



BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

B.S.A.C. was formed by Cecil Rhodes & Alfred Beit and incorporated by royal charter on Oct. 29, 1889, which enabled British rule to be extended over Central Africa without increasing the responsibilities and expenses of the British government.

Rhodes's ambition was to extend British dominion from the Cape of Good Hope to Cairo. To do this, it was necessary to secure the area north of the Transvaal and west of Mozambique which might otherwise be annexed by the Transvaal, Germany or Portugal. Since neither the British Gov. nor that of the Cape Colony was prepared to undertake annexation, Rhodes planned a chartered company to accomplish this northward expansion. Although Lobengula, chief of the Matabile and ruler of most of the territory that later became known as Southern Rhodesia, had promised, by the Moffat Treaty of Feb. 1888, not to make treaties with other foreign powers without British sanction, Rhodes saw that this was not a certain enough foundation for British influence and therefore sent to Lobengula three agents (C.D. Rudd, J.R. Maguire & F.R. Thomson) who, in Oct. 1888, negotiated the "Rudd concession". This granted the mining rights in Lobengula's territory (rumoured to be rich in gold) in exchange for £100 a month, 1000 rifles and an armed steamboat on the Zambezi river. By means of this concession, having bought out rival interests, Rhodes overcame considerable opposition and secured the charter for the British South Africa Company. The Company, with an initial capital of £1,000,000, was thereby empowered, for 25 years and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for the colonies, to operate concessions in and to administer the area north of British Bechuanaland, north and west of the Transvaal, and west of the Portuguese dominions (no northern or western limits were specified).

The Company's territory, proclaimed a British protectorate in 1891, was called Rhodesia in 1895. The Company failed to gain control of Nyasaland (administered by the British Gov. after 1891), but it was granted the administration of Northern Rhodesia in 1894, on the basis of treaties with chiefs in Barotseland and northeastern Rhodesia. Thereafter, until the early 1920s, its history merged with that of the Rhodesias. The charter was renewed for ten years in 1915, but the Company relinquished to the British Gov., which paid £3,750,000 compensation, the administration of Southern Rhodesia on Sept. 1, 1923 and of Northern Rhodesia on April 1, 1924.

Stamps of Bechuanaland were used in Matabeleland on the runner post between Gubulawayo and Mafeking (Bechuanaland) from 21 August 1888 until 5 May 1894. Such stamps were cancelled "GUBULAWAYO" or by the barrel oval "678" obliteration.

Between 27 June 1890 and 13 May 1892 external mail from Mashonaland and via Bechuanaland was franked with that territory's stamps. From 14 May through 31 July 1892 letters in Bechuanaland were franked with a combination of B.S.A. company and Bechuanaland issues.

Rhodesia joined the South African Postal Union on 1st August 1892 when its stamps became valid for international mail.

Rhodesia

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territory

Recess B.W. 1892 (2 Jan.) - 93
Thin wove paper P 14, 14 1/2



S.G.1 1d. black



S.G.2 6d. ultramarine



S.G.3 6d. deep blue
(1893)



S.G.4 1s. grey-blue



S.G.5 2s. vermilion



S.G.6 2s. 6d.
grey-purple



S.G.7 2s. 6d. lilac
(1893)



S.G.8 5s. orange-yellow



S.G.9 10s. deep green



S.G.10 £1 deep blue



S.G.11 £2 rose-red

5395

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Recess B.W.

1892 (2 Jan.) - 93

Thin wave paper P14, 14 1/2



SG 11 £2 rose-red
David Brandon certificate
31.10.78
"unused with part original gum"



S.G. 12 £5 sage-green
Enso Diana certificate
6.10.95
"original gum unmounted"



SG 12 £5 sage-green
Enso Diana certificate
6.10.95
"original gum u.m."



S.G. 13 £10 brown
Enso Diana certificate
6.10.95
"original gum unmounted"



S.G. 13 £10 brown
Enso Diana certificate
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RHODESIA

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territory
1898-1908 P. 13½ to 15½. Recess Waterlow

(*) : Stanley Gibbons, set of 13 to 10 s., brilliant part O.G. (2d.) to O.G.; several values unmounted.



(*)

S.G.75: ½ d.
dull bluish green



(*)

S.G.78: 2d. brown



(*)

S.G.81: 3d. claret



(*)

S.G.82: 4d. olive



(*)

S.G.83: 6d. reddish purple



(*)

S.G.77: 1d. rose



(*)

S.G.80: 2½d. dull blue

Stanley Gibbons 2014

S.G.78d: 1d. red, vertical strip of 4, error imperforate between, brilliant part O.G.
This item has been the basis of the catalogue listing.

B.P.A. certificate 2013



(*)

S.G.84: 1s. bistre



Bolaffi
2013

S.G.84bd: 1s. olive-bistre
Imperforated between (horizontal pair)
B.P.A. certificate

RHODESIA

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territories

1898-1908 P. 13½ to 15½. Recess Waterlow

(*): Stanley Gibbons, set of 13 to 10s., brilliant part O.G. (2d) to O.G.; several values unmounted.



