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WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-DUMPING TARIFFS ON THE STEEL PLATE INDUSTRY SECTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA?

On the 18th March 2026, The SA Government gazetted an amendment to Schedule No.2 of the Customs and Excise Act by implementing an effective Anti-Dumping duty for certain steel products originating from China, Thailand, Japan and Taiwan. The implementation of the tariff was as a result of the conclusion of an investigation by ITAC into the alleged dumping of certain flat rolled steel products into the SA market.

Specifically, on steel plate products, the tariffs imposed are substantial and vary from 6.99% to 57.23% dependant on the supplying steel mill.

Plate products not subject to the anti-dumping tariffs are Quench and Tempered grades including 400, 450 and 500 BHN as well as S690QL which are not produced by the local mill, Arcelor Mittal SA.

Plate grades that are directly impacted by the tariffs are:

- S235 / S275 / S355 / A36
- P235 / P265 / P355
- ASME SA 516 Gr70N
- Lloyds GrA / EH 36

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Already, we are feeling the disruption in the local market with cancellations on import orders as well as delays by supplying mills.

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Many locally produced steel plate products are not readily available from the mill or carried by stockists. So, we can most certainly expect supply shortages in certain steel grades and thicknesses over the months to come.

We are experiencing price increases from some Asian mills on their exports to RSA and we are seeing sea freight rates increasing as well. Sea freight increases of \$20-\$30/ton as well as mill increases due to the Middle East war which has driven up fuel prices.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-DUMPING TARRIFS

Our own local steel mill has introduced a R580/ton fuel surcharge due to the fuel price increases. **So, not only will we experience supply gaps in the market but we can expect steel inflation of up to 5%** from supply and sea freight cost pressures. This is over and the above the impact of the anti-dumping tariffs which will start feeding through now.

The overall impact of the tariffs and mill and sea freight increases will definitely result in a reduction of the volume of steel imports and a possible contraction in the local steel economy.

So, what can we expect?

- Steel price increases
- Shortages in certain steel grades
- Contraction in the steel industry
- Reduced demand
- Restructures and closures of companies with restricted working capital



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Team Germiston: Office & Workshop. (Tanya & Tracey (Office), as well as Drivers and Night Shift not in photo.)

Our Germiston branch turns 5 this month - and it's a milestone we're incredibly proud of.

Where it all began

Our journey started in Brakpan in April 2017, with just **three employees** focused on managing imported stock and basic processing.

In April 2021, our Managing Director, Mark Mitchley, made the call to invest in the Johannesburg market - and SPS Germiston was born. We took on a 4000 m² workshop space, marking a big step for the business.

Where we are today

Today, SPS Germiston has grown into a fully operational facility; we are proud to have:

- 10,000 m² under crane
- A strong and very skilled team
- 4,800 - 5,500 tons of stock available at any time

- A wide range of imported and local material, from 6mm up to 180mm thick

We support everything from once-off orders to large-scale project supply of up to 1000 tons or more.

