

# PKZ 00002 PERMIT MAIL

This exhibit presents Permit Mail with the PKZ 00002 number. It shows the reason behind the introduction of Permit Mail, and specifically who used the PKZ 00002 Permit Mail number. Also included are exemplars of covers used by unidentified users. The exhibit ends with reasons why the PKZ 00002 number has been discontinued and the alternatives used since then.

## Exhibit plan

Postage Paid  
Permit Mail – PKZ 00002  
End of PKZ 00002

Before 1 April 2004, the South African Post Office (SAPO) used a bulk mailing system called Postage Paid. Unfortunately, it wasn't very well regulated and ended up costing the Post Office quite a bit of money. From 1 April 2004, they started phasing in a

new system called Permit Mail. This system allows large-volume mailers to send more than 1,000 items both locally and internationally. That threshold has since been lowered to just 100 items per month, making it a lot more accessible to a wider range of users.

Permit Mail envelopes feature a distinct insignia in the upper right-hand corner, which includes:

- The words "Permit Mail" (Universe 17-point font),
- "South Africa" down the right side (Universe 12-point font),
- The eight-character permit number up the left side, beginning with "P" followed by seven digits,
- The "Flying Envelope" trademark of the South African Post Office, which is either centered or at the top-left.

- It is compulsory to include a return address

Each registered client receives a unique Permit Mail number from SAPO, which can be traced back to their account. For non-profits, aid organisations, and environmental groups, a special number—PKZ 00002—was made available. This allowed them to send fundraising mail across the country, no matter where they were based.

The users of PKZ 00002 was identified by looking at return addresses, printed logos, slogans, and sometimes even the contents of the envelopes.

To help raise awareness and stand out, many charities started designing colourful and eye-catching Permit Mail envelopes.

Unfortunately, many charity organisations using the PKZ 00002 system experienced losses when donations went missing in the post. As a result, most of them moved over to Permit Mail numbers.

- Envelopes in the exhibit are DL size unless otherwise stated.
- Return addresses are on the back of envelopes unless otherwise stated.
- The Permit Mail insignia is in the top right corner of the envelope unless otherwise stated.

Own contributions are indicated using a *cursive font*.

Rare items are indicated with  symbol.

## References

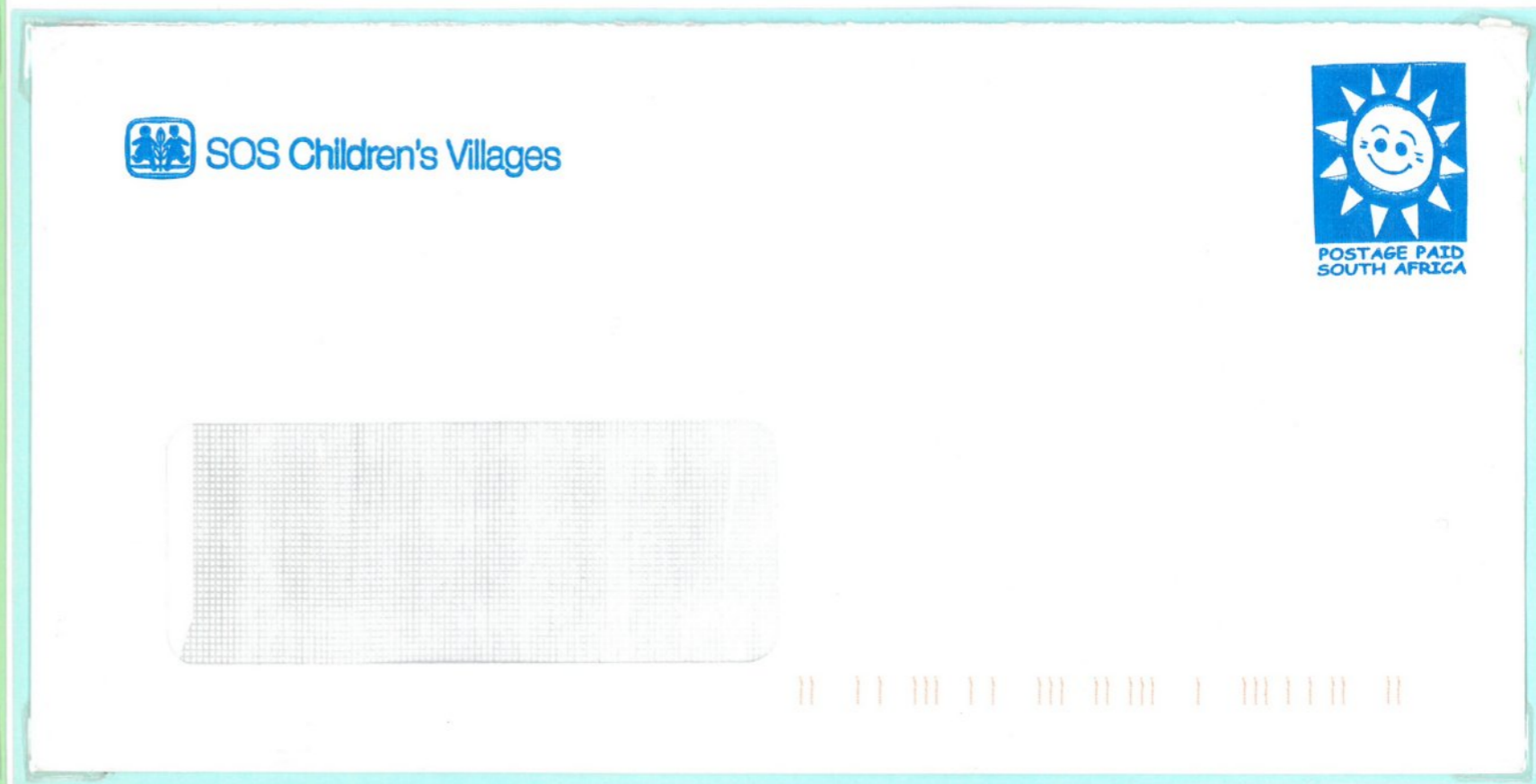
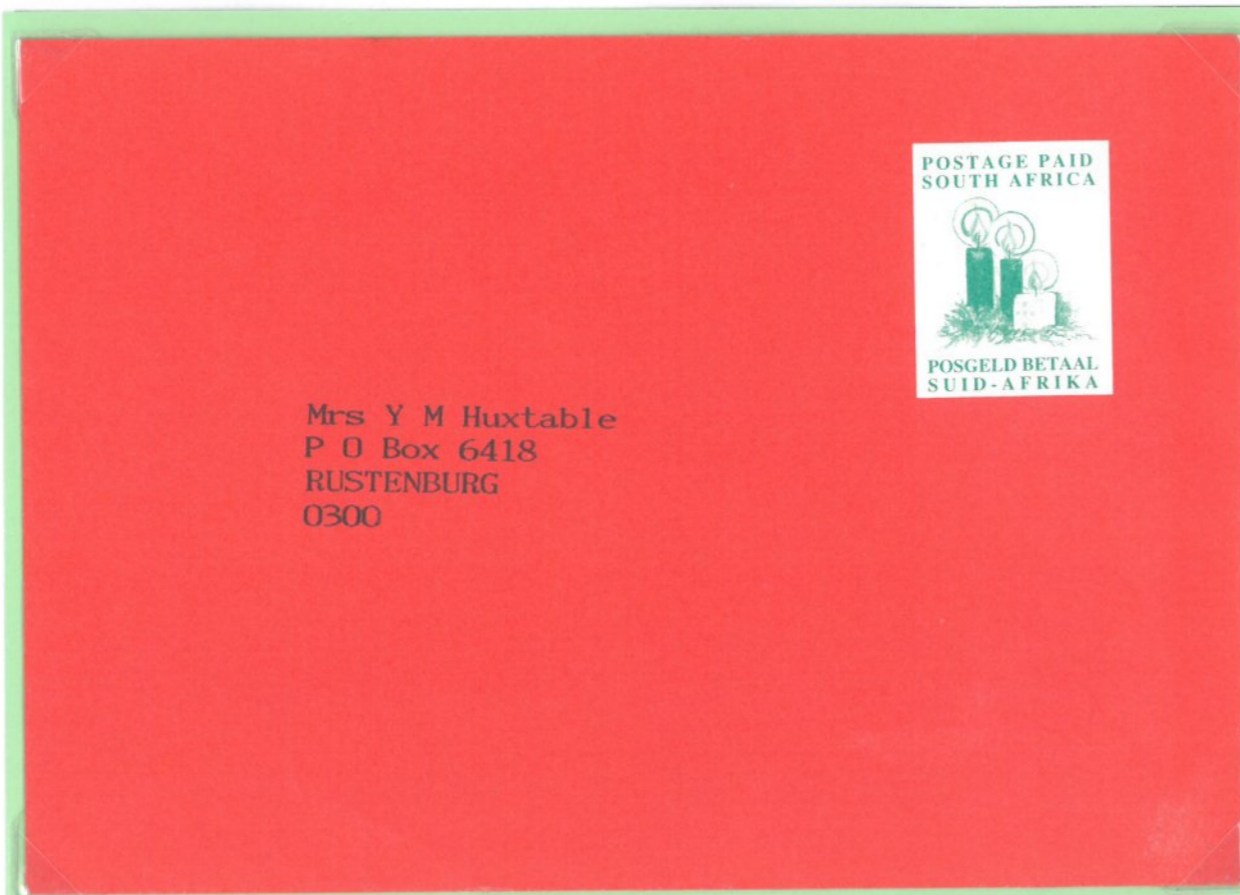
- [1] Johan Joubert (2024) Personal Notes.
- [2] SA Philatelist, October 2006, p152: PFSA.
- [3] Email, Ashley Simons: SAPO.

## Postage Paid

The Postage Paid system became outdated because it lacked control and traceability. Unlike Permit Mail, it lacked a unique sender identifier, posing security and management challenges for SAPO.

### Blind SA

### SOS Children's Villages



D6 Envelope send to Rustenburg. Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021. Postage Paid insignia (top right).

Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021. Sender logo (top left). Postage Paid insignia (top right). Red postage sorting marks (bottom right).

# ATTENTION!

AS FROM 1 APRIL 2004 POSTAGE PAID  
INSIGNIAS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED  
IN POST OFFICES NATION WIDE

NOT ACCEPTED

THE ALTERNATIVE CHOICES ARE

- PERMIT MAIL •
- FRANKED MAIL •
- POSTAGE INCLUDED ENVELOPES •
- POSTAGE STAMPS (available in booklets, sheets & rolls) •

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Post Office

Contact the Sales Office on 495 0704  
or your nearest Post Office

On 1 April 2004 the "Postage Paid" system was replaced by Permit Mail.

How to be a top dog ...

Mr N Nunes  
The New Freedom Supermarket C C  
P O Box 15955  
EAST LYNNE  
0186

D6 Envelope sent to East Lynne. Return Address: PO Box 67585, Bryanston, 2021.  
Content dated 18 Nov. 2008

Meet the new pups  
on the block ...

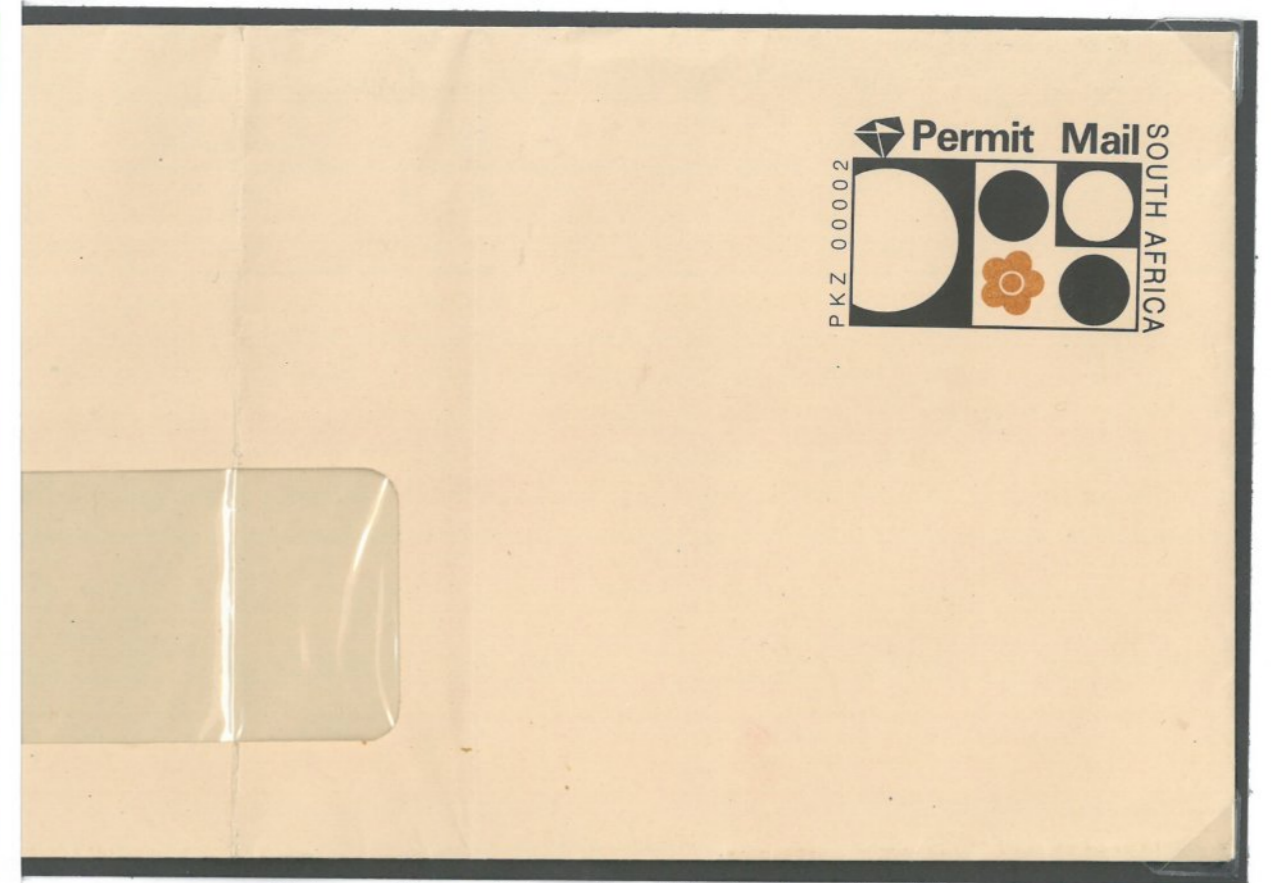
Donor Number: 95727  
Mr/Ms H Snyman  
  
201110 Oct DR

Return address: PO Box 67585, Bryanston, 2021. Content dated Okt. 2011

Child Safe



Return address: Private Bag X10, Durbanville, 7551.



