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NEWS UPDATE

HERE'S TO THE NEXT 50

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By now a lot of you would have been making your way back to work after some sort of break or holiday. Others of you may have been working hard over the festive season.

2014 is set to be an interesting year. Locally we have our elections to look forward to and all the political shenanigans that are sure to precede it. The US will have a new Chairperson of the Federal Reserve and the global economy is starting to drag itself out of recession. Of course individual economies will react differently to market and geopolitical forces and international trading will be rather unpredictable, especially as Chinese output is likely to be more costly for those brandishing weaker currencies.



This year the Chinese New Year is earlier than usual and this always causes a virtual stop to all activities in China and then the weeks following in destination countries.

In Cape Town the windy season is not yet over, but the good news is that the port is improving its capabilities of dealing with offloading in high winds. Port closures will, however, remain likely as the Cape Doctor does its thing

B&D looks back on our 50th year and it is with some pride in that half century heritage that we look forward to the coming years and decades. We are about to implement new systems that will hugely enhance efficiencies and seamlessness in our operations and we look to expanding our overseas operations. Much to look forward to in 2014.