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**Form:** Circular

**By:** ?

**Date:** 1966

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0869b;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.0 mm	Yellow Bronze	25.5 gm	\$8

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Large numeral: "5" containing an oval toothed cog. Across above: "REPUBLIC / FESTIVAL SHOW" and below: "REPUBLICFEESKOU / 1966". Legend: "LANDBOUGENOOTSKAP.WITWATERSRAND.AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY".

**Reverse:** With a wreath of corn (left) and laurel (right): "AWARDED (in an arc) / TO / (space) / FOR (space)". At the foot, coat of arms of South Africa with motto: "EX.UNITATE.VIRES".

**Notes:** The Witwatersrand Agricultural Society was instituted 1894 and the fledgling 'Rand Show' was opened by Paul Kruger the following year. The shows ceased during the Boer War but recommenced in 1907 with show grounds in Milner Park. This was the venue for the Rand Show until 1984. The Rand Show continues to be held annually during the Easter holidays. The nature of the show has changed and the nature of the exhibition has become oriented towards family entertainment.

This medal was designed to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Republic of South Africa.