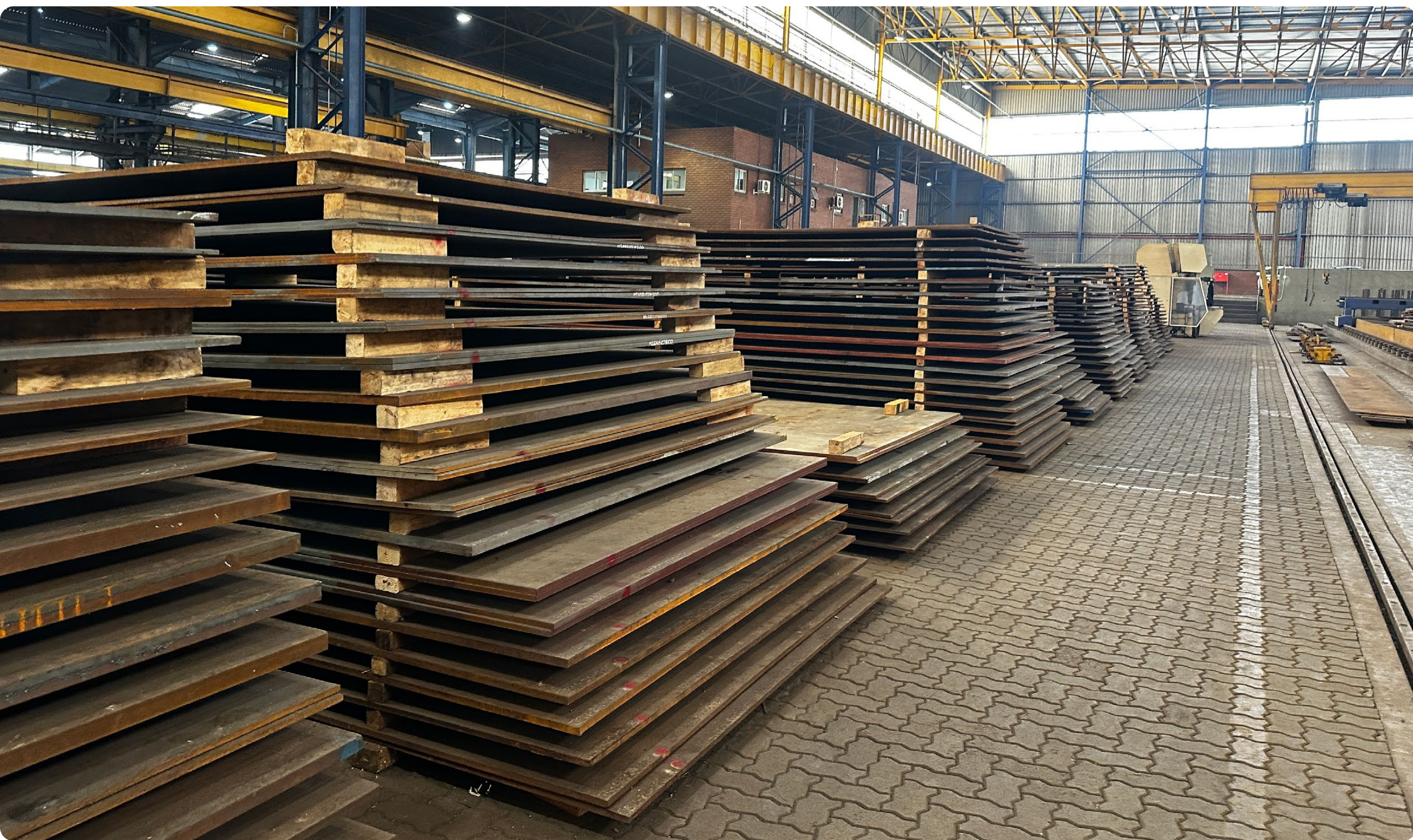
Our capabilities

Our processing capabilities include:

- High Definition Plasma cutting (up to 80m x 8m)
- CNC Flame / Profile cutting
- CO₂ and Fibre Laser cutting
- Press braking and plate rolling

We're known for our focus on quality chamfering, liner plate consistency, and reliable processing for industries like OEM and vehicle manufacturing.

What sets us apart



Stock on our floor

At the heart of SPS Germiston is quality, trust, and relationships:

- ISO 9001 quality standards
- Consistent, stamped material you can rely on
- A hands-on, customer-focused approach

As one customer put it:

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If I see SPS stamped plate in my storeroom, I know I'm going to have a good day.

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Built by our people

From a team of three to the operation we have today, our growth is driven by dedicated people who take pride in what they do and how they serve our customers.

Come visit us

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We'd love to welcome you for a walkaround and show you what we do!



