

# RUSSELLSTONE TIMES

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*from Russell du Preez*

Another year has come and gone and we are older, wiser and more blessed. Once again, many thanks to all of you who is willing to buy into the Group's vision and passion. We make a huge difference in this country. We feed people and more, we're starting to influence other people to make the right decisions. We also promote our country and in the past 15 months we invested over R300 million in South Africa from foreign investors. This is the famous Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) countries are looking for. This is only the beginning. We need people that have the same burning desire to make a difference to the world and the country. We cannot only be consumers because the more you give the more you get. Money is not the only measure of wealth; well in fact it may be no measure at all. Family, faith, happiness and service to others are much better measures. The only problem with this is that every person see it from a different perspective.

On a personal note - this was tough year for me, a real roller coaster ride. I have learned this year that you cannot please everybody and you are not supposed to do that. Also that you should listen to other people and, in the end, make up your own mind. And trust your instinct – if something smells, looks and tastes like dung, it most probably is exactly that. We need to please our clients and the people in our company that has the same vision and passion for who we are and where we're going as RussellStone. Business, most of the time, should be a win-win situation, but sometimes you need to lose to win. You cannot ask a cheetah to be a bull and thus people will either fit in or not. This does not mean the cheetah is not good and valuable, just better for another pack.

We are unique and I would like to keep it that way. We will be in your face and we will be controversial and we will speak our mind and do what is right for the long term benefit of humankind. We believe in the free market and that people should constantly adopt to change. We do think that the bigger picture is important but we most definitely also need to look at the detail. This balance is extremely important. A healthy balance in *life* is important.

Ask not what the company can do for you; ask what you can do for the company. If you do that the company will look after you.

We wish you a peaceful holiday season and that each and every one return safely in the New Year, ready to tackle the bull by the horns again!







Rolling Stone Award - **Sakkie Celliers** het die afgelope jaar 'n ongelooflike omset getoon by EDI en RSA Treasury. Hy is 'n sprekende voorbeeld van iemand wat deur harde werk en toewyding bo kan uitkom in ons maatskappy. Hy is ook 'n voorbeeld van iemand wat beloon word vir harde werk deur belang te ontvang in aandele en aandeleopsies. Ons hoop dat Sakkie 'n lekker vakansie gaan hê en volgende jaar sal terugkom met hernude energie om voort te bou op die groei wat hy hierdie jaar gewys het!

### Coalvest in Potchefstroom bederf E.S. le Grange Skool se atlete

“Die atlete van ons skool het die voorreg gehad om op die atletiekbaan soos sportsterre te lyk en te voel! Coalvest in Potchefstroom het elke atleet toegerus met die mooiste sportdrag. Coalvest het ons skool as hulle BEE-projek geïdentifiseer en daarom het ons R30 000 van hulle ontvang. De Villiers Kroon, Jaco van der Westhuizen en Nhlanhla Madalane, dankie dat julle drie vriendelike manne by ons kom kuier het en saam met ons geëet het. Vir ons Somerspele, Winterspele, jaarlikse Spesiale Olimpiade en enige uitstappie is ons kinders nou so mooi geklee as gevolg van julle welwillendheid. Die hoof, personeel en al die leerders is baie dankbaar! Kom kuier gou weer asseblief.”



### **Welkom en totsiens aan...**

- ◆ **Grainvest Commodities het nog 'n persoon by gekry—Hein Barnett het as trader begin.**
- ◆ **Jamé Fabela by RussellStone Group verlaat ons die einde van die maand. Alles van die beste vir die toekoms!**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! DECEMBER 2011**

7 - Francois Smit  
11 - Tommie Niehaus  
15 - Rentie vd Merwe  
20 - John Moss  
20 - Brendon McArthur  
22 - Janine Watermeyer  
30 - Kobus van Wyk  
30 - Div Kroon



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! JANUARY 2011**

2 - Maggie  
6 - Adél du Preez  
12 - Fanie Pretorius  
14 - Rozanne Botes  
21 - Dirk vd Westhuizen  
23 - Ferdi Osborne  
24 - Nico van Wyk  
26 - Jane Malan  
29 - Edwin Smit



*Baie geluk aan  
Suzanne en Cliffie Colyn  
wat op 18 November 2011  
getroud is!*