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Onderwerp: **Doorst.: NYTimes: Solar Mini-Grids Give Nigeria a Power Boost**

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Dear Faysal and May,

It is customary to wish each other (family, friends and acquaintances) a happy and/or a prosperous new year in the month December. It appears that a year later the well-wishers are hardly curious whether or not their wishes were fulfilled.

From the contents of your mail d.d. January 9 2019 I assume that you have added the year 2018 to the annals as a happy year. The Seven Up Bottling Company Plc returned in the fold of the family in 2018.

I browsed through the YE 2017 Financial Statements and I assessed it had been the right moment for the offer to withdraw the shares from the stock exchange. And another observation to management is: 'There is room for improvement.'

I assume that the outlook for the YE 2018 results coming end of March will likely show a healthy return on equity.

Other topic. You both have a busy social life and then it is mandatory to escape for a retraite. Twenty years ago a friend of us warned us that when you move to Amsterdam you shall not have any time to yourself. Sure, it is a bit exaggerated.

Leisure is the time left after work and social obligations. I hear you arguing: Adriaan, you are a retiree, but that does not release me from chores ! A four year old granddaughter 4 years old who is brought eight o'clock on the morning to look after and picked up at 19.00 hours, she is taking up our time. Our eldest son Floris (47, father of three lovely daughters, age: 13,12 and 10) informed us in April 2018 on the telephone he and his wife Else Marie do not want to continue their lives together in the future. It was a lightening ray in a clear sky for us. Floris is not willing to share his motives for the divorce with us. When you are 47 years old, you are accountable for your own decisions in life and apparently he doesn't wish to bother us. It is a relief for us that Floris and Else Marie arrange the divorce in an adult manner, so that their daughters do not have to choose between the mother or the father.

Arrangements are concluded in good faith in as much as you can speak of good faith at divorce procedures.

Another divorce procedure relates to the UK leaving the EU. What inspired them to vote for Brexit are wrong assumptions. Tomorrow a crucial vote will take place in British Parlement on what conditions the UK resign its EU membership.

Aside I have been 13 years manager Rotterdam-branch of the Lloyds Bank plc. All the bosses I had tot report to, during my working life, may have thought they were superior than me. Wrong, they were inferior except for one: Stuart Cook, I was devoted to him as my superior. Cook, a very Englishman, born in Argentina; speaks fluently Spanish and Portugese; three years my boss In Amsterdam; 4 years heading the lloyds Bank operation in Spain; every year holidaying 4 to 6 weeks in Spain, he voted for BREXIT. I am convinced that England, a medium large country (66 million people) play a subordinated role among the other players i.e. China, USA, Russia and the EU on the world chessboard. When I asked him what prompted him to vote for Brexit, he answered: I am suspicious of federations in general and particular of a future EU federation. I was baffled. The UK is a federation and the



proceeds from sales of the crude oil pumped up in Scotland's territorial waters went straight into the English exchequer.

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Permit me to copy you an exchange of correspondence from 2016. Vera has forbidden me to continue the polemical correspondence so that the friendship can be maintained. In a letter to Stuart Cook last December I metaphorically referred to the political mess of a divided electorate due to BREXIT referendum of June 2016.



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The other day I read the saying of Henry Miller (1891-1980): 'Confusion is a word we have invented for an order which is not understood.' unquote. Statements that cannot be either confirmed or disconfirmed by experience create confusion. I wrote to Cook: I notice there is a lot of confusion in the world except at the kindergarten.

This is it for today. I haven't elaborated on the successes of the 2018 marathon. I didn't extensively write about my loss of weight in 2018: 14 kilo and have not praised enough Vera in this mail. And what is the impact of the Trump sanctions on Iran for Lebanon? What is the latest health-bulletin in respect of the Cedar of Lebanon? Hopefully these topics are covered in my next mail; perhaps.



Keep up the good spirit in 2019. Love you both, Vera & Adriaan

P.S. Moreover, I am of the opinion that Solar Powered Mini Grids is a necessity for Lebanon. Extensive large Solar Powered grids may be are too vulnerable political in a less stable country. I refer to the appendix of the NYT : Click on READ MORE

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Here's a story from The New York Times that I thought you'd find interesting:

Six pilot mini-grids are providing steady electricity to rural residents in Africa's most populous country, cutting emissions and offering more energy security.