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NEW MANDELA COMMEMORATIVE NOTES AND COIN

The Central Bank of Lesotho advises the public that the **South African Reserve Bank (SARB)** has developed its first commemorative circulating banknotes and a coin, in celebration of former **President Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's birth centenary**. The notes cover all denominations: **R10, R20, R50, R100 and R200**. The **R5** coin will also be issued.

SARB will officially launch its new notes and coin on **13th July 2018**, and it is envisaged that these notes and coin will be issued into circulation by **18th July, 2018**. These commemorative banknotes and coin are a limited edition, and will co-circulate, with the current Mandela banknotes series and the existing R5 coin. Both sets will, therefore, remain legal tender and shall be exchanged for face value only.

The Central Bank of Lesotho has and continues to conduct **awareness campaigns across Lesotho** to alert the public about these new commemorative circulating notes and coin.

For more information on these notes and coin, the public shall visit nearest cash centres, local media and the Central Bank of Lesotho Website www.centralbank.org.ls where posters and pictures demonstrating and explaining their security features have been distributed.

For more information and enquiries, please contact 22232461/22232429.

THEMES ON THE BACK OF THE COMMEMORATIVE BANKNOTES

The back designs are linked to a set of chronological moments throughout Nelson Mandela's life. These themes follow the life of Nelson Mandela from his upbringing in rural Transkei to his inauguration as the first Democratic President of South Africa. An early portrait of Nelson Mandela is central to the reverse of all the denominations – contrary to a later portrait on the front of an older Mandela.



R10

Mvezo – Time of Birth

Representing the lush greenery of the Eastern Cape. The start of the timeline – the birth of Nelson Mandela in 1918 in Mvezo.



R20

Soweto – Time of Life

Madiba's house in Soweto, where his political life started to take shape where as a lawyer he represented black clients and befriended young African National Congress (ANC) members such as Anton Lembede and Walter Sisulu. These defining characters, together with Oliver Tambo, set up the ANC Youth League in 1944, which drove the ANC towards more effective forms of protest.



R50

Howick – Time of Capture

It was here where he was arrested following 17 months in hiding from the apartheid Police. The arrest preceded a long trial during which Nelson Mandela's commitment to his values was reinforced in his historic speech during which he proclaimed "It is an ideal for which I am prepared to die"



R100

Robben Island – Time of Struggle

Representing the bright blue ocean around Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 of his 27 years in prison. It was during this time that he became the figurehead of the anti-apartheid movement as protesters around the world campaigned for his release throughout the 1980's.



R200

The Union Buildings – Time of Destiny

This is where Nelson Mandela gave his speech on release from prison, and on this inauguration as the first democratically elected President of South Africa – a moment that captured the hearts and imagination of the world – as a triumph of principles over injustice.

THE COMMEMORATIVE R5 CIRCULATION COIN

DESIGN FEATURES

The main motif on the obverse remains the Coat of Arms. The Black wildebeest on the reverse of the current R5 coin has been replaced with a "smiling elderly Nelson Mandela" (1), surrounded by a circular pattern (2).

IMPROVED SECURITY FEATURES:

A Latent image - the 1918(3) changes to 2018 when the coin is tilted.

Micro-lettering depicting "SARB" and "FIVE RAND" (4) on the reverse of the coin.



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CHECK-CHECK THE FEATURES OF THE COMMEMORATIVE BANKNOTES AND R5 CIRCULATION COIN



LEVEL 1 SECURITY FEATURES

INTAGLIO PRINTING (1)

The raised or rough feel is a result of the sophisticated printing technique used on banknotes. Normal commercial printing has a smooth feel. This rough (intaglio) effect can be felt on the front of the banknote in the Coat of Arms, main motif, in the micro lettering, and on the back of all banknotes. Intaglio printing can easily be checked in the dark, or by partially sighted or blind people, merely by feeling the banknote.

WATERMARK (2)

This is the feature most well-known to the general public. When you hold a new banknote up to the light, you will see on the front left an image of former President Nelson Mandela and the hidden denomination numeral of the banknote.

SECURITY THREAD (3)

On the front it appears as a windowed silver line. When held up to light, it is a continuous, solid dark line. On the current banknotes, the threads on all denominations are 4mm wide and have “drop out” or clear text – with the text SARB, RAND, the denomination numeral, and a holographic image of the Coat of Arms. When the banknote is tilted the security thread will change colour.

PERFECT REGISTRATION (4)

In layman’s terms, this could be called a “see-through pattern”. Banknote printing represents the highest form of precision printing. Two parts of an image are printed in perfect alignment or registration on the front and back of the banknote simultaneously. Visually, each side merely resembles a pattern, but when the banknote is held up against light, the full image is visible, perfectly aligned. If it is not perfectly aligned, it is not a genuine banknote. On the commemorative banknotes, the perfect registration is in the same place, on the bottom front left. The image is the complete animal found in the secondary motif of each denomination of the current Mandela banknotes.

UNIQUE NUMBERING (5)

The unique serial numbers, consisting of letters and numbers are on the back of the banknotes. A vertical number is on the left-hand side, and a horizontal number on the top right-hand side of the banknote. The horizontal number is conical, i.e. growing in height from left to right. These numbers are in different colours on the different banknotes.

FEATURE FOR THE BLIND (6)

Lines on front edges of the banknote on the right and left-hand side have raised printing. The number of lines indicates the denomination.

