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Form: Circular. Proof.

By: am (?) / Franklin Mint

Date: 1979

Ref: Laidlaw: 1061;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
32 mm	Silver	11 gm	\$24

Edge: Plain. Franklin Mint hallmarks for sterling silver.

Obverse: View of the Diggers Memorial Fountain depicting five miners holding up a diamond sieve. Signed: "am" at the base. Legend: "SUID-AFRIKA SOUTH AFRICA".

Reverse: Within a continuous bound wreath, the emblem of the United Nations depicting the world globe centered on the North Pole. Monogram of the Franklin Mint: "fm" below. Legend: " UNITED NATIONS (repeated in French, Russian, Chinese and Spanish with stops between)".

Notes: Comes inside a personally addressed envelope with a 4c stamp commemorating 300th anniversary of Stellenbosch (1679-1979) postmarked: "STELLENBOSCH 1979.11.08". Both sides of the medal are seen through transparent plastic windows. On the back of the envelope, a certificate of authenticity from the United Nations. The envelope is in a cardboard holder with information about South Africa.

One of a set of 144 medals commissioned by the United Nations to mark its 30th anniversary. Each medal in the set is for a member nation. The set was issued at a rate of about two per month between 1976 and 1980 at a cost of \$12.50 each.

The Diggers Fountain is in the Oppenheimer Gardens, Kimberley, established as a memorial to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer.