

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2018.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

Dear Friends,

Somebody asked me the reason for my weather report? We live miles and continents apart, never mind hemispheres, so while we are tanning on the beach (wishful dreaming) some of you are being beaten by the "Beast from the East" and in extreme cases like Cape Town are suffering the worst drought in 300 years! We have had 132 mm of beautiful rain, hence the reason to report.

An awful lot has happened in February with our President Zuma stepping down at long last. We have survived an onslaught of political uncertainty, unspeakable levels of corruption, instigated racism and many disappointments--- but we have inherited at birth the greatest country in the world--- thanks KLCBT! President elect: Cyril Ramaphosa has been sworn in and so has his inflated cabinet. Many of the rascals are still present but one must consider the nature of politics in Africa which has many challenges considering all the various factions. Cyril must in quick time reduce the size of his cabinet and rid Parliament and local bodies of all those with their fingers in the cookie jar!

This change has brought about a stronger RAN which may not be in your favour? You with US \$'s, Euro's or Pounds will have less to spend. Tourists coming in will have less to spend and with no water in the beautiful Cape have the prospects of a dirty weekend!

Today taking land without compensation might upset the apple cart as we want to know - whose land and to who will it be given to? This could end up in a constitutional mess and at the worse anarchy! Watch this space.

Now having reported on our politics and the stronger Rand we need sales to keep 45 loyal skilled workers, all with dependants, employed. We are now due to increase our trade price list by 6 % from the 1st of March! All our suppliers have increased their prices between 8 – 12%. To hurt, discounts of 2.5% have been refused. I have decided with the "NEW SOUTH AFRICAN DAWN"- to hold back on the 6% increase, due tomorrow, we will hold back until the 1st of June 2018. Accounts will be strictly 30 days and please don't ask for a discount. Like all of you we need sales and from us, we ask you please to limit your mark ups. Mark-ups of 300% are out of order and we will never generate sales of volume. If we all pull together we can get through these 3 months without important employees losing valuable jobs and adding to the 35% of unemployment in this country.

Back on the factory floor we are getting ready to celebrate the late NELSON MANDELA'S 100th birthday and we hope you go to: www.mandelabangles.com. We are fortunate to make some of the copper bangles. So by supporting the cause you will support us.

Under the radar, Inge has a new exciting design made of brass and cows' horn. Don't let me steal her thunder - but the wait will be worth it!

On the world market we have arrived in Russia and we look forward to wider exposure in Ireland. Welcome Gavin, Theo and Tania to the Creative Copper family. Russia will be hosting the FIFA soccer world cup in Sochi in June and we hope the new AFRICA brand will exceed expectations. We all look forward to the soccer set

on this stage and run a closest to the final score competition here on the factory floor.

The LOVE month has now come to an end and we take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter.

We had loads of local visitors which always brighten our days and thank you to them for making the time.

MICHAEL