

ZIMBABWE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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40c: President E. D Mnangagwa meeting the South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa in Harare on 17th March 2018.

President E D Mnangagwa hosted his South African counterpart President, Cyril Ramaphosa, in Harare on 17th of March 2018. The two leaders discussed various issues including challenges being faced by the SADC region mostly economic challenges.



They also discussed investment in roads, railways, energy and trade, which could score quick-wins for Zimbabwe's economy. The meeting demonstrated that South Africa and Zimbabwe are committed to working together on joint economic development projects as a way of growing their economies and co-operation on matters of trade among other areas.

75c: The President E D Mnangagwa attended the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) business forum held in Kigali, Rwanda from 17th to 21st March 2018.

At the forum he signed an agreement to establish the AfCFTA which aims to create a single African market for goods and services with free movement for businesses and investments.



This agreement facilitates Zimbabwean businesses in trading within the continent thus benefiting from the growing African market thereby providing opportunities for business people and young entrepreneurs across Zimbabwe.

At AfCFTA, the Zimbabwean President reiterated the importance of working together to succeed in bringing food security and prosperity to the African continent. He further highlighted that the New Zimbabwe is no longer an isolated nation and is ready to play an active role in the international community. The President also signed the Africa Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, re-asserting his commitment to free and fair elections, and bringing Zimbabwe to be in line with other countries in the region

85c: President E.D Mnangagwa meeting with IMF Managing Director, Ms Christine Lagarde at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on 25th January 2018.

The President of Zimbabwe, Cde Emmerson Mnangagwa met with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director, Christine Lagarde on 25th of January 2018 on the side-lines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.



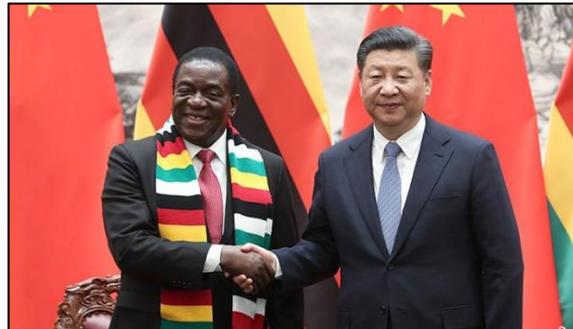
The IMF leader welcomed the Zimbabwean President's commitment to stabilizing the

Zimbabwean economy and working towards normalizing the country's engagement with the international community. Madame Lagarde reiterated IMF's commitment to continue to support Zimbabwe as it addresses its economic challenges.

At the WEF President Emmerson Mnangagwa pronounced to the world that Zimbabwe is now open for business. His message was that Zimbabwe wants to embrace the international community while wanting the international community to embrace it in return.

\$1: President E.D Mnangagwa's visit and meeting with the President of China from the 2nd to 6th April 2018.

President E D Mnangagwa visited the Republic of China from 2nd to 6th of April 2018 where he met the Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping. The two presidents discussed ways of fostering and developing the historic ties between the two great nations for the benefit of both countries' nationals.



Seven Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed which included the refurbishment of Hwange Power Station units 7 and 8 which will increase power generation by 600 megawatts. MOUs for developing infrastructure focusing on road, rail and dam construction were signed. The two countries also signed numerous agreements that will advance skills development and secure crucial foreign investment by Chinese investors into the Zimbabwean economy. All in all business deals worth \$1 billion were signed.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa highlighted that the new Zimbabwe is open to the world, governments, businesses and individuals who are looking to do business with her.

The Stamps



(Reduced to 50% of actual size)

Catalogue Listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
1443	839	40c	President Mnangagwa meeting President Ramaphosa
1444	840	75c	President Mnangagwa at AfCFTA forum
1445	841	85c	President Mnangagwa meeting C Lagarde of IMF
1446	842	\$1	President Mnangagwa meeting President Xi Jinping
MS1447	MS39		Imperforate miniature sheet with set in se-tenant block

Technical details

Stamp size:	Sheet stamps: 35 x 30 mm Miniature sheet 115 x 112 mm
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), two panes per printed sheet
Artist:	Lucia Marisamhuka
Paper:	ZSC paper type J: paper described by Zimpost as “Chancellor Litho PVA Gummed Postage Stamp Paper”. This paper is produced by Tullis Russell Coaters of Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland. Under UV there is no fluorescence either front or back, the stamp appears to be very dark
Print colours:	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black
Perforations:	SG 14½ x 14; ZSC 14¼ x 14 Top margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe
Origination:	Terrie Lue Graphics
Printer’s Imprint:	Sheet stamps only - Bottom margin, below Row 5 Column 3. Imprint printed in black
Cylinder numbers:	Sheet stamps only - Top margin above R1/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black
Colour register:	Sheet stamps only - Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R1/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black
Sheet Value:	Sheet stamps only - Top margin, above R1/5, printed in black

Sheet Number: Sheet stamps only - Type SN 7 with printed 'ZIMPOST' prefix, right margin opposite R1/5 reading down

