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Form: Circular

By: ?

Date: 1896 Onwards

Ref: Hern: 462; Laidlaw: 0210n;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
21.9 mm	Brass	4.4 gm	\$55 - \$80

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: Die type 9 (portrait puncheons probably as for die type 2)
Bust of Paul Kruger, left (similar to Z.A. Republic gold Pond). Normal legend replaced by: "PERL-BIER (within quotes) THE PEARL OF GERMAN BEERS".

Reverse: Die type 4
Coat of arms of the Z.A. Republic (similar to Z.A. Republic gold Pond. Legend above: "1 POND * 1896 *". On a ribbon below the motto of the Z.A. Republic replaced by: "IMITATION KRUGER SOVEREIGN".

Notes: The imitation Ponde were used as gaming counters.

There are 13 known varieties of the 1 Pond imitation. Paul Withers has numbered these 2-14 (1 being for the 1/2 Pond) numbering has been used here.

The varieties have been made from combinations of 10 different obverse die types and 8 different reverse die types. The types have been numbered; 1-10 in the obverse description and 1-8 in the reverse description. The differences are some minor.

The imitation Ponde were not well made. The composition of the alloy, the diameter and the weight vary considerably.

Reference: (1) Paul Withers, 'Kruger Pond Imitations', Galata Print Ltd., 2002. (2) Michael Laidlaw, 'Kruger Pond Imitations' available on CD from the author of this website. Both references provide further background information and guides to identification.