



Dear Preferred Customer,

Congratulations on acquiring the 1997 One-Ounce Special Edition Gold Krugerrand Proof — an extremely limited mintage from South Africa that commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the first Krugerrands issued in 1967. Krugerrand Proofs are not often available, and Preferred Customer Service is the largest distributor of these 1997 Proof coins outside of South Africa!

You are fortunate to have obtained your Proof at this time because the 1997 Krugerrands are like no others ever issued. For the very first time, a limited edition of these Proofs bears the official "30th Anniversary" honor mark. While only 1,800 One-Ounce Gold Krugerrands were issued worldwide, just 600 of these Proofs bear the official honor mark — *and Preferred Customer Service has secured the rights to ALL 600 honor-marked Special Edition Proofs!*

These Krugerrand Proofs are very special indeed. In fact, they are quite different than the thousands of bullion Krugerrands issued every year. The quality of the Krugerrand Proof is much higher, and the mintage is much, much lower. When you compare them to Proofs with much higher mintages, you can really see the value of purchasing this Proof at this time. For example, your new One-Ounce Gold Krugerrand is being offered at a lower price than the 1989 Gold Reef City Mint One-Ounce Gold Krugerrand, which is currently cataloging at \$1,600. The 1989 Gold Reef City Krugerrands, however, had a single-issue mintage of 987 — a mintage much greater than your 1997 Special Edition Krugerrand, of which only 600 Proofs are available!

As you examine your stunning Krugerrand, you're sure to notice the beautiful detail of the frosted images on the .917 fine-gold Proof. The Krugerrand still has the same impressive design as when it was first struck in 1967. The obverse depicts Paul Kruger, President of South Africa from 1883 to 1902. The reverse depicts a South African antelope called the springbok.

The Krugerrand is among the first modern gold Proof coins to be issued in any country and instantly began to be sought by collectors all over the world. When other countries saw the international demand for the Krugerrand, many issued gold Proof coins of their own! It is also one of only a few legal tender Proof coins in the world without a monetary face value. The Krugerrand was banned in the United States in 1986 as a protest against apartheid. When the ban was lifted just a few years ago, the Krugerrand once again became a highly desirable collectible.

Your Krugerrand Proof comes in official Mint packaging and with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity from the South Africa Mint. I suggest that you keep this important document with your Proof for safekeeping.

Again, congratulations on your purchase, and I hope you keep us in mind for all your collecting needs.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Bruyer
Director, Preferred Customer Service

P.S. This remarkable 1997 One-Ounce Special Edition Gold Krugerrand Proof is sure to become one of your most prized possessions, and I know you'll take great pride in displaying it in your home or office. If you have any questions or would like to know more about other Krugerrands available from us, please call your Account Representative toll free at **1-800-777-6468**.