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S.G.85: 2s. 6d. bluish grey



(*)



S.G.86: 3s. deep violet



(*)



S.G.87: 5s. brown orange



(*)



S.G.88: 7s. 6d. black



(*)



S.G.89: 10s. grey-green



S.G.85a: 2s. 6d. upper marginal block of 4,
error imperf. between vertical pairs c.t.o.
with central "SALISBURY" cds dated '23.6.09'

Stanley Gibbons
Auction 2014
B.P.A. certificate
2004



Feldman
2015



Feldman
2015

S.G.81a: 3d. claret
mint, VERTICAL IMPERF B.
BETWEEN PAIR

S.G.82a: 4d. claret
mint VERTICAL IMPERF.
BETWEEN PAIR

Rhodesia

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territory

1892 (2 Jan.)



S.G.14 1½ d. on 6d.
ultramarine



S.G.15 2d. on 6d.
ultramarine



S.G.16 4d. on 6d.
ultramarine



S.G.17 8d. on 1s.
grey-brown

1892 (2 Jan.) - 94 Thin wave paper P14, 14½



S.G.18 1½ d. dull blue
& vermillion



S.G.19 ½ d. deep blue
& vermillion



S.G.20 2d. deep dull
green & vermillion



S.G.21 3d. grey-black
& green (1894)



S.G.22 4d. chestnut
& black



S.G.23 8d. rose-like
& ultramarine



S.G.24 8d red
& ultramarine



S.G.25 3s. Brown
& green (1894)



S.G.26 4s. grey-black
& vermillion

1895 Thick soft wave paper P12½ (Recess P.B. from the Bradbury, Wilkinson plates)



S.G.27 2d green
& red



S.G.18: ½d. dull blue & vermillion



S.G.28 4d. yellow-brown
& black

RHOESEA

1896-97 Wave paper. P14.

Issues for the British South Africa Territory

(a) Die I, Plates 1+2. Small dot to the right of the tail of the right-hand supporter in the coat of arms. Body of the lion only partly shaded.

S.G.23: 1d. scarlet & emerald
S.G.28a: 1d. carmine-red & emerald



S.G.30: 2d. Brown & mauve



S.G.31: 3d. chocolate & ultramarine



RHOESEA

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territory

1896-97 Wave paper. P.14 (a) Die I, Plates 1 & 2

Small dot to the right of the tail of the right-hand supporter in the coat of arms. Body of the lion only faintly shaded.

S.G. 32: 4d. ultramarine & mauve
S.G. 32b: 4d. blue & mauve

S.G. 33: 6d. mauve & pink



S.G. 34: 8d. green & mauve/buff



S.G. 36: 3s. green & mauve/blue



S.G. 35: 1s. green & blue



S.G. 37: 4s. orange-red & blue/green

Rhodesia

Issues for the British South African Company Territory

1896-97 Wave paper. P14. (b) Die II, Plates 3 & 4. No dot. Body of lion heavily shaded all over.



S.G.41: 1/2d slate & violet



S.G.41: 1/2d slate & violet



S.G.42: 1d. scarlet & emerald



S.G.43: 2d brown & mauve



S.G.44: 4d. ultramarine & mauve S.G.44a: blue & mauve



S.G.46: 6d. mauve & rose



S.G.47: 2s. indigo & green/buff



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Rhodesia

Issues for the British South African Company Territory

1896-97 Wave paper. P14. (b) Die II, Plates 3+4. Modest. Body of lion heavily shaded all over.



S.G.48: 2s. 6d. brown & purple/yellow



S.G.49: 5s. chestnut & emerald



S.G.50: 10s. slate & vermilion/rose

1896 (April) Matabele rebellion provisionals (surcharged by Bulawayo Chronicle)



S.G.51: 1d. on 3d. (SG21)



S.G.52: 1d. on 4s. (SG.26)



S.G.53: 3d. on 5s. (S.G.8)
(5.36)

RHODESIA 1897



S.G.69.a: 3d. Brown-red & slate-blue
Impf. between (vert. pair)

Bolaffi:2013



S.G.73: £1 Black + red. Brown/green
(Bolaffi: 2013)



(unmounted)



S.G.73: £1 (used)

Recess Waterlow, from the Bradbury plate



S.G.74: £2 rosy red
1897 (Jan.) P15

R.P.S.
certificate

RHOESEA

Cape of Good Hope stamps overprinted by Argus Printing Co., Cape Town

1896 (22 May - August) Wm. Anchor (3d. wmk. Crown CA). P.14.



S.G.58: 1/2 d. grey-black



surcharge
misplaced



S.G.58



S.G.59: 1d. rose-red



S.G.60: 2d. deep bistre



S.G.61: 3d. pale claret



S.G.62: 4d. blue



S.G.63: 6d. deep purple



S.G.64: 1s. yellow-ochre
(Aug.)

RHODESIA

1897 P.13½ to 16



S.G.66: 1/2 d. grey-black + purple



S.G.67: 1d. scarlet + emerald



S.G.68: 2d. Brown + mauve



S.G.69: 3d. brown-red + slate-blue



S.G.70: 4d. ultramarine + claret



S.G.71: 6d. dull purple + pink



S.G.72: 8d. green + mauve/buff

S.G.73: £1 black
+ red-brown/greenS.G.73: perforated
13.2.00.

Rhodesia

Issues for the British South Africa Company Territory

1898-1908 Recess Waterlow; P 13½ to 15½.



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S.G.90: £1 greyish red-purple



Sanda faye
2014

S.G.90S: £1 greyish red-purple, overprinted specimen
The 2 lower stamps never hinged.



S.G.91: £2 brown



Stanley Gibbons
2001

S.G.91: £2 upper margin block of 4

S.G.91: £2 used