To bid farewell to such an integral part of my life and all its itinerant relationships is no small task. I have done the practical steps and now the final release of saying Thank You and Salani Kahle to my history and business identity as I once knew myself, lies before me. Let me begin my farewell note by quoting a classic, Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

I've had to say a few tough goodbyes this year - my dear mother passed away in January, my daughter and her family recently emigrated, my rabbits moved to a new home, and my 20-year-old cat is on his last days. I have sold my beautiful home and intend starting a new life in the UK soon!

For the past 20 years, I have dedicated so much to developing and maintaining my business, and I'd like to say a great big Thank You to the clients, candidates and the many friends I have gained in the Optometry & Ophthalmic industry world-wide who I've been fortunate enough to work with, for their constant support. After almost 20 years in the driving seat at Bev Meekel Consulting/Optivet, I'm delighted to hand over the reins to Erika Myburgh, Deshnie Chetty and Amanda Giessing. They have excellent experience in the industry and recruitment, and I have the utmost confidence that they will continue to service the Optometric industry with integrity and maintain the highest standards and ethics. Kwant to take this opportunity to wish Deshnie, Amanda and Erika everything of the Best as they take Optivet from strength to

strength! Best Wishes & Kind Regards to All. Bev