R10 – 1 line / R20 – 2 lines / R50 – 3 lines / R100 – 4 lines / R200 – 5 lines

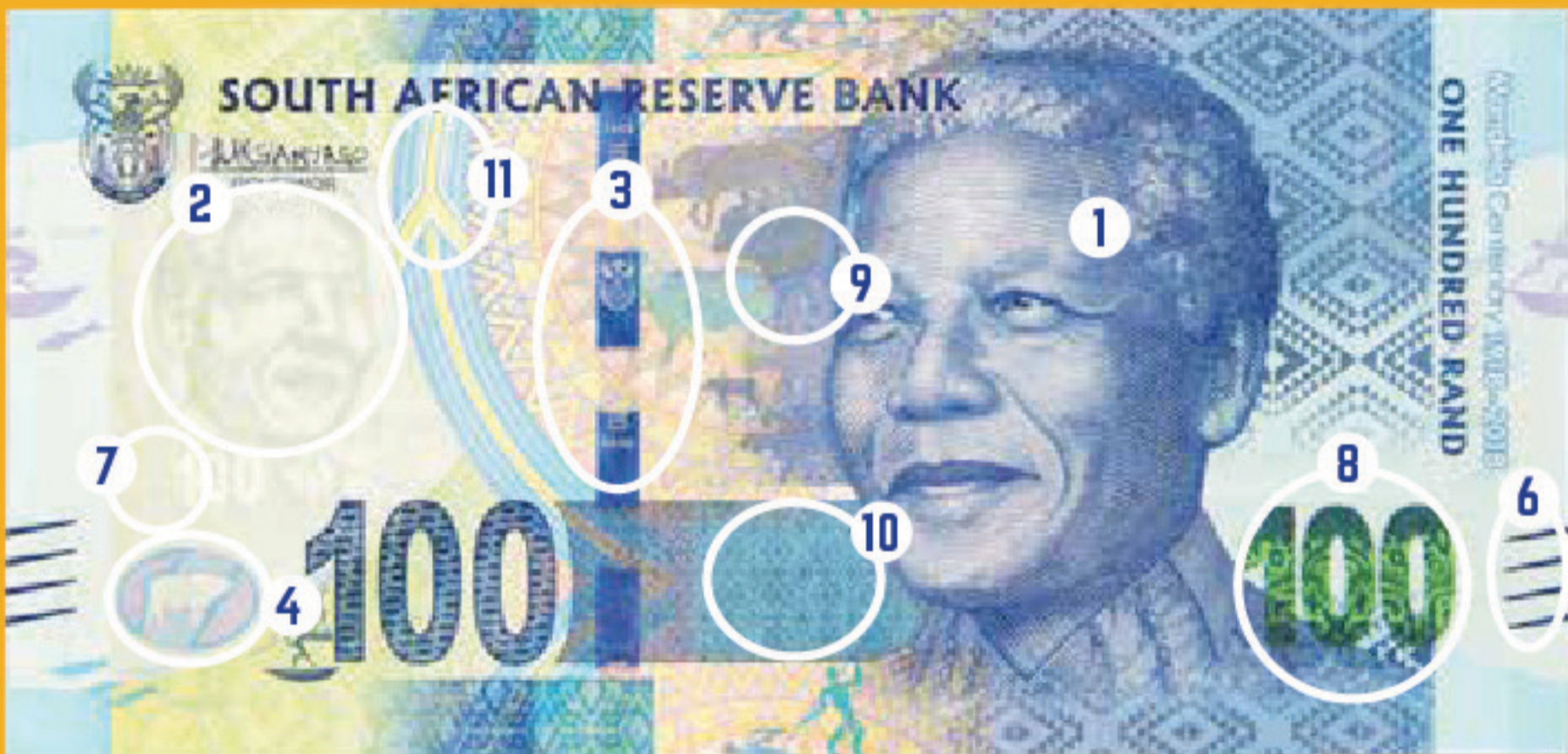
LITTLE DOTS (7)

Little dots are visible on all denominations both on the front, left-hand side and on the back, right-hand side.

SPARKLive COLOUR CHANGING INK (8)

On all five denominations of the commemorative banknotes, the large denomination numeral on the right, bottom front, is printed in SPARKLive colour changing ink with a rolling bar effect. An “Open-form” design has been selected for the inclusion of the “Batik” design visible within the denomination numeral, unique to Madiba’s shirts. This is distinctive and easy to spot when the banknote is tilted.

TO FIND ALL THE SECURITY FEATURES SEE BELOW



LEVEL 2 SECURITY FEATURES

MICRO PRINTING (9)

The denomination numeral appears in micro-printing in the animals to the left of the image of the main portrait. Micro printing is also visible on the back of the banknotes.

INFRARED

The machine readable infrared features remain unchanged.

LATENT IMAGE/HIDDEN IMAGE (10)

In the rectangular shape to the left of the main portrait the denomination numeral is visible. This means when the banknote is held almost horizontally to your eyes, you will be able to see an image of the denomination of the banknote embedded in the shape.

NEW DESIGN FEATURES

SECONDARY DESIGN ON THE FRONT OF ALL DENOMINATIONS – FLAG-BAND AREA (11)

The use of the South African flag is considered important throughout the designs. It is specifically linked to Nelson Mandela, since it was first flown on the day that he became President on 10 May 1994. The colours within the flag can be seen to represent the diverse 'rainbow nation' that Nelson Mandela referred to in his speeches. Colours within the flag band area, further represents seven rays of light that lit up Mandela's prison cell at Robben Island.

CENTENARY WORDING ON THE FRONT (12)

"Mandela Centenary 1918-2018" now appear on the front edge of the banknote on the right. The wording is printed in fluorescent ink that can also be checked under UV light.