

We continue to offer surplus chokers and earrings at 25% less per the new price list for styles of our choice.

We have been blessed with visitors from Kent in the UK and more recently - 2 couples from the rain ravaged Houston in the USA. Spring is here and you South Africans must all enjoy the beauty on the West Coast with the abundance of spring flowers.

As always thanks for your loyal support.

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