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AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE PPI STILL ON THE INCREASE

The annual rate of increase in the PPI for all commodities for consumption in South Africa is 8,5% for December 1995, which brings the average annual rate of change for 1995 in this index to 9,6%. This rate shows a steady increase during the past three years from 6,6% in 1993 to 8,2% in 1994 and 9,6% in 1995.

The PPI for locally produced commodities for South African consumption shows an average annual rate of change of 9,9% for 1995 compared with 8,9% in 1994 and 6,9% in 1993.

The average annual rate of change in the production price index for imported commodities was 4,9% in 1993, 5,5% in 1994, but has since then increased to 7,6% in 1995.

The average annual rate of change in the production price index for the total output of the South African industry increased to double digits, namely 10,5% for the first time since 1991, when it was 11,4%.

More information regarding the average annual indices since 1993 appears in the table on page 2.

DETAILS FOR DECEMBER 1995**RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR ALL COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION INCREASES**

The annual rate of increase in the PPI for all commodities for consumption in South Africa increased from 8,3% for November 1995 to 8,5% for December 1995. The monthly rate of increase in this index is 0,7% and in the seasonally adjusted index it is 1,0%.

ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR LOCALLY PRODUCED COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION INCREASED FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH

From December 1994 to December 1995 the production price index for locally produced commodities increased by 9,2%. This rate is 0,2 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding rate of 9,0% for November 1995, while it was 8,8% for October 1995, 8,3% for September 1995 and 8,1% for August 1995. The monthly rate of increase in the index is 1,0%, while the seasonally adjusted index increases by 1,4%.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES IS HIGHER

The production price index for imported commodities increased by 5,8% from December 1994 to December 1995. This rate of increase is 0,3 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding rate of 5,5% for November 1995. From November 1995 to December 1995 this index increases by 0,3%, while the seasonally adjusted index increases by 0,5%.

MONTHLY CHANGES

The production price index for commodities for South African consumption shows relatively large monthly increases in the price indices for agricultural products (+5,9%, due to an increase of 6,1% in the prices of agricultural food), mining and quarrying products (+1,2%), food at manufacturing (+2,2%), leather and leather products (+2,7%) and products of petroleum and coal (+1,2%). Against these, a relatively large decrease occurred in the price index for electricity (-1,3%).

ANNUAL AVERAGE INDICES AND RATES OF CHANGE

	Year					
	1993		1994		1995	
	Index	% Change	Index	% Change	Index	% Change
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	84,1	6,6	91,0	8,2	99,7	9,6
Locally produced commodities	83,4	6,9	90,8	8,9	99,8	9,9
Imported commodities	87,4	4,9	92,2	5,5	99,2	7,6
Output of South African industry						
Total output	83,0	6,4	90,3	8,8	99,8	10,5
For South African consumption	83,4	6,9	90,8	8,9	99,8	9,9

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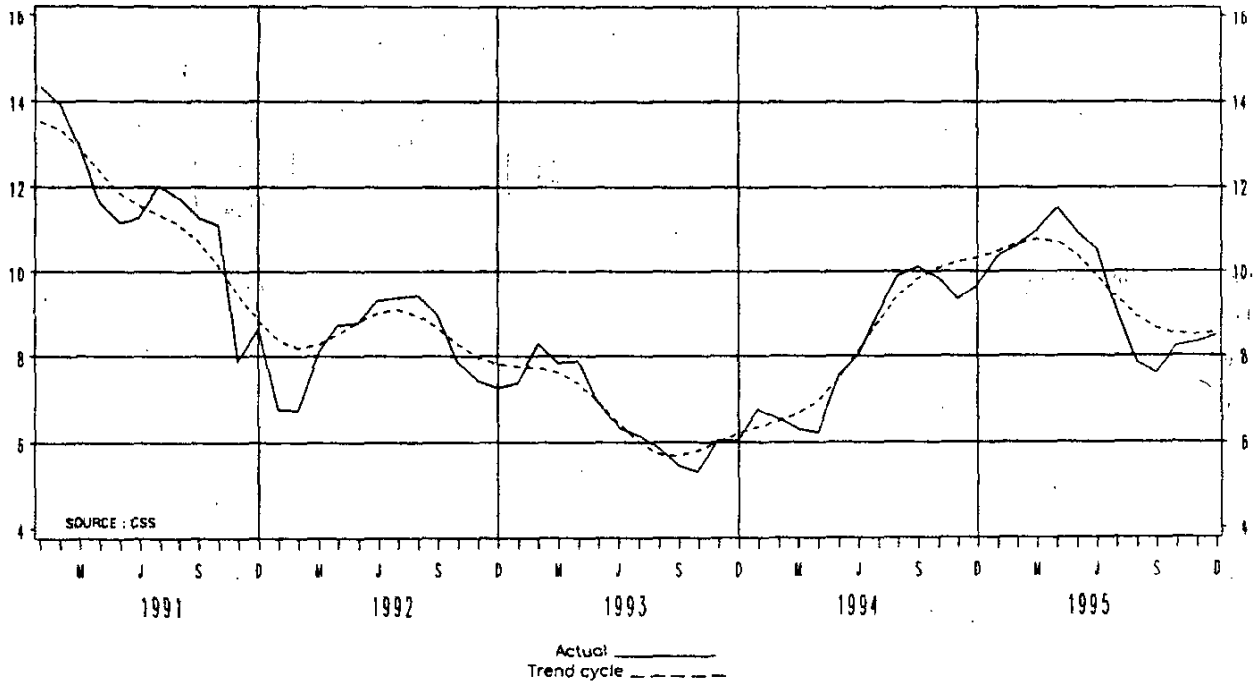
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