Return address: Private Bag X10, Durbanville, 7551.

SOS Children's Villages



C6 Envelope. Return Address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021. Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia (top right)



Return address: Private Bag X72001, Cresta, 2118. RTS in red ink on back. Post Office stamp for Undelivered mail. Address striped through and PTO in red ink.



Blind SA

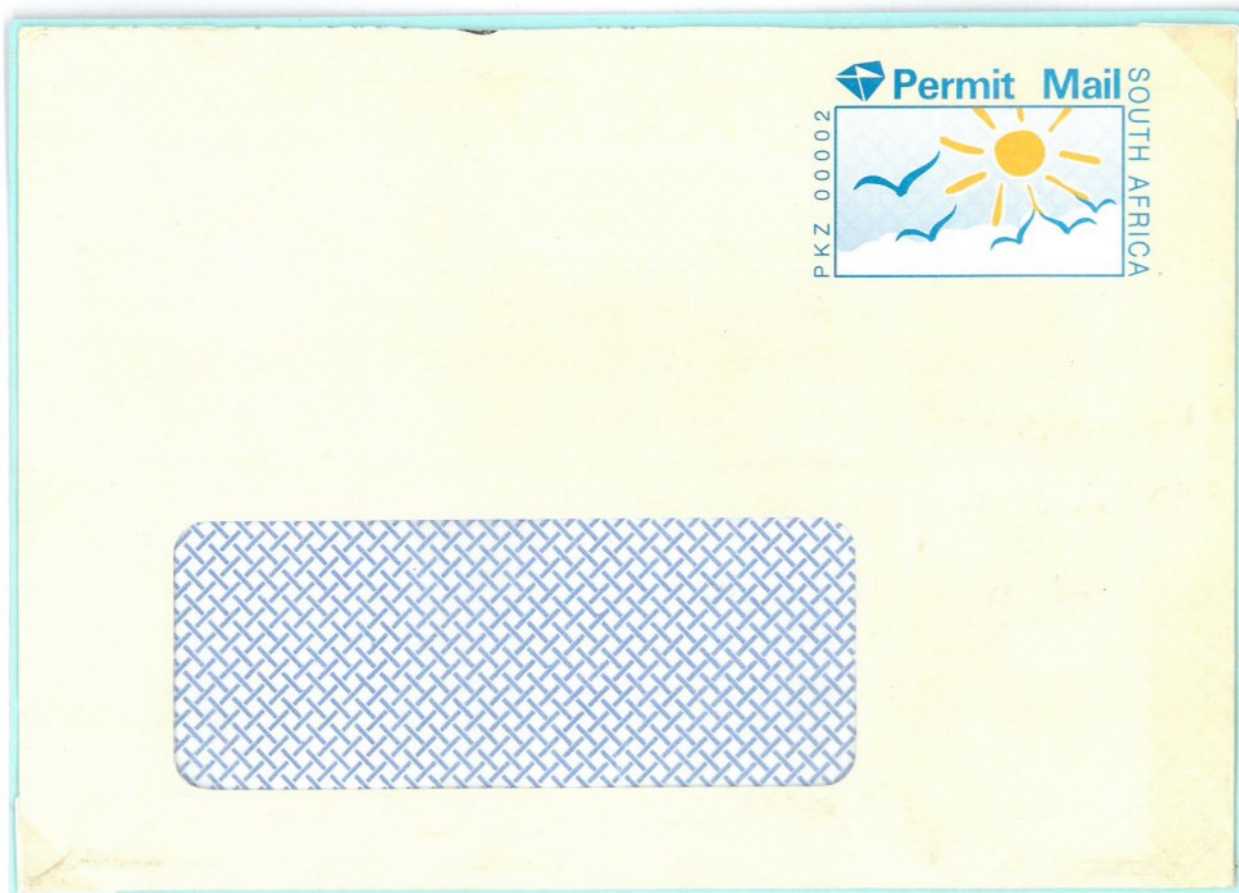


Sent to East Lynne. Return Address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021. Content dated Feb. 2011.



Return Address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021.

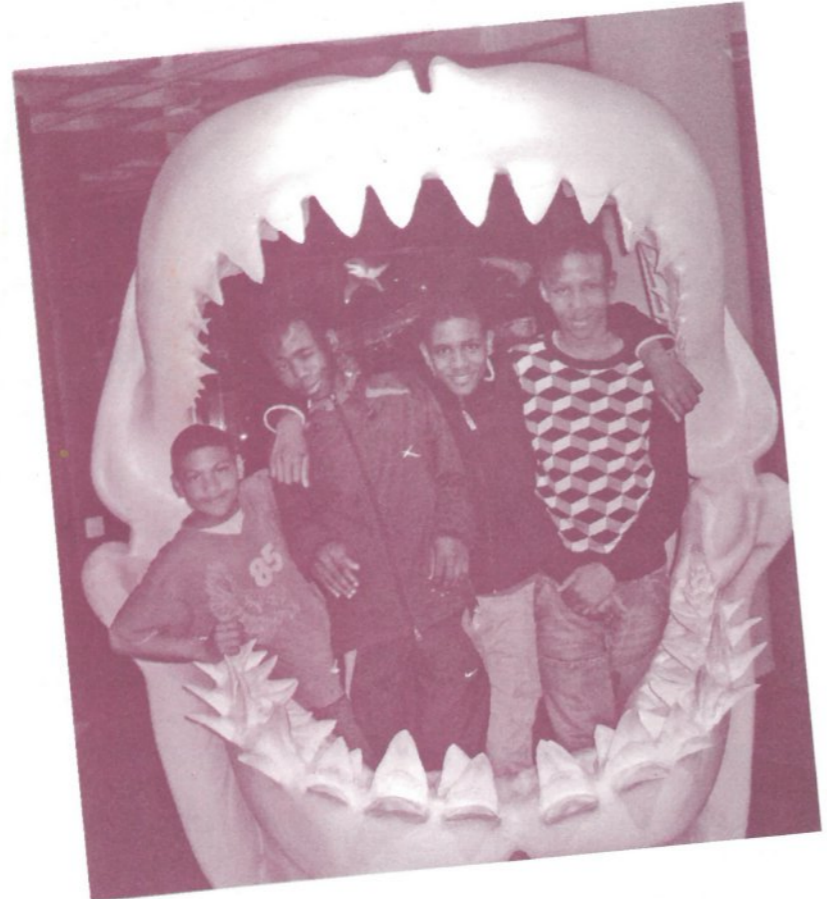
Instituut vir Blindes



C6 Envelope, Return Address: PO Box 933, Worcester, 6849.



Return address: PO Box 231, Worcester, 6849.



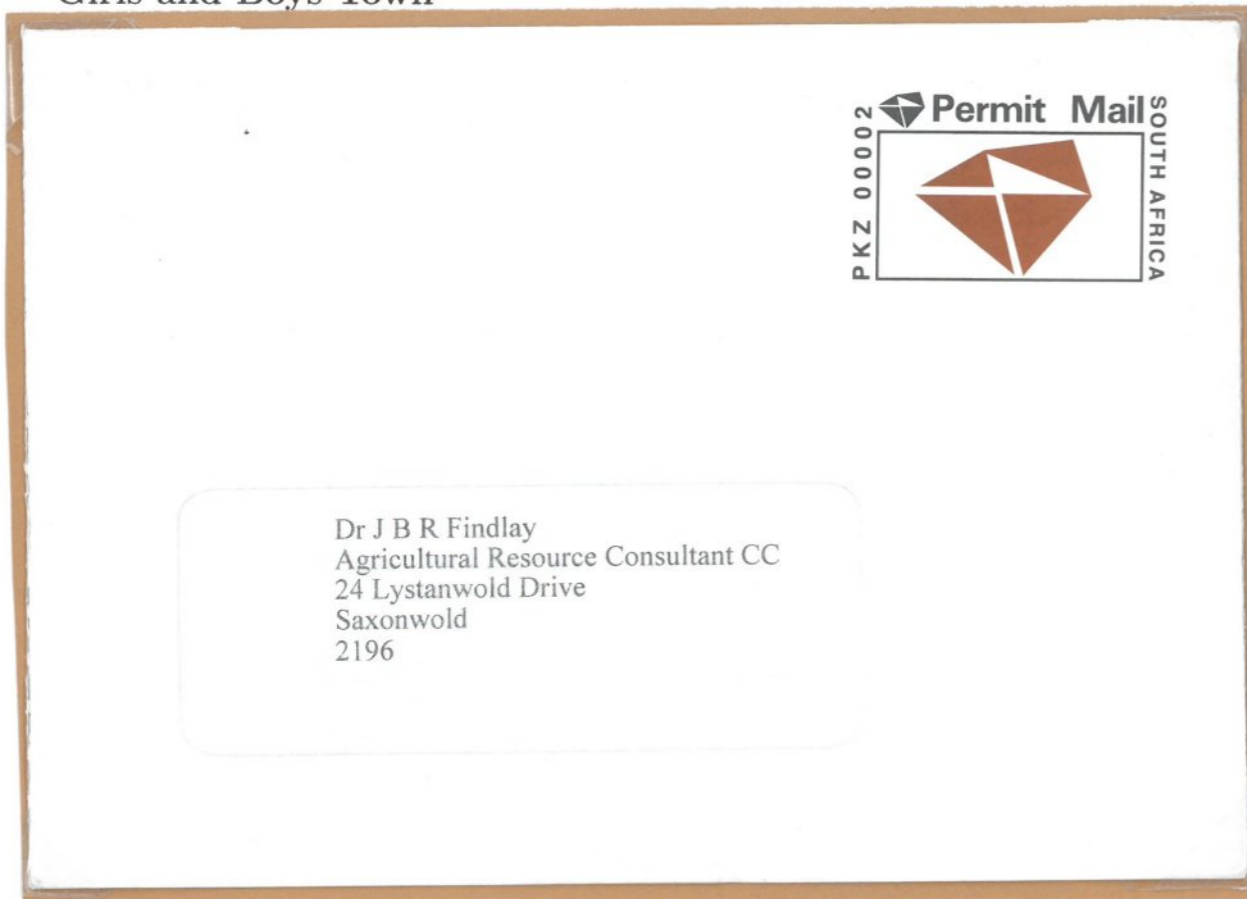
9274 E GBT 62112  
Mr GJ Southgate  
P O Box 782151  
SANDTON  
2146

*Smile! Special supporter's gifts inside!*



● A4 Envelope sent to Sandton. Return address: Private Bag X6, Greenside, 2034.  
Sender logo and celebration of 50 years - probably send in 2008 as organisation founded in 1958( bottom right).

