



Dear Friends,

### **My Sabbatical**

Some of you may have noticed in our half yearly results that I am taking a sabbatical at the end of this year. This may have come as a surprise to some so I thought I would expand on the public announcement.

In 2009, I celebrated my 51st birthday and 33 years working for Treatt. I have had a long fascination for the African continent, which was kindled by my Grandfather E.W.Bovill and his many books on various African topics.

So, wanting to explore the continent in greater depth, I asked the Board of Directors if I could take 6 months' leave. They have very graciously agreed and encouraged me.

Therefore, in December 2009, I intend to drive from Bury St Edmunds in England to Cape Town South Africa. It is a distance of approximately twelve thousand miles and the journey should take about six months allowing for sightseeing, rest stops and, of course, the expected breakdowns. I will be travelling in a specially converted Toyota Land Cruiser with a roof tent.

It is an amusing coincidence that Major Chaplin Court Treatt and Stella Court Treatt, the son and daughter-in-law of our founder, Richard Court Treatt, made this same journey by road over 18 months between 1924 and 1926.

To track my progress you will be follow and learn about the journey via my web site:

[www.Hugols.ontheroad.To/Capetown](http://www.Hugols.ontheroad.To/Capetown)

I will be returning to work in Bury St Edmunds after this trip!

Yours truly

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