Bar codes: Sheet stamps only - Opposite R10/5, printed in black, numbers:
40c 2 009113 000653
75c 2 009113 000660
85c 2 009113 000677
\$1 2 009113 000684

Print numbers:
40c 25,000 75c 7,500
85c 7,500 \$1 7,500
Miniature sheet unknown

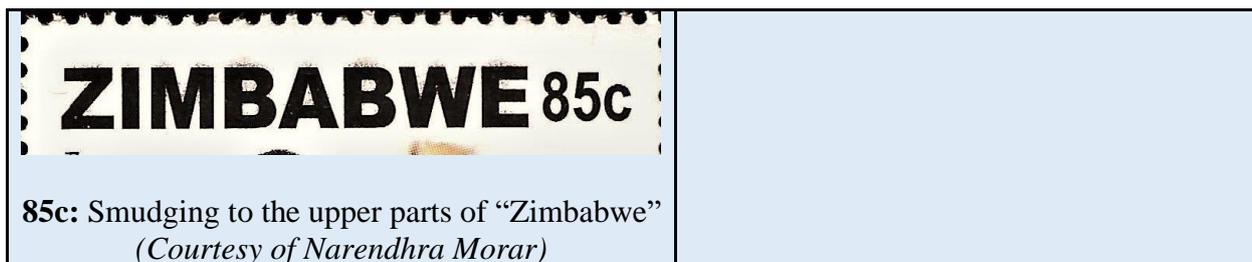
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Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been reported.

Unlisted Varieties

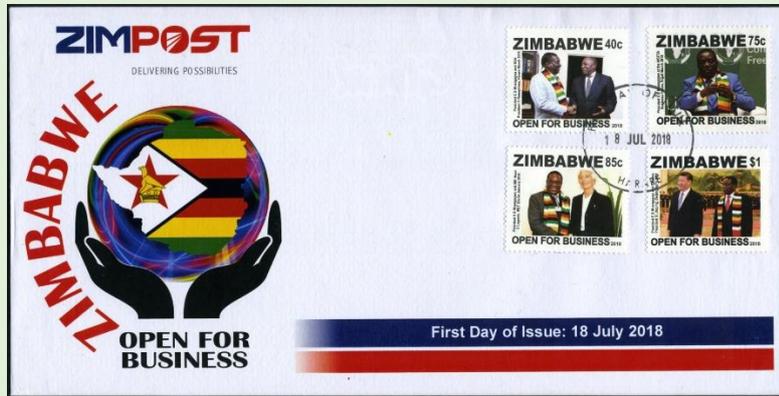
There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds which are more noticeable with the solid colours. No significant varieties have been reported.



First Day Cover

ZimPost produced a First Day Cover, which were postmarked by the Philatelic Bureau with a postmark reading “First Day of Issue/Harare”.

ZW170 (ZimPost)



220 x 110 mm

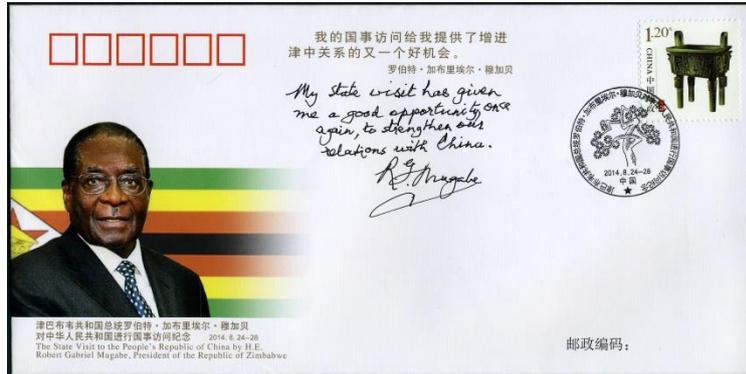
ZW170MS (ZimPost)



220 x 110 mm

Related Material

The China Philatelic Corporation issued covers to commemorate the State Visits of both Presidents Mugabe (2014) and Mnangagwa (2018).



President R G Mugabe's State Visit (24th to 28th August, 2014)

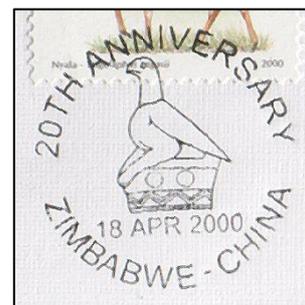


President E D Mnangagwa's State Visit (2nd to 6th April, 2018)

The China Philatelic Corporation in conjunction with Zimbabwe Post released covers to commemorate the 20th, 25th, 30th and 35th anniversaries of the establishment of diplomatic relations in April 1980. For each release ZimPost produced a special handstamp.



20th anniversary





25th Anniversary



30th anniversary

These covers came in sets of four with each of the Africa's Paradise stamps.



35th anniversary



Bibliography:

1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear, and is now published on the Rhodesian Study Circle website.
2. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 1 of 2018