Girls and Boys Town



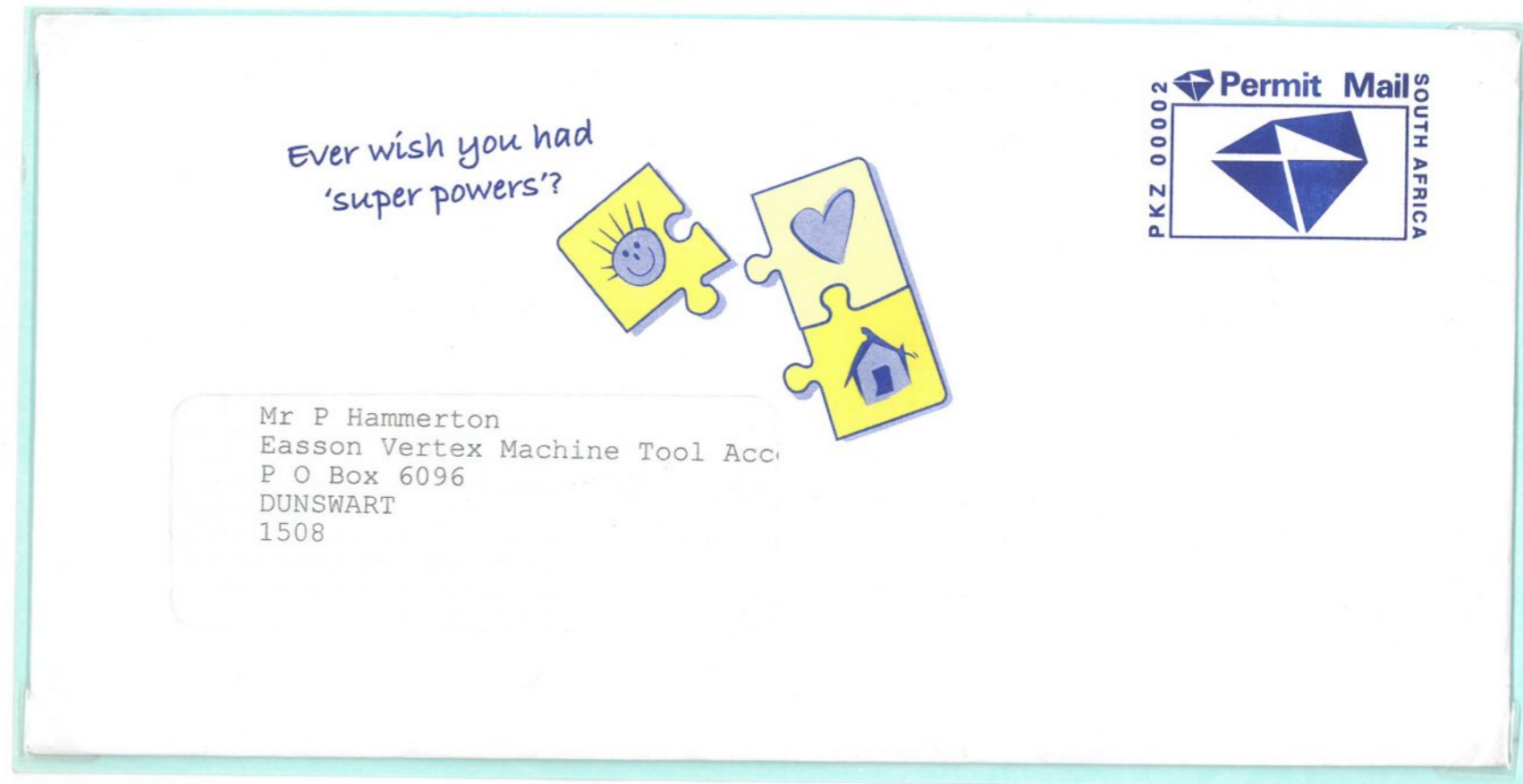
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Botanical Society of SA

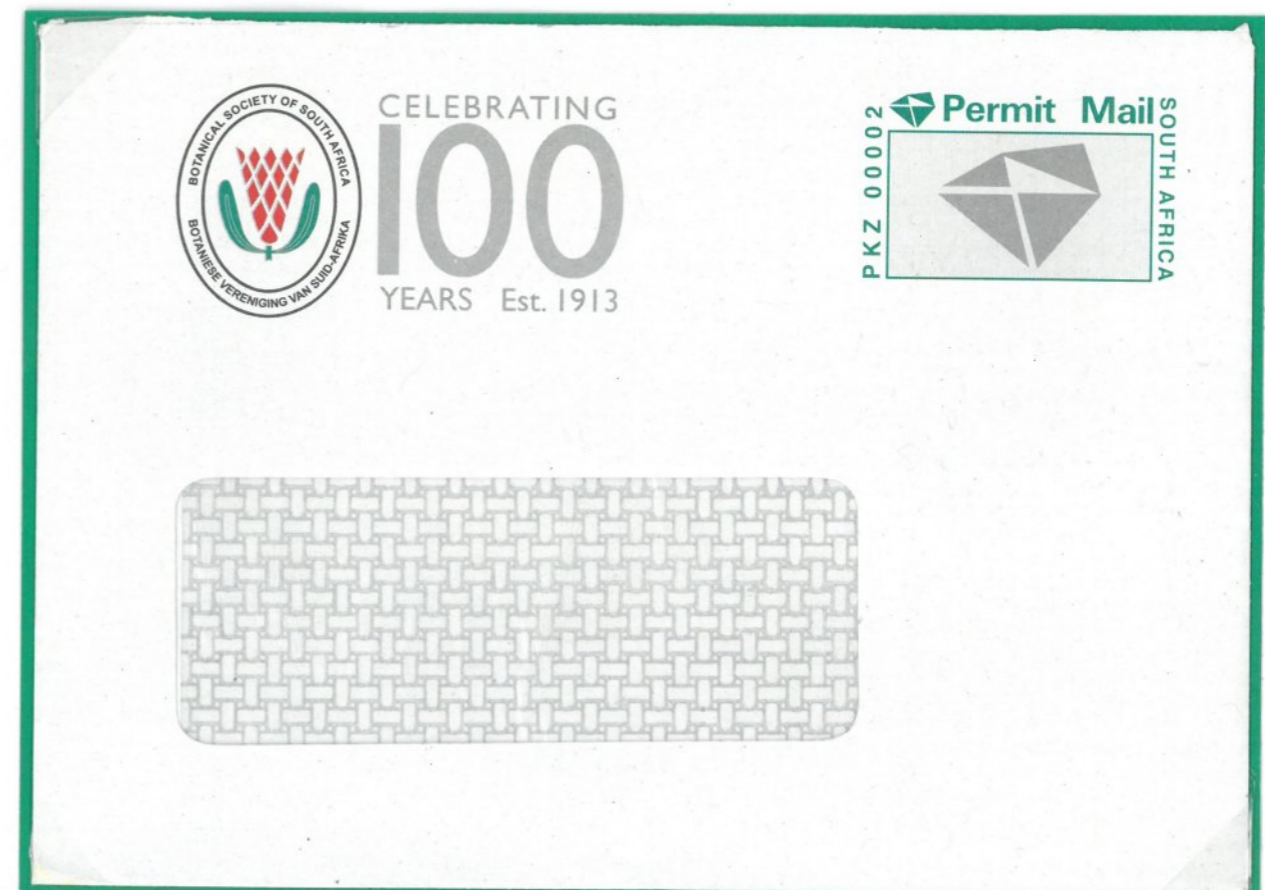


C6 Envelope, Return Address: Private Bag X10, Claremont, 7735. Sender logo(left top). Red postage sorting marks(Right bottom)

The Johannesburg Children's Home NPC

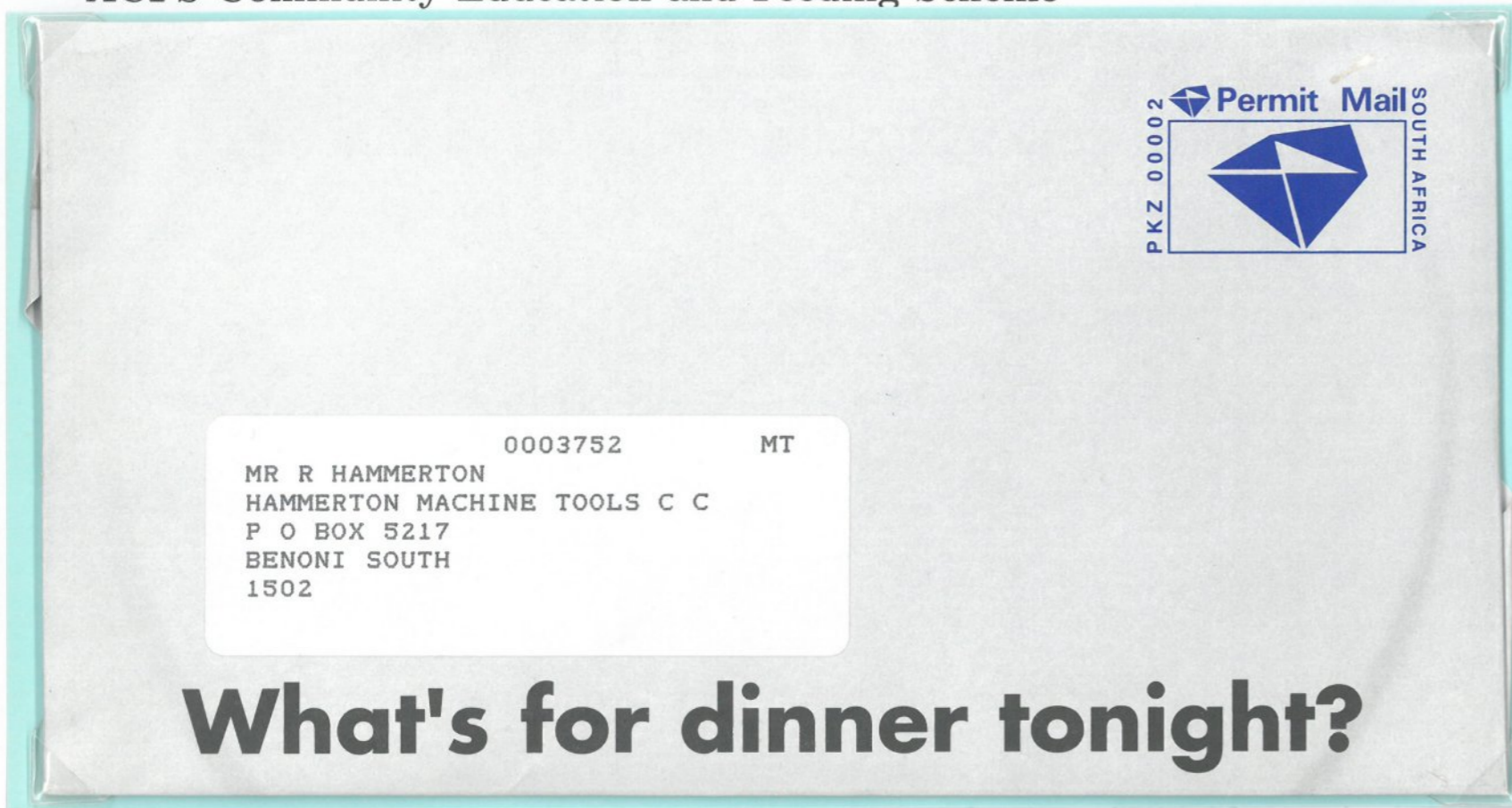


Envelope sent to Dunswart. Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021. Content dated 22 Oct. 2014

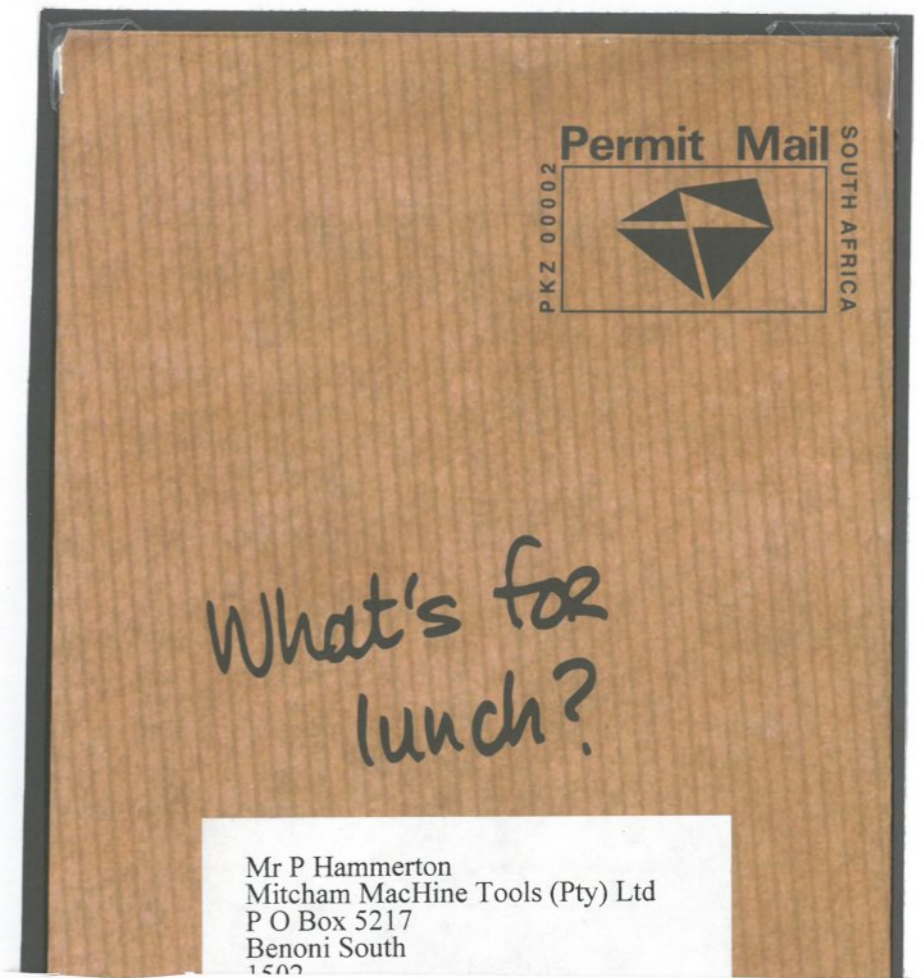


C6 Envelope, Return Address: Private Bag X10, Claremont, 7735. Sender logo and Celebrating 100 years(left top). Receipt date 25 January 2013