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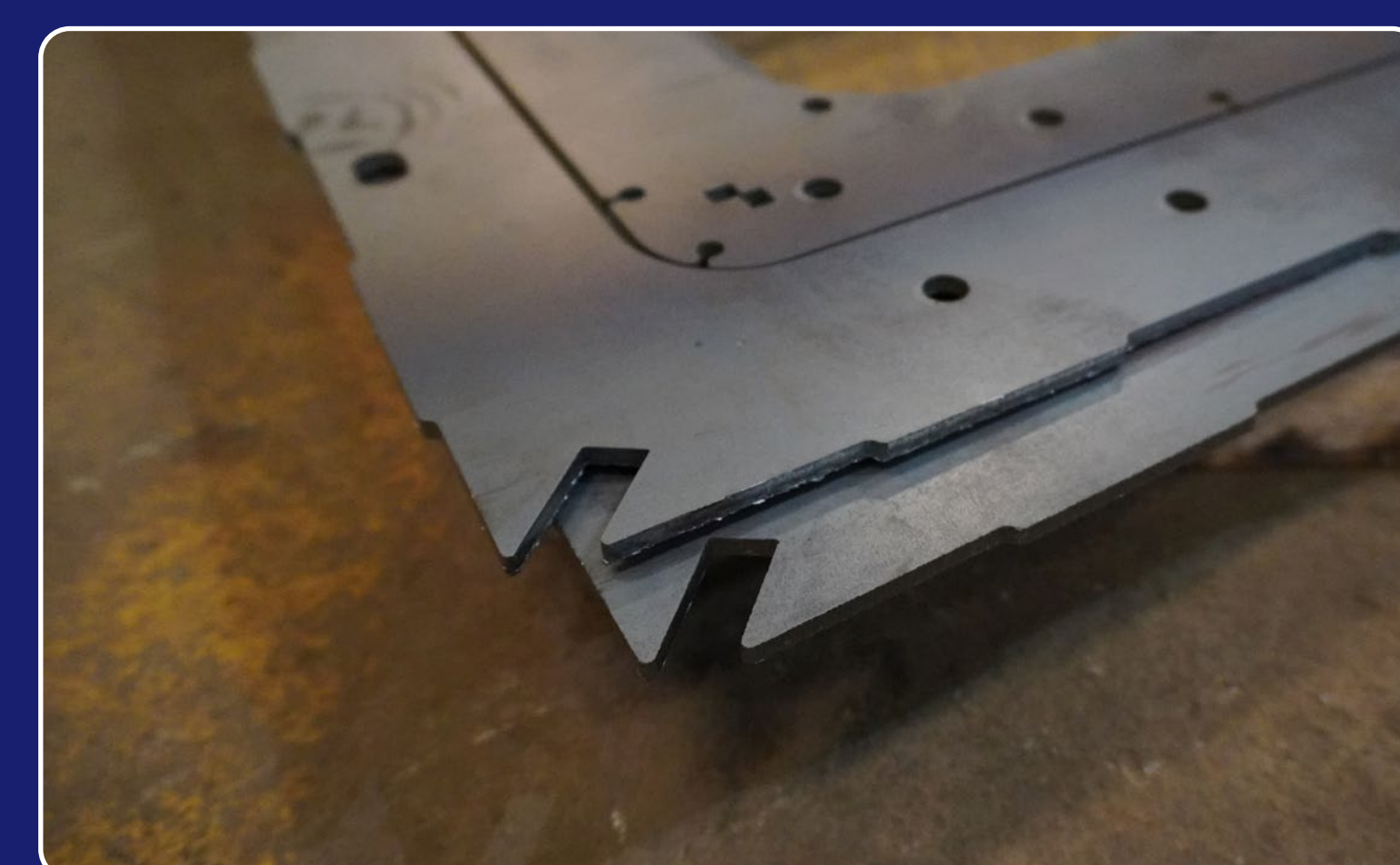
SPS Richards Bay

Did you know that our SPS Team in Richards Bay is known for our great laser cutting services at a fair price?

If you are in need of project work in the KZN region - give us a call. We look forward to being the difference that you need in your business.

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TEAM SALES RBAY



From Left: Hanneke, Cohen, Tommy, Sheldon and Kiara

RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

Ouma Hettie's Cauliflower Soup

This is a super special recipe to me! It has been passed down by my Gran, and my Great-Grandmother, Hettie Newmark, and is our famous family recipe. This is perfect for the chilly weather coming up soon.

She was a whizz in the kitchen - so I hope you enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1 medium cauliflower
- 1 1/2 pints water (3 cups)
- 1 onion
- 1 oz flour (1/4 cup or 28g)
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 1 cup cheese
- 1 oz butter (2 TBS or 28g)
- salt & pepper to taste

Method:

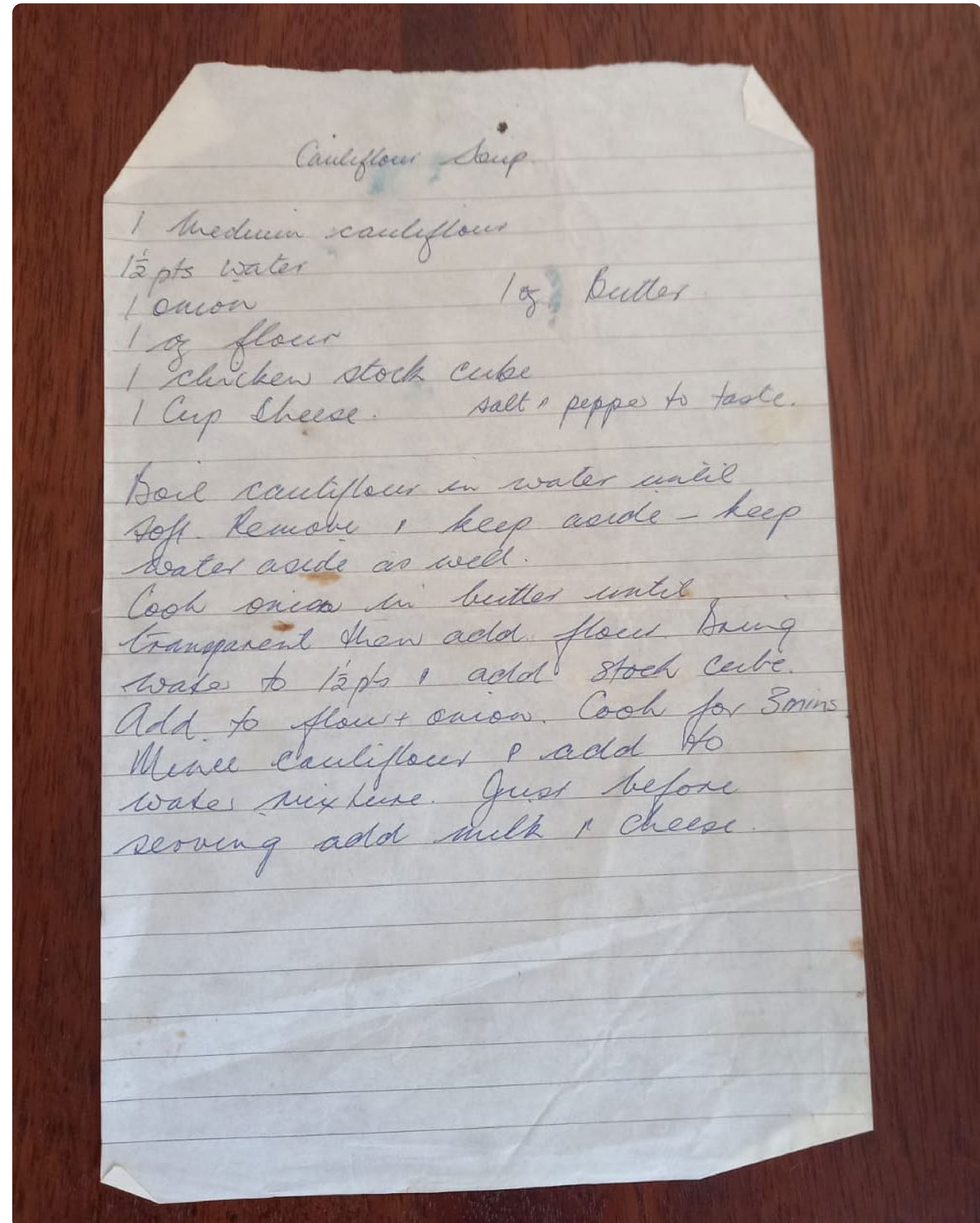
1. Boil whole cauliflower (just remove hard core) in salted water until soft. Remove and keep aside - keep water aside as well.
2. Cook onion in butter until transparent, then add flour.
3. Bring water to 1 1/2 pints and add stock cube.
4. Add to flour and onion. Cook for 3 minutes.
5. Mince cauliflower and add to water mix.
6. Just before serving, add milk and cheese.
7. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Things to play around with - have fun:

- If you want to thicken it, then add more flour (when you stir into butter onion mix).
- If you want to enrich it, use half cream, half milk instead.
- Feel free to add more grated cheese, if you prefer.

Serving suggestion:

Serve with croutons. Or, cut up bread in 9 squares, and fry in a blob of butter and dash of olive oil. **Enjoy!**



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Rolling in Richards Bay



Shopping for stock!



Cut and chamfered in Richards Bay



Richards Bay Workshop Team in Action