



# PORTLAND MARKET REPORT

## December update

*With OPEC in disarray, Krampus vows to “Make Christmas Great Again”*

Christmas was thrown into fresh doubt yesterday, as the latest meeting of the Organisation for Present Exporting Countries (OPEC) broke up in acrimony over renewed calls for a reduction in present output to address chronic over-supply issues. According to initial reports, the early stages of the meeting were full of festive cheer as the representative for the North Pole (S Claus) addressed reporters in a jolly manner, laughing repeatedly and insisting that only a regimented and transparent reduction in present output would solve this global problem.

However, such good will to all men was short-lived as K Claus – the representative of the South Pole – stormed out of the meeting, having insisted that the production of cinders for naughty girls and boys would actually be ramped up in the run up to Christmas. With his trademark orange face and sporting a big red hat with the words “Make Christmas Great Again”, a scowling Krampus was quick to give his side of the story.

“This is typical behaviour from Santa and his free trading Elves. They agree that they will reduce gift deliveries and thus allow me and my team to deliver more cinders to the naughtier boys and girls around the world. But then on Christmas Eve, it’s always the same old story; North Pole present output goes ballistic and even naughty children end up getting toys and chocolates. Last year I hardly delivered any cinders at all – and now that those Syrian guys in black pyjamas no longer have an address, the only guaranteed drop I’ve got this year is the fat man-child in North Korea.

Of course to (festive) seasoned observers not much of this is new, as Krampus’ goose with Santa goes way back. Nonetheless, the man from the South Pole does love an audience and he soon got into his stride. “I tell ya...uh-huh...the first thing we do is rip up Santa’s beloved NAFTA (Northern Arctic Festive Trade Association) agreement. Believe me – It’s gonna be amazin...cos ya-know, that’s a

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criminal act cooked up by the WTO (World Tinsel Organisation)” On Pracking (Present Packing), Krampus was also fulsome in his praise. “Ya know, our Prackers are the smartest in the world and it’s gonna be so good brother...all Cinders will be coming from the South Pole and every Present Packing Rig will be operated by Penguins born and bred in the South Pole. It’ll be a beautiful thing”.



But on the topics that that have dominated so many of the recent headlines (for example KC’s proposals to jail Santa for not divulging Christmas letters, to build a wall around the Arctic Circle and to ban Polar Bears from the South Pole), Krampus was vague – preferring instead to grab a nearby cat. However, on the subject of Christmas Change, The Kramp was quick to rubbish the whole darn concept, declaring that the notion was clearly a hoax cooked up the Chinese, who were no doubt still bitter over their one-present policy...

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Unfortunately and with his busiest day of the year fast approaching, Santa Claus was unavailable for comment. So it was left to recently appointed Head of Diversity

(Reindeer Ops), Prancer, to have the final word. “All of this is to do with the recent Spexit (South Pole Exit) vote, which has left Krampus with an almighty problem on his hands. It’s all very well for him to get his Chief Elf Bunty Farage to drive around on that big red sleigh telling everyone that it is time to “Take Christmas Back”, whilst quaffing pints of Christmas Ale. But the South Pole is no different from the rest of the world and they are going to have multiple issues in going it alone. Not to mention the complicated negotiations around operating a separate Christmas delivery system, whilst maintaining

open access to the naughty boys and girls of the world. Krampus knows this and although he is still insisting that “Cinders means Cinders”, he clearly doesn’t have a plan”. And on that note, Prancer promptly disappeared into a trans-gender toilet.

What to make of it all? Who knows, but we do wish all readers a very Happy Christmas.

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