ACFS Community Education and Feeding Scheme

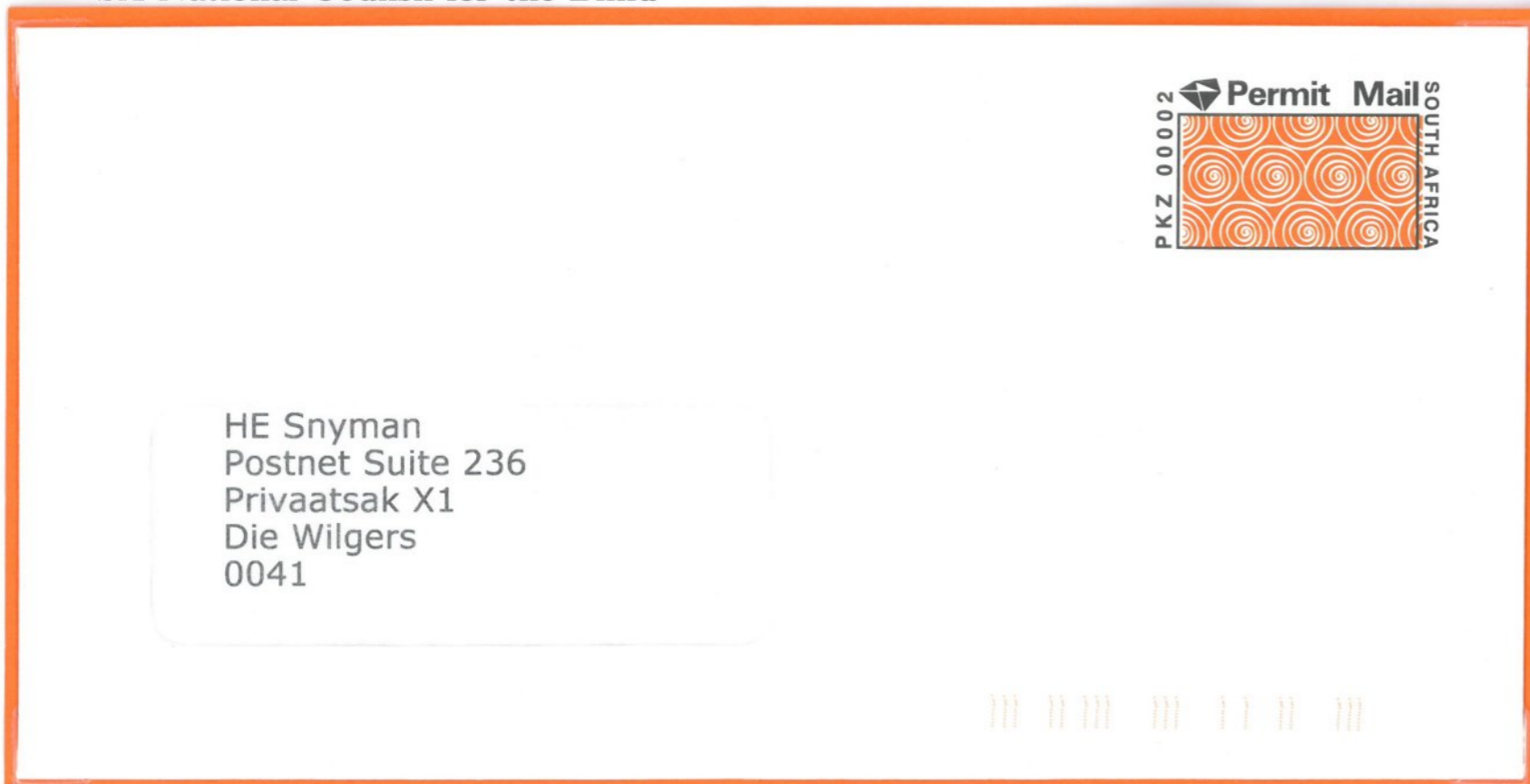


Sent to Benoni South. Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021.  
Content dated 18 Nov. 2010.

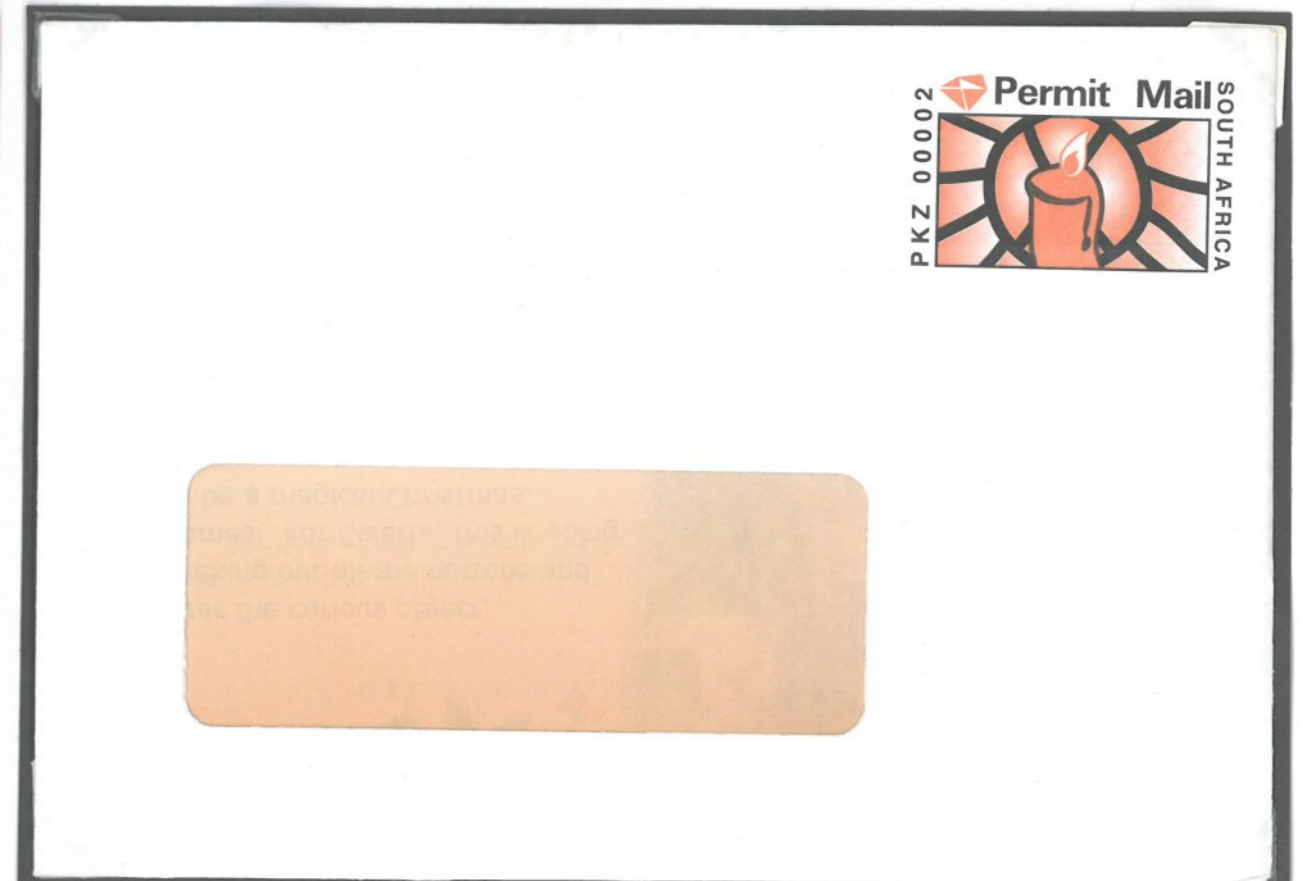


Sent to Benoni South.  
Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021.  
Portrait orientation. Content dated 16 May 2019.

SA National Council for the Blind

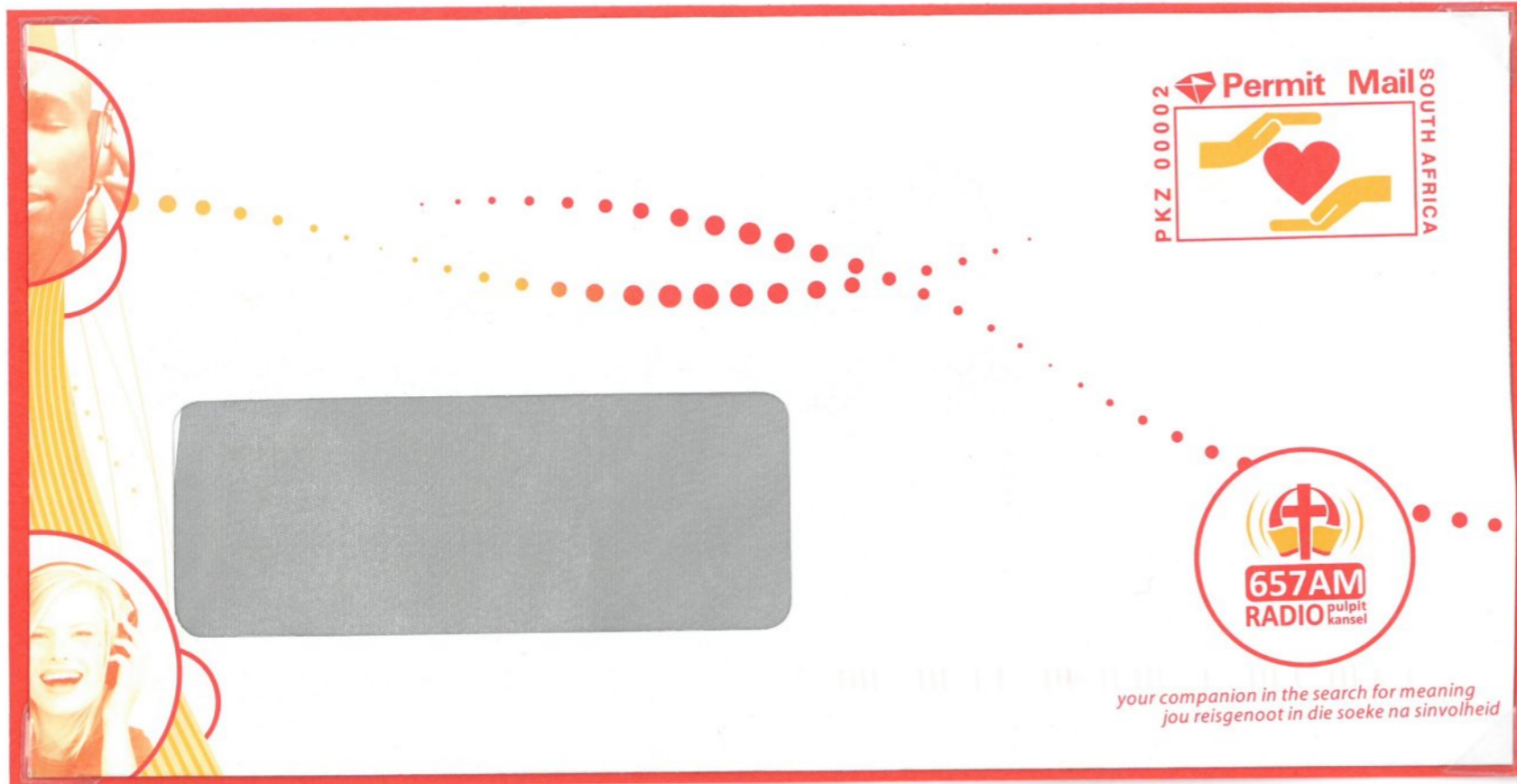


Sent to Die Wilgers. Return address: Private Bag X8, Hatfield, 0028. Content dated 16 Mar 2018.  
Red postage sorting marks(right bottom).



C6 Envelope, Return address: Private Bag X24, Brooklyn Square, 0075.  
Content dated 28 Nov. 2007

Radio Pulpit



Return address: PO Box 18017, Dalbridge, 4014.

Red postage sorting marks and organisation logo(r)ight bottom).

mfesane Efata school for the blind and deaf

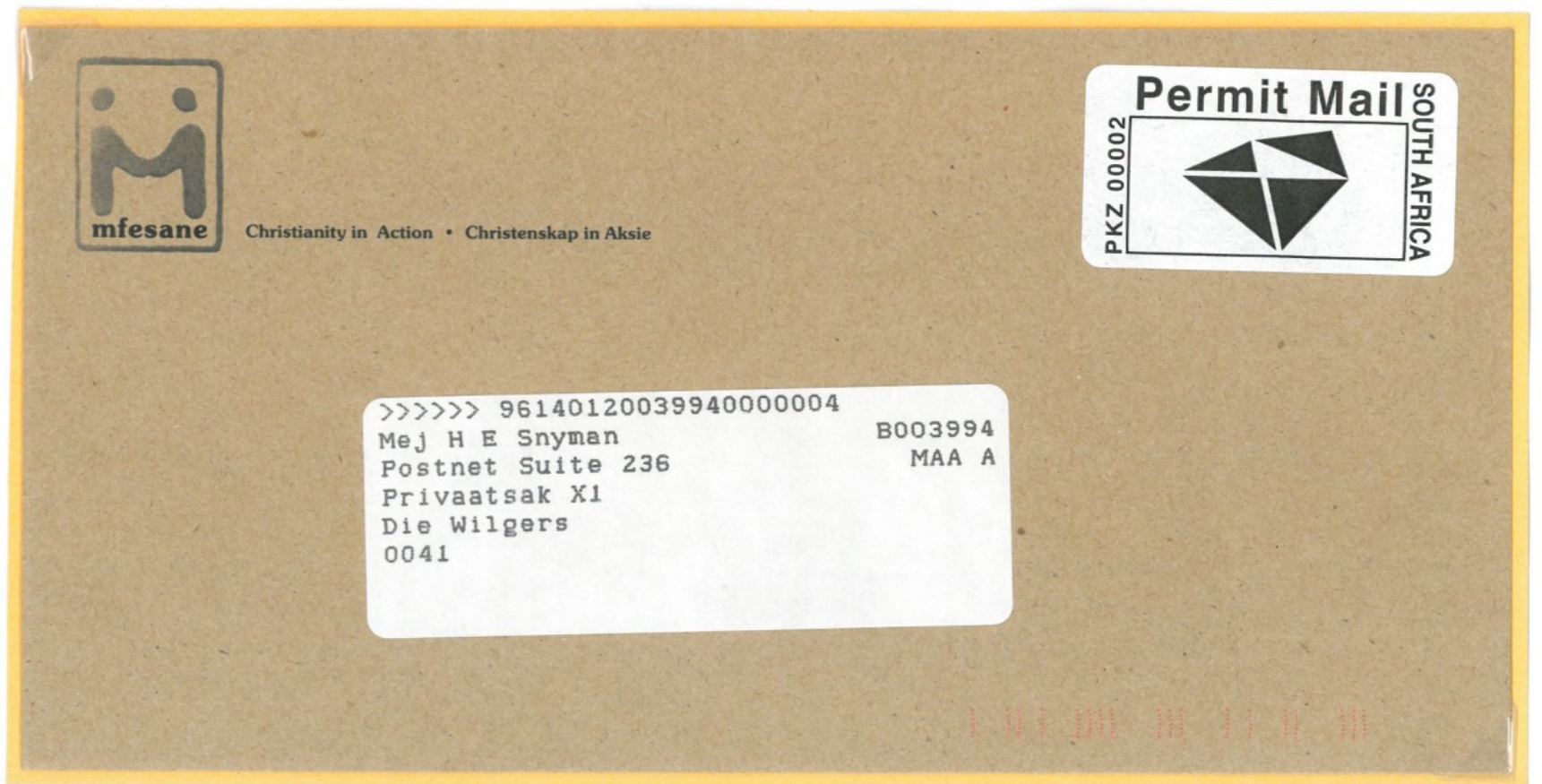


C6 Envelope, Return address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021.

Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia (right top).

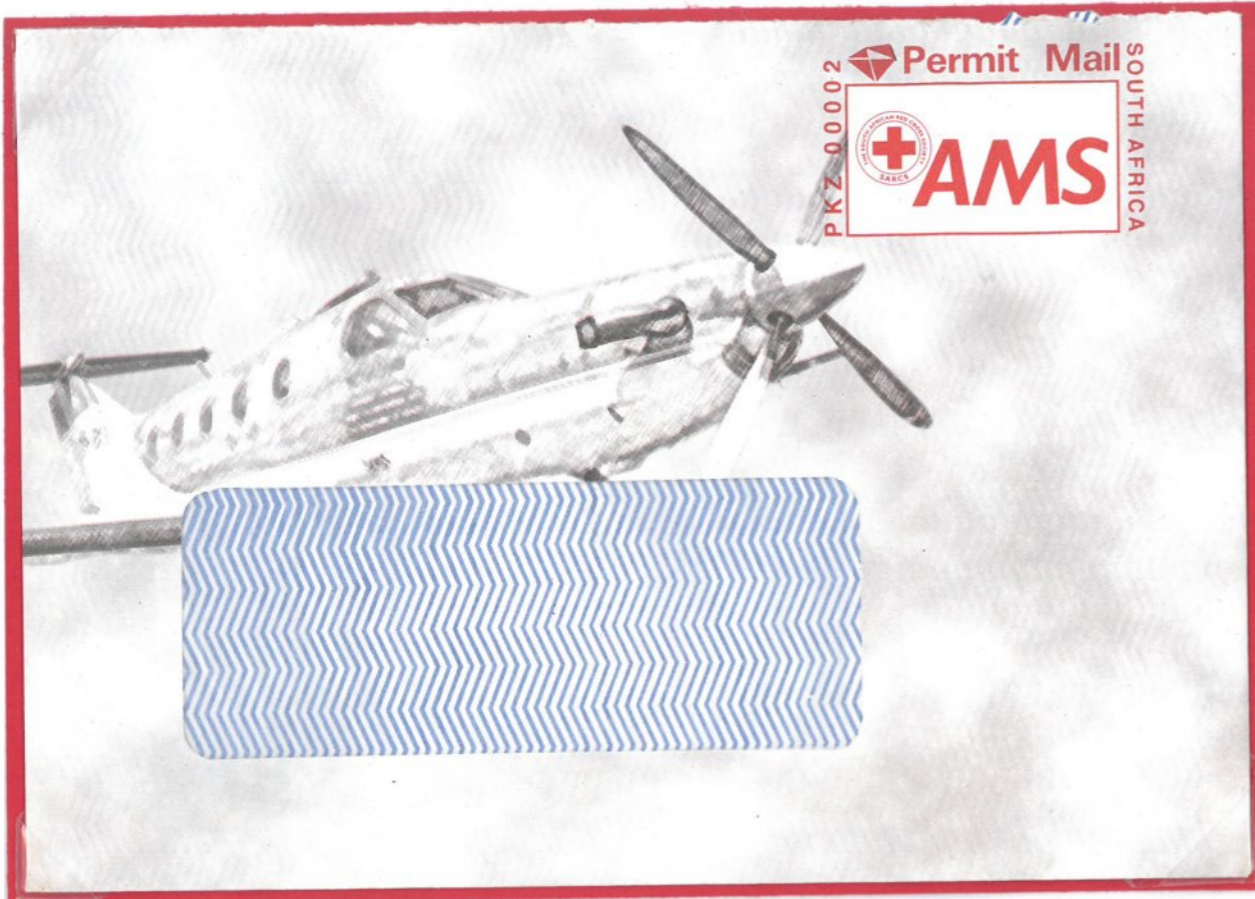


C6 Envelope, Return Address: Private Bag X2, Edgemead, 7407. Cancellation Bronkhorstspuit 2003-11-??



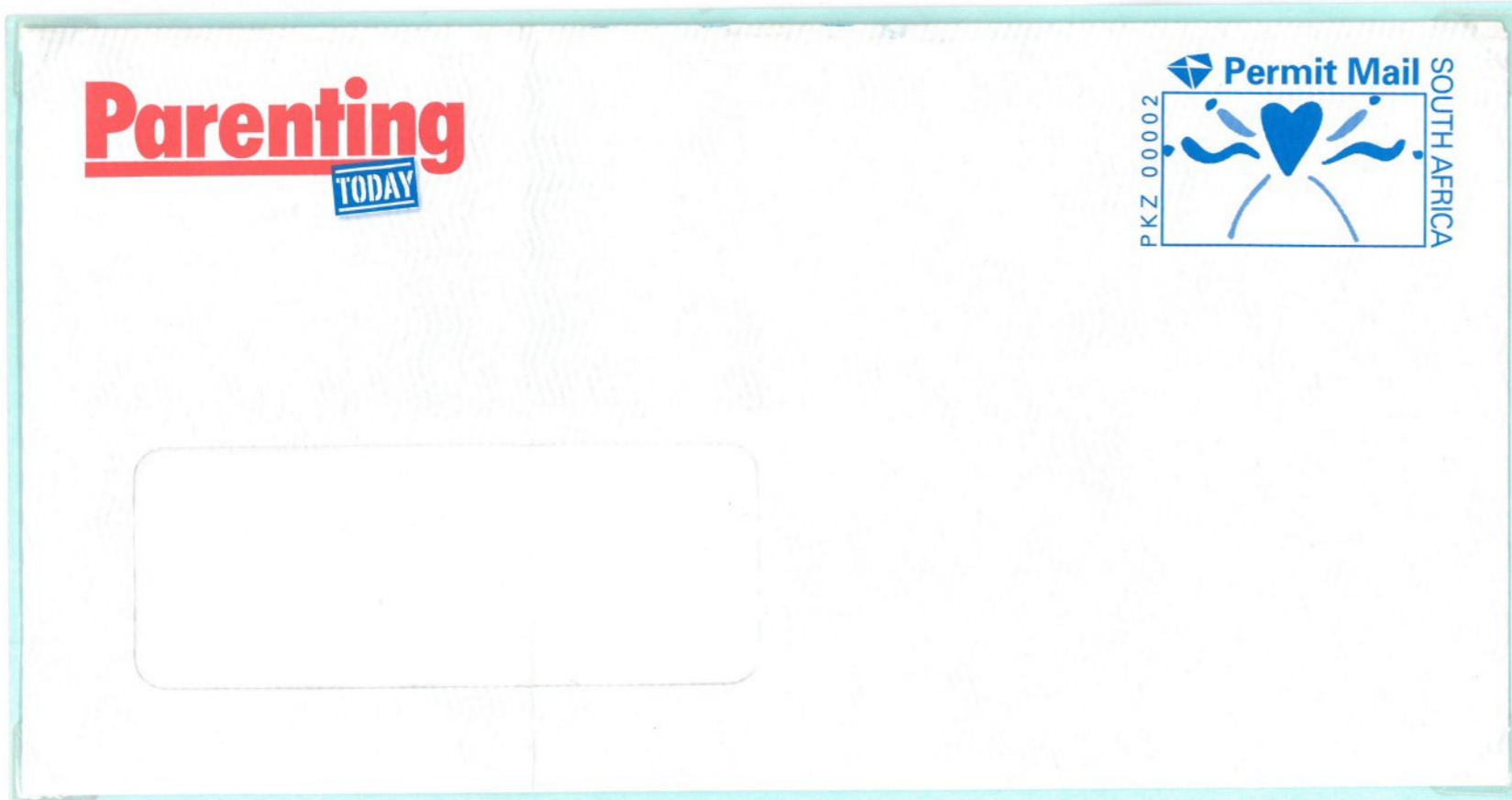
Sent to Die Wilgers. Return address: Private Bag 2, Cape Town International Airport, 7525. Content show date in 2010. Red postage sorting marks(Right bottom).Sender logo (Left top).

Red Cross Air Mercy Service



C6 Envelope. Return Address: PO Box 93, Cape Town International Airport, 7525.

Parenting Today



Return Address: Private Bag X61, Auckland Park, 2006. Sender logo (left top).

Christelike Lektuurfonds



Return address: Private Bag X20, Wellington, 7654. Receiptdate 25 Nov. 2006.  
Red postage sorting marks.(Right bottom)



Private Bag X6, Greenside, 2034. Sender logo (left top).

Cansa

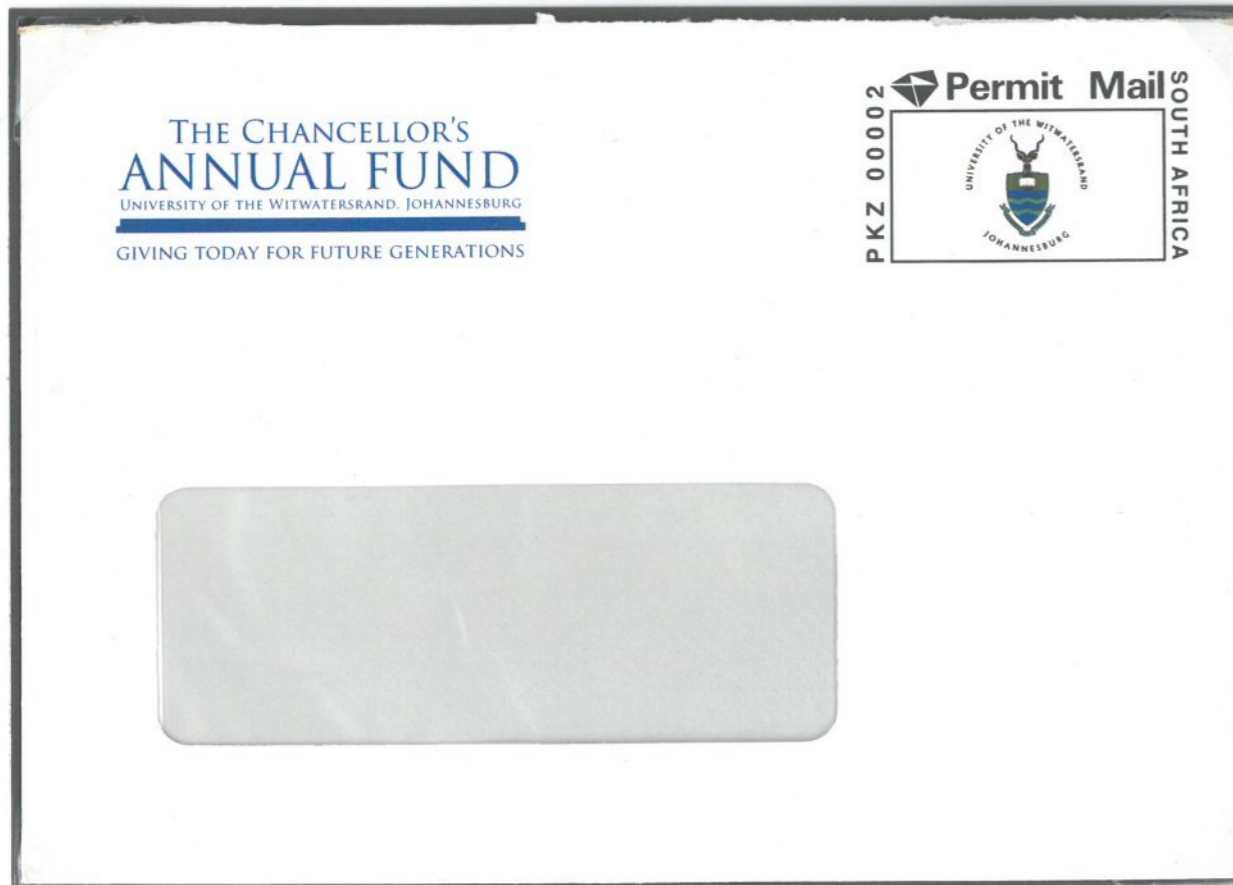


C6 Envelope sent to Groenkloof. Return Address: PO Box 71798, Bryanston, 2021.  
Content is dated 26 Nov. 2012.



