

# DIE GOLDENE STADT

## *The Big Drought - 2-player variant*

*The usual rules are used with the following changes.*

### **Preparation**

- The score cards are made into three face-down decks:  
The 4 score cards with a '1' on their backs are shuffled to form the first deck.  
The 8 score cards with a '2' on their backs are shuffled and then split into two decks of 4 cards each to form the second and third decks.  
Place the three decks next to each other ready for use.  
The 4 score cards with a '3' on their backs are not needed and go back into the box.
- The start-player key is not needed.
- The start player can be decided in any manner.

### **Playing the game**

#### **1. Lay out landform cards**

5 cards are laid out in the 2-player game.

The cards are laid out so that there is one row of 2 cards and one row of 3 cards.

Put 1 coin from the bank on the row of 2 cards.

#### **4. Building businesses**

The player who took the 2 cards with the coin begins.

**Note:** No reward is received when building a business in the desert.

#### **5. Scoring**

Businesses in the desert are counted as usual when scoring and also as usual for bonus cards.

#### **Special scoring**

There is a special scoring after scoring every fourth score card (which is each time that a deck of score cards is used up).

Each player reveals his bonus cards and receives the appropriate 'letters of business' for them.

The players then add up the values of their 'letters of business'.

The player with the higher sum...

...for the first special scoring, gets 1 victory point

...for the second special scoring, gets 2 victory points

...for the third special scoring, gets 3 victory points

If there is a tie, the usual tiebreak rules apply.

The 'letters of business' are then put back into the common supply, and the bonus cards that the players had are taken out of the game.

#### **6. Change of start player**

The new start-player for the next round is the player who took his turn last in the previous round.

### **End of the game**

When a player reaches 3 or more victory points, the game ends and that player has won.