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Form: Circular

By: The Gold and Hard Asset Exchange

Date: 1983

Ref: Laidlaw: 0487a;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
100.2 mm	Silver (pure)	625 gm	\$600

Edge: Plain. Stamped: "Crowned-C, I (makers marks in rectangles) No. 00788 (serial number in rectangle)".

Obverse: Two crouching early Gold diggers dividend dates: "circa 1683 (left) 1983 (right)". Below across: "COMMEMORATING / HUNDRED YEARS / OF MINING IN SOUTH / AFRICA". In large letters at the top in an arc: "SILVER TROYAN" and below in an arc: "20 TROY OUNCES 999 FINE SILVER". At the bottom a beaded half semicircular arc.

Reverse: Ornate makers monogram: "GHA" against a background of longitude and latitude lines. Legend on a band above: "THE GOLD AND HARD ASSET EXCHANGE", and below: "JOHANNESBURG . SOUTH AFRICA".

Notes: The Gold and Hard Asset Exchange was founded in Johannesburg in 1980, but didn't remain in business long. This medal and a similar one, Laidlaw 0487b, were attempts to sell silver bullion manufactured as medals.

The makers marks have not been identified. The SABS marks are absent; so perhaps the medal was made overseas with the intention of marketing the medal internationally.