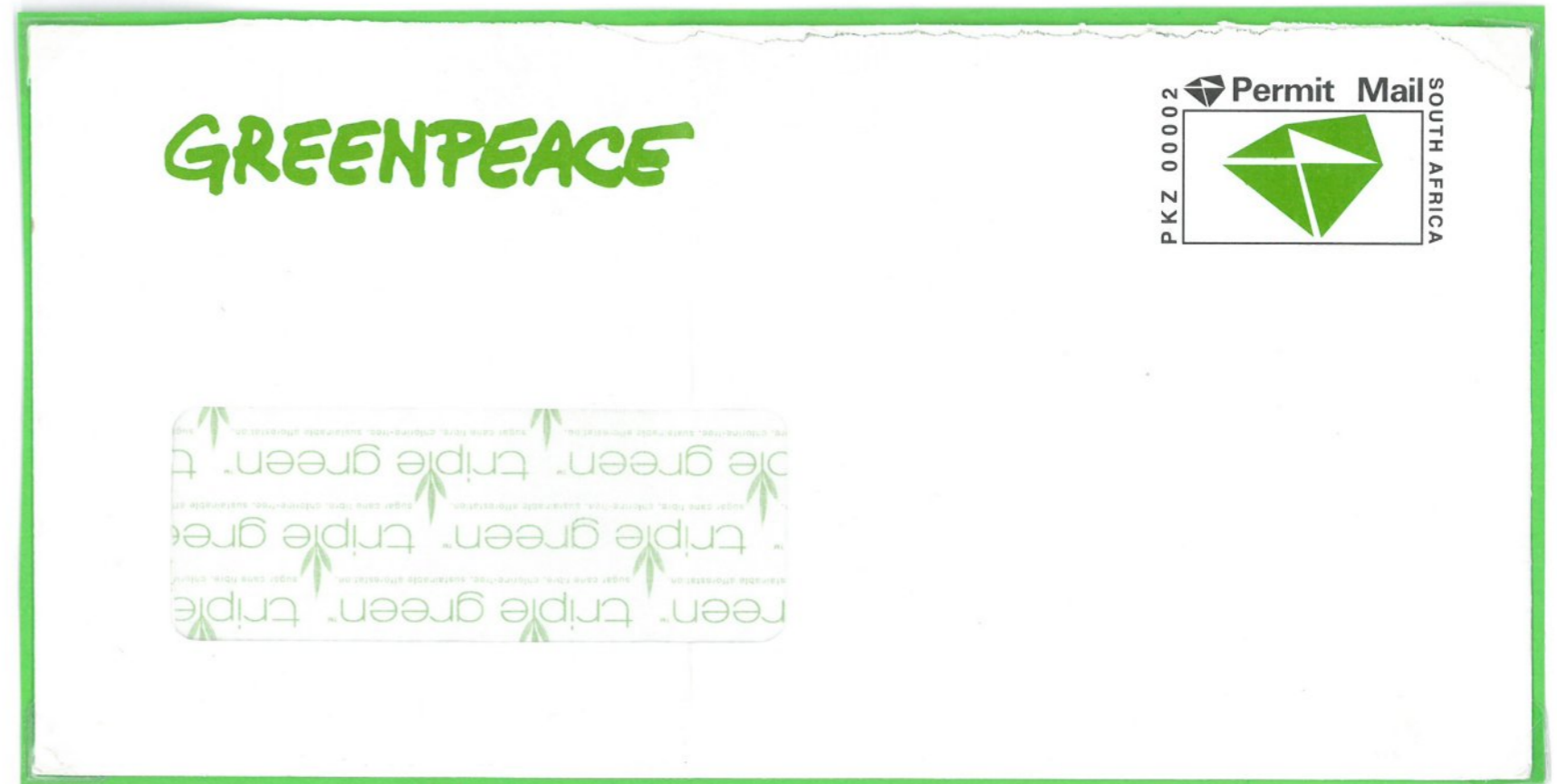
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Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia(Right top).

WITS Johannesburg Chancellors Annual Fund



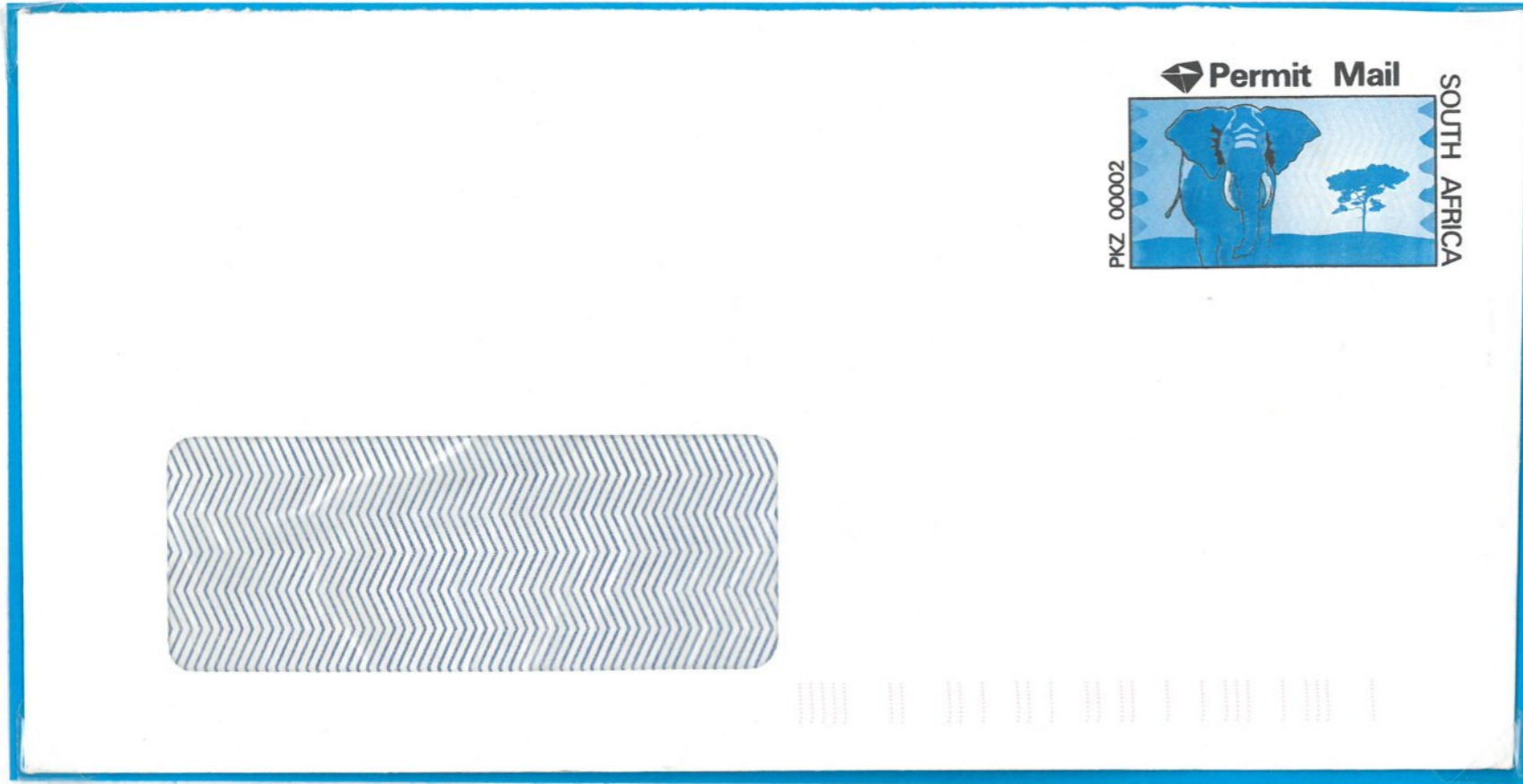
C6 Envelope, Return Address: PO Box 107, WITS,2050.  
Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia (Right top)

Greenpeace



Return Address: PO Box 67585, Bryanston, 2021

SA Conservation Organisation (WWF)



Sent to Pretoria. Return Address: Private Bag X2, Die Boord, 7613. Red postage sorting marks (Right bottom).  
*Permit Mail Insignia against regulations PKZ 00002 wrong font.*

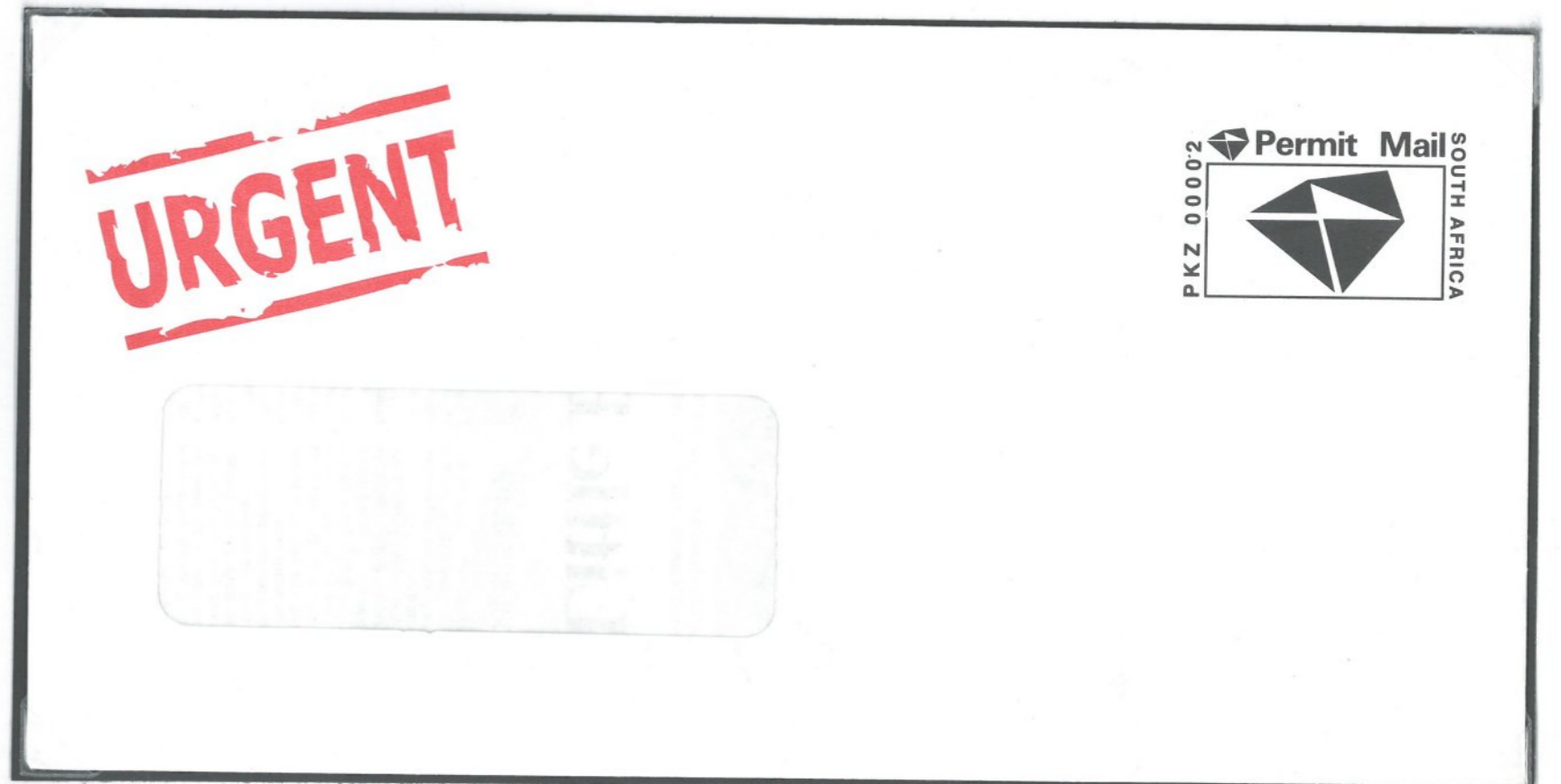


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Red postage sorting marks (Right bottom).

Little Eden

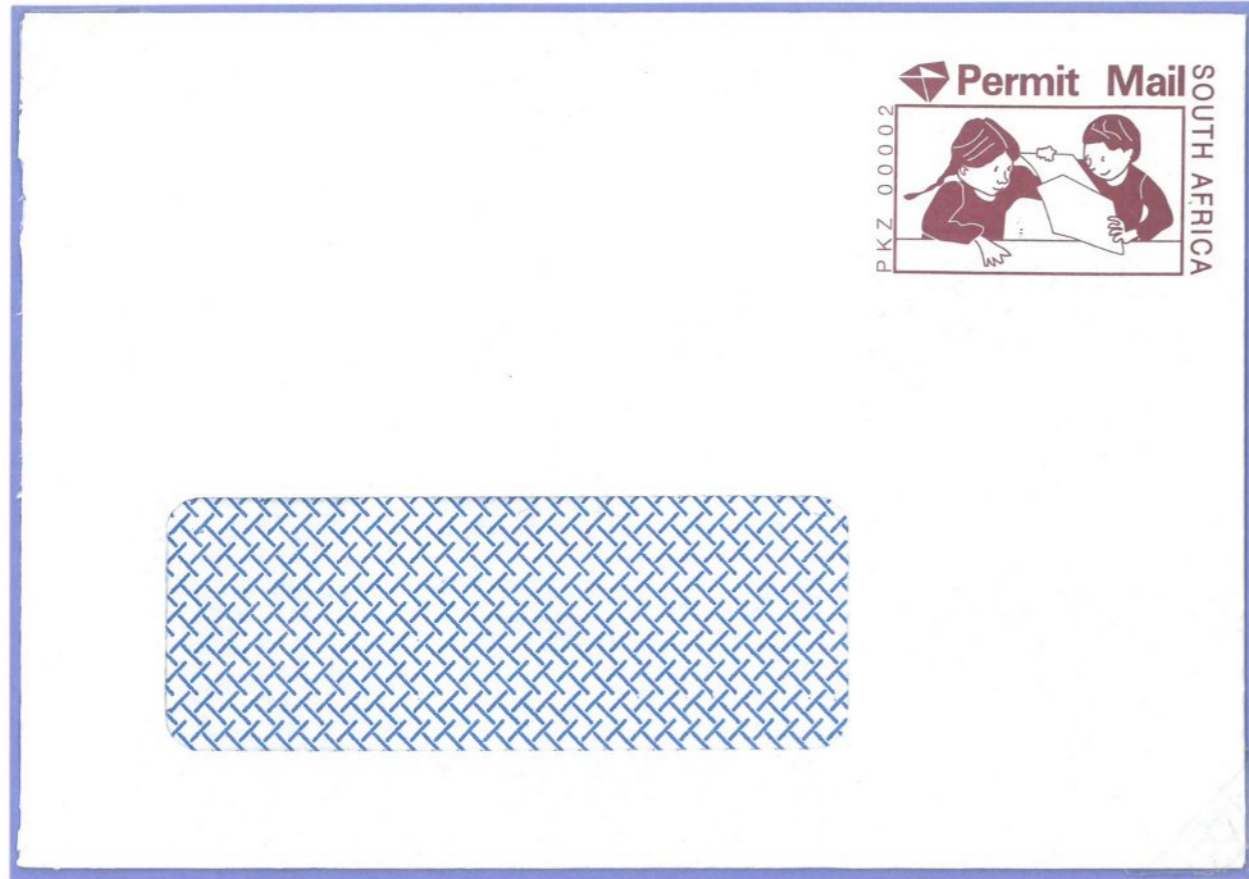


C6 Envelope sent to Queenswood. Return Address: PO Box 8401, Edenglen, 1613.  
Content dated 20 Nov. 2009.

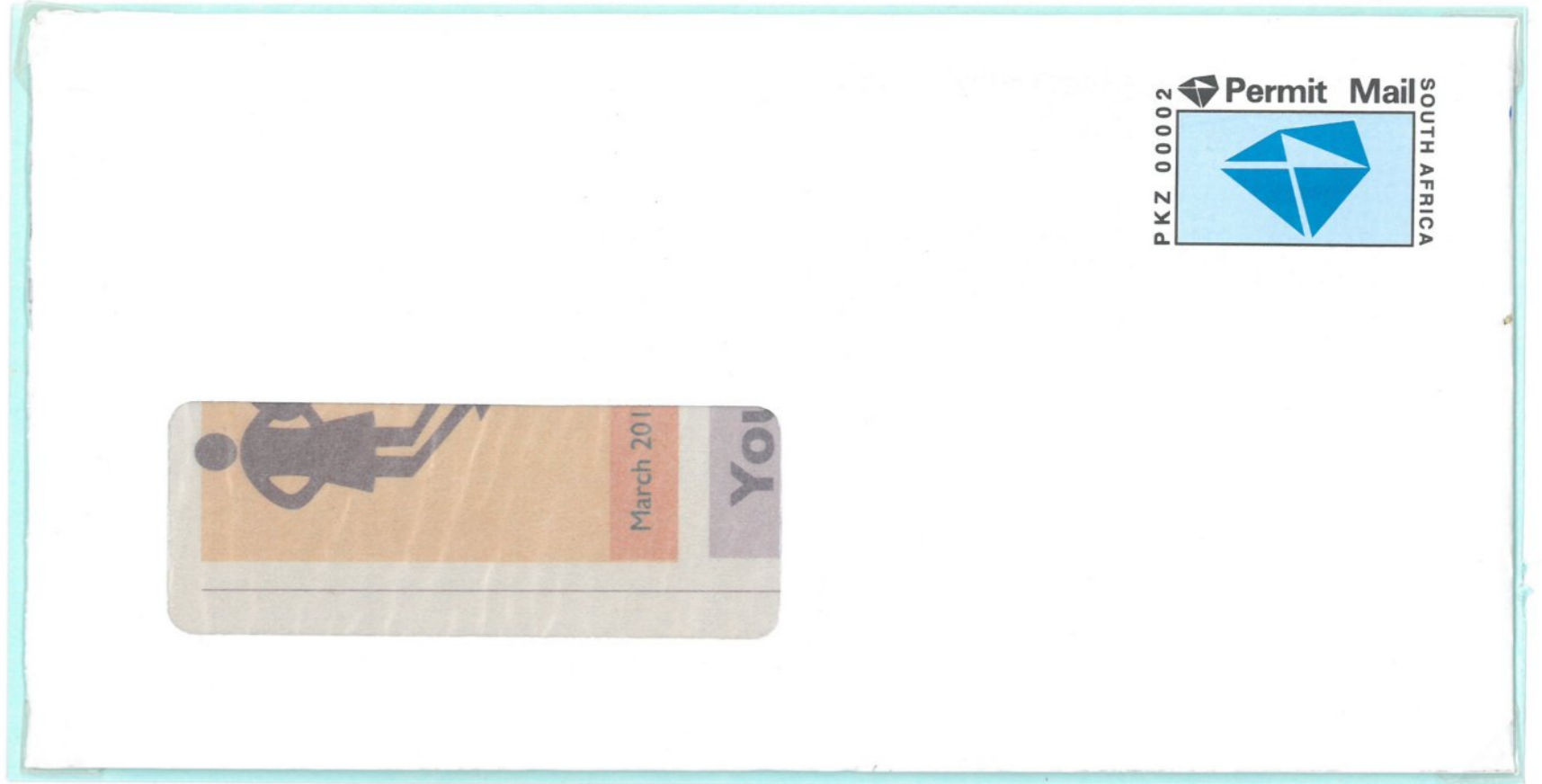


Return Address: PO Box 8401, Edenglen, 1613. Content dated 11 Apr.2012.

Youth Today



C6 Envelope, Return Address: Private Bag X6, Greenside, 2034.  
Receipt date 22 May 2006.



Return Address: Private Bag X6, Greenside, 2034.  
Content dated Mar. 2015.

Youth Update

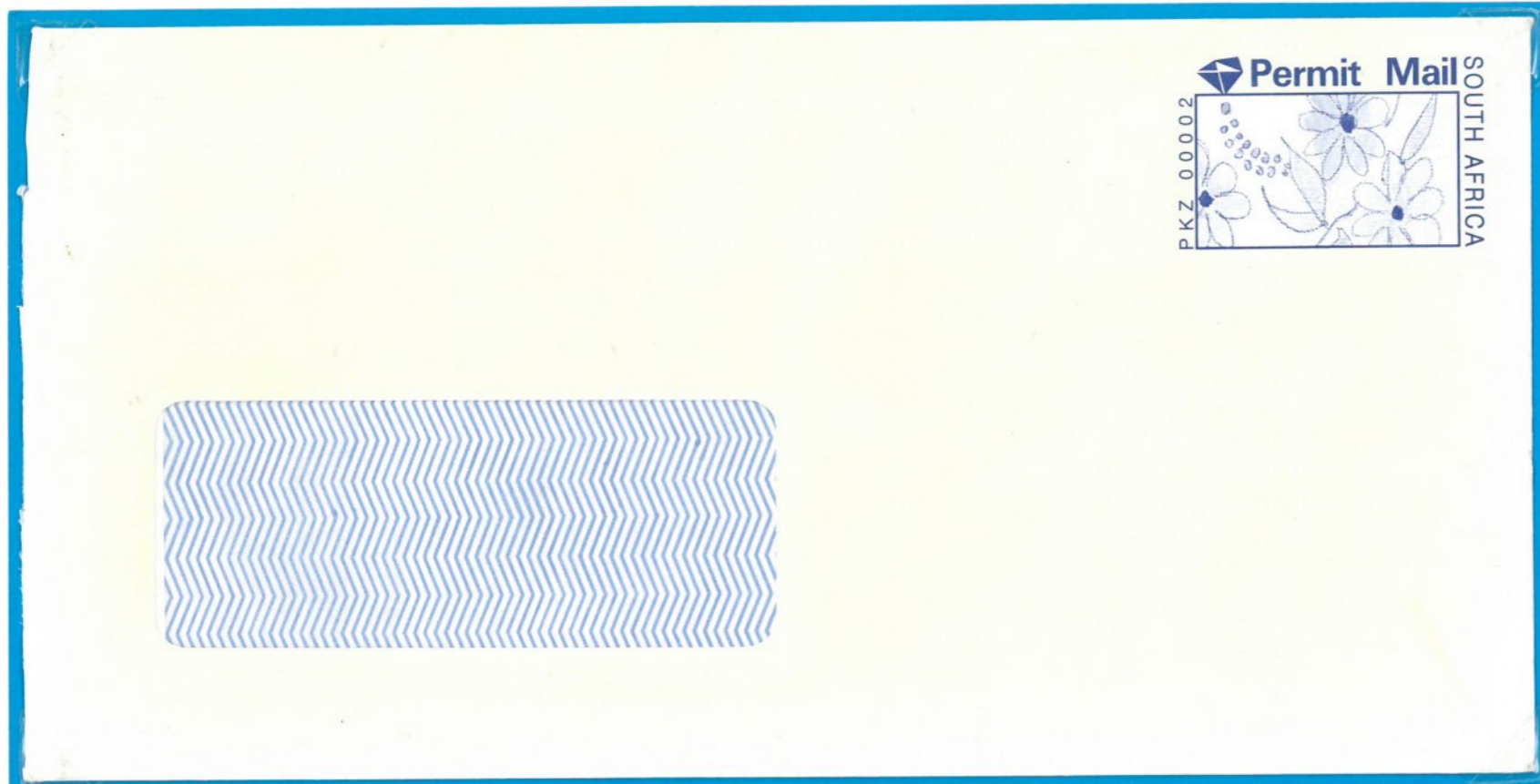


Return address: Private Bag X61, Auckland Park, 2006. Sender logo(Left top).



Return Address: Private Bag X61, Auckland Park, 2006. Sender logo(Left top).

Hospice



Return address: PO Box 1948, Houghton, 2041.

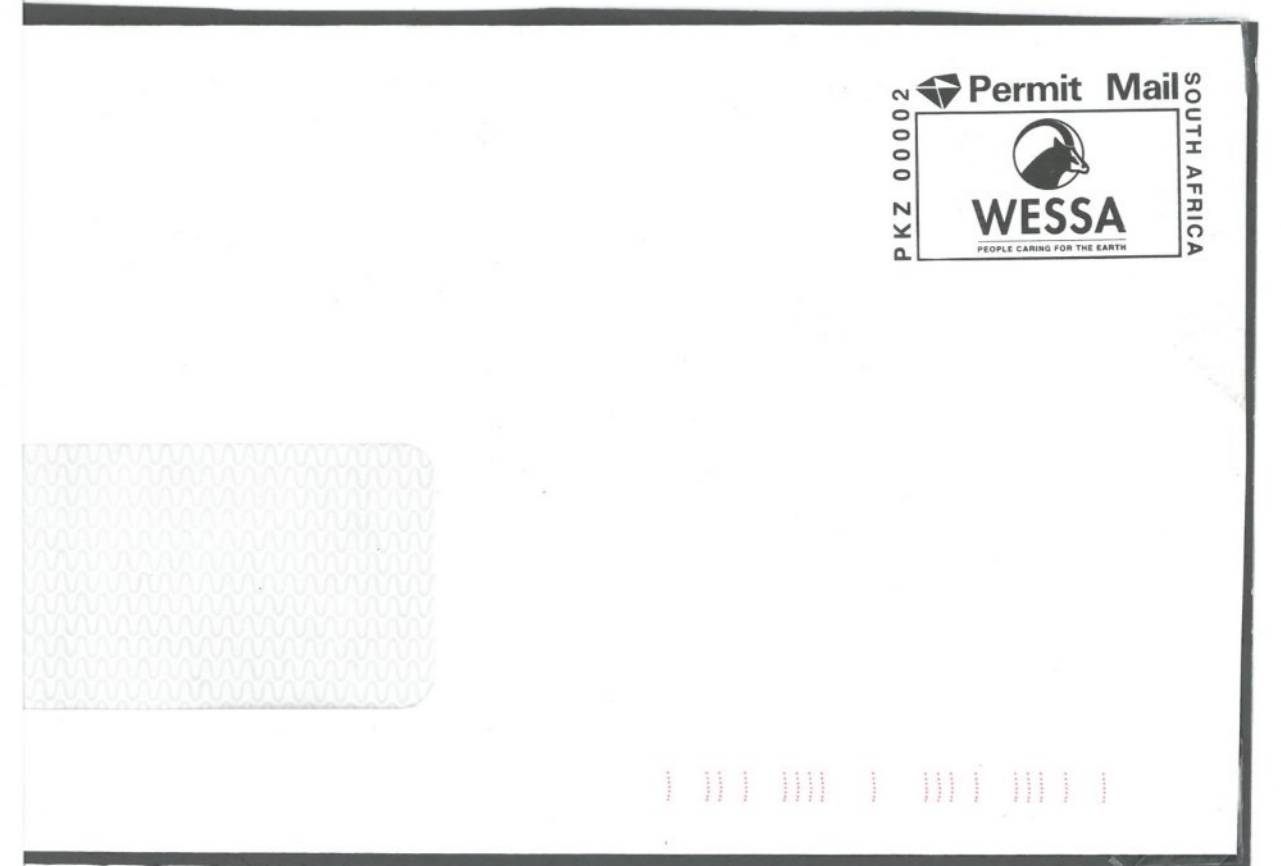
WESSA People caring for the earth



Return address: PO Box 18017, Dalbridge, 4014.

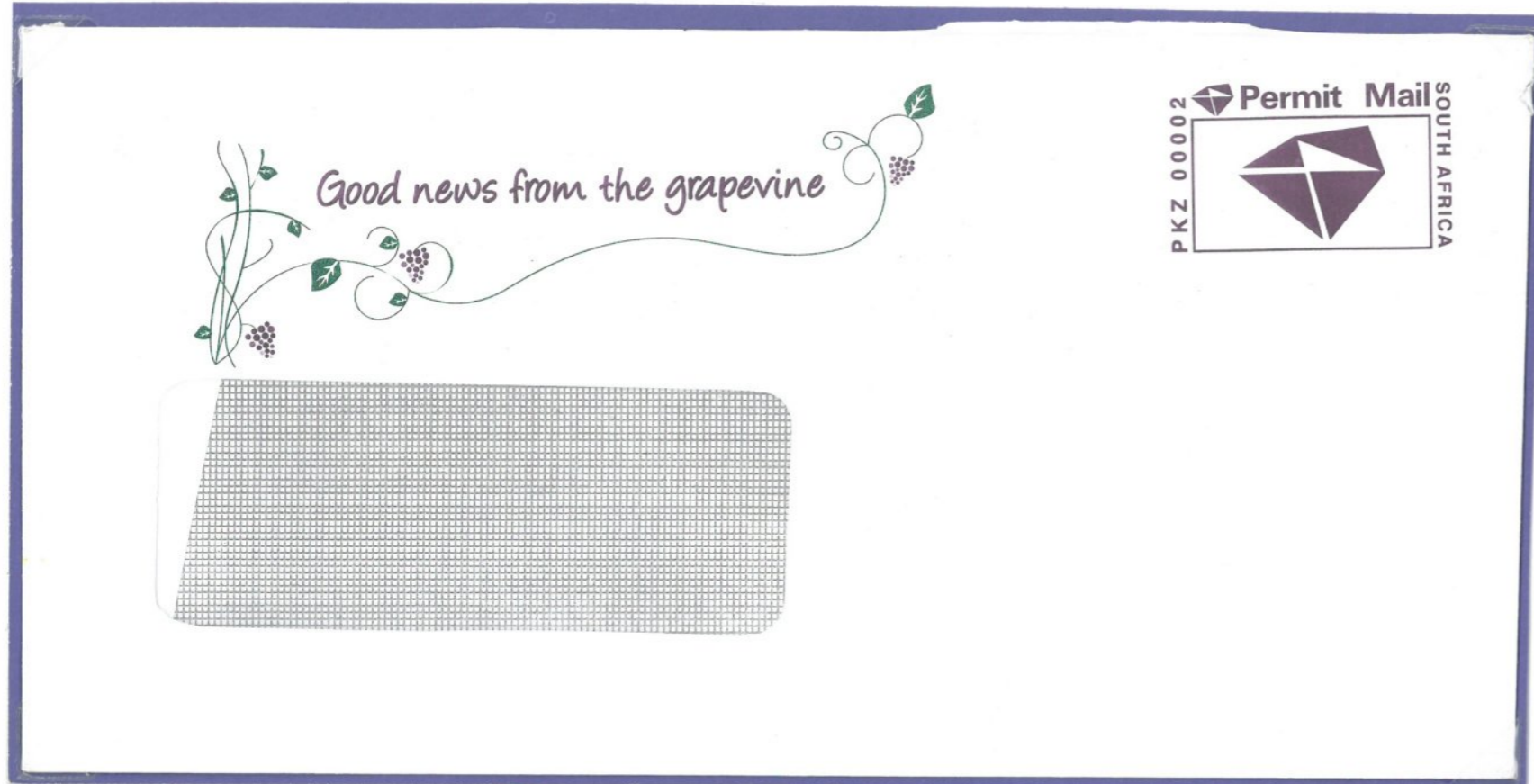


Return address: PO Box 1948, Houghton, 2041.



Return address: PO Box 18017, Dalbridge, 4014.  
Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia (Right top)

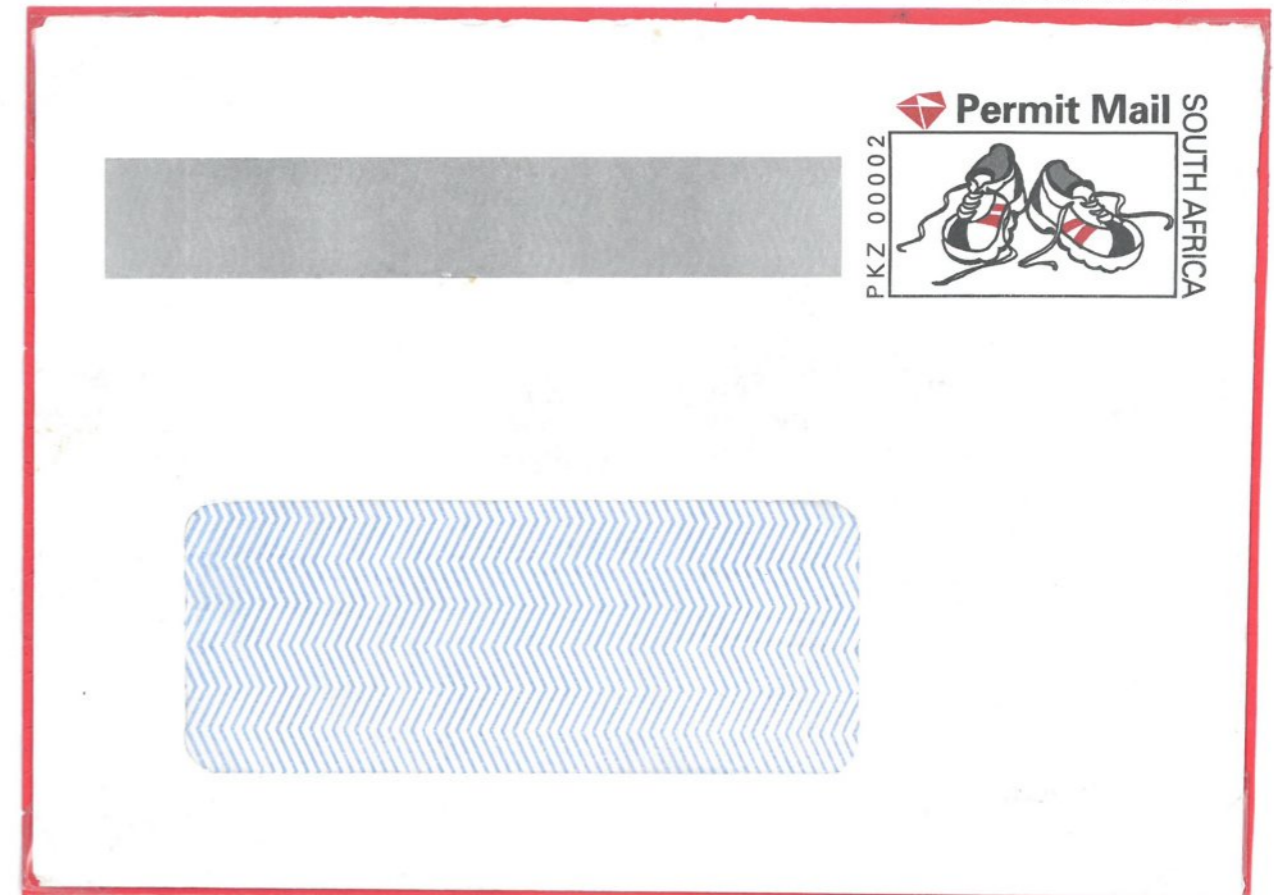
Catholic Welfare and Development



Return address: Private Bag X10, Durbanville, 7551.

Unidentified

Unidentified



C6 Envelope, Return Address: Private Bag 46002, Orange Grove, 2119.

Unidentified



C6 Envelope. Return Address: PO Box 53687, Troyeville, 2139. Re-addressed to Houghton. Red postage sorting marks (Right bottom).



Return address: Private Bag X12, Florida, 1710.

## End of PKZ 00002

PKZ 00002 users lost donations that went missing in the post. This envelope was resealed with brown tape labeled 'SA POST OFFICE – Found open or damaged and officially secured,'. it may have been opened to search for money



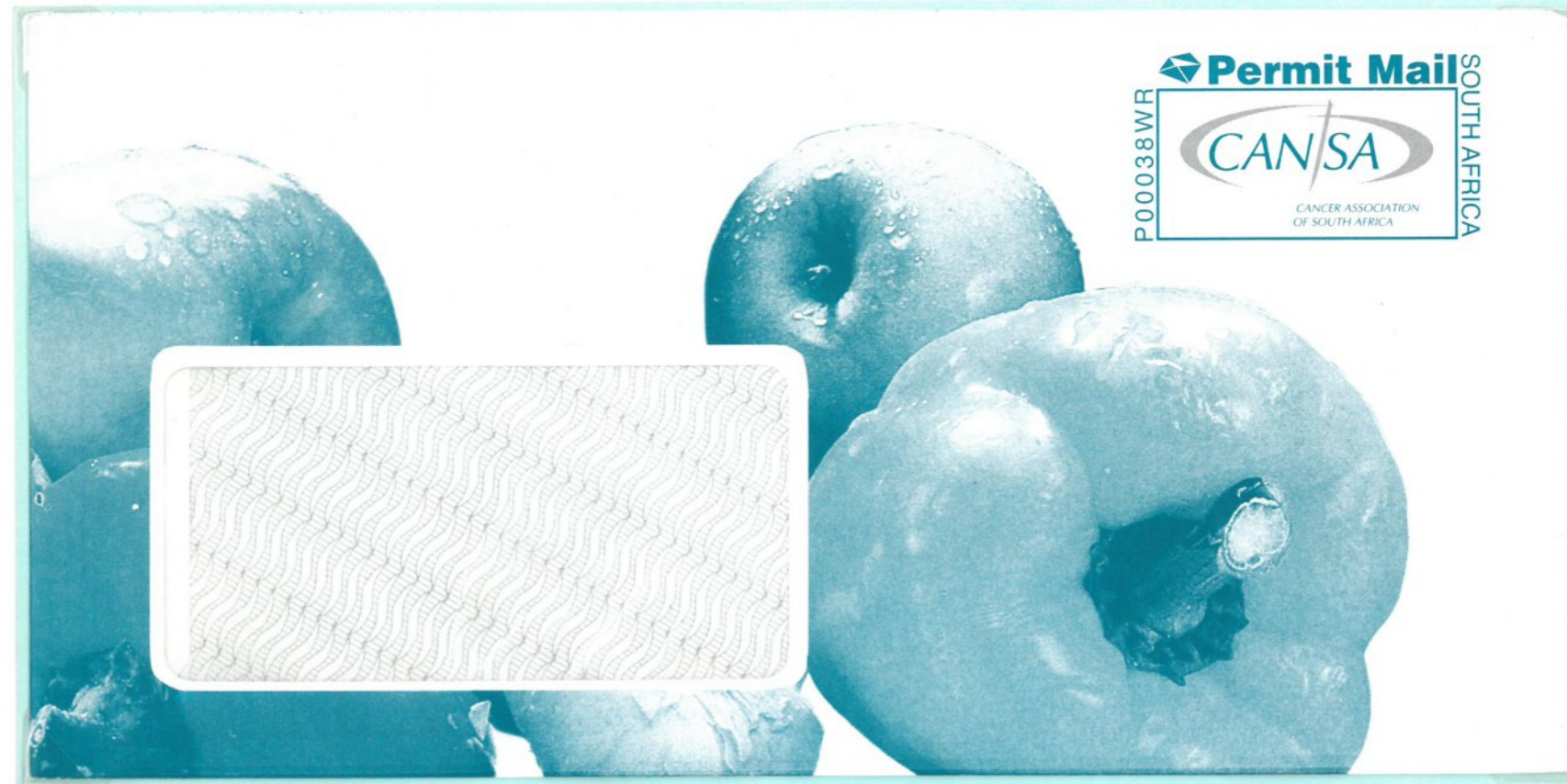
Envelope from Radio Pulpit.

SOS Children's Villages - P00614WR

## Organisations changed Permit Mail numbers

The organisations switched to different Permit Mail numbers.

CANSA - P00038WR



Return Address: Private Bag X2121, Bedfordview.

Blind SA- P4013991



Return address: 2032. Permit Mail insignia too small - against regulations.

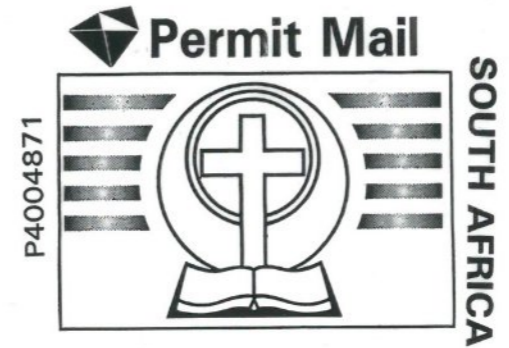


Return address: PO Box 42737, Fordsburg, 2033.

# Lucerna

RADIOKANSEL  
RADIO PULPIT

*A family magazine with a difference / 'n Gesinstydskrif met 'n verskil*



00141896  
MRS BROWN U E  
P O BOX 55084  
WIERDA PARK  
0149

000130

21 / 2 / 03

Indien onafgelewer, stuur asseblief terug aan **Lucerna**, Posbus 3436, Pretoria, 0001

Plastic Pouch sent to Wierda Park. Return Address on front: PO Box 3436, Pretoria, 0001.  
Receipt date 21/02/2003. Sender logo in Permit Mail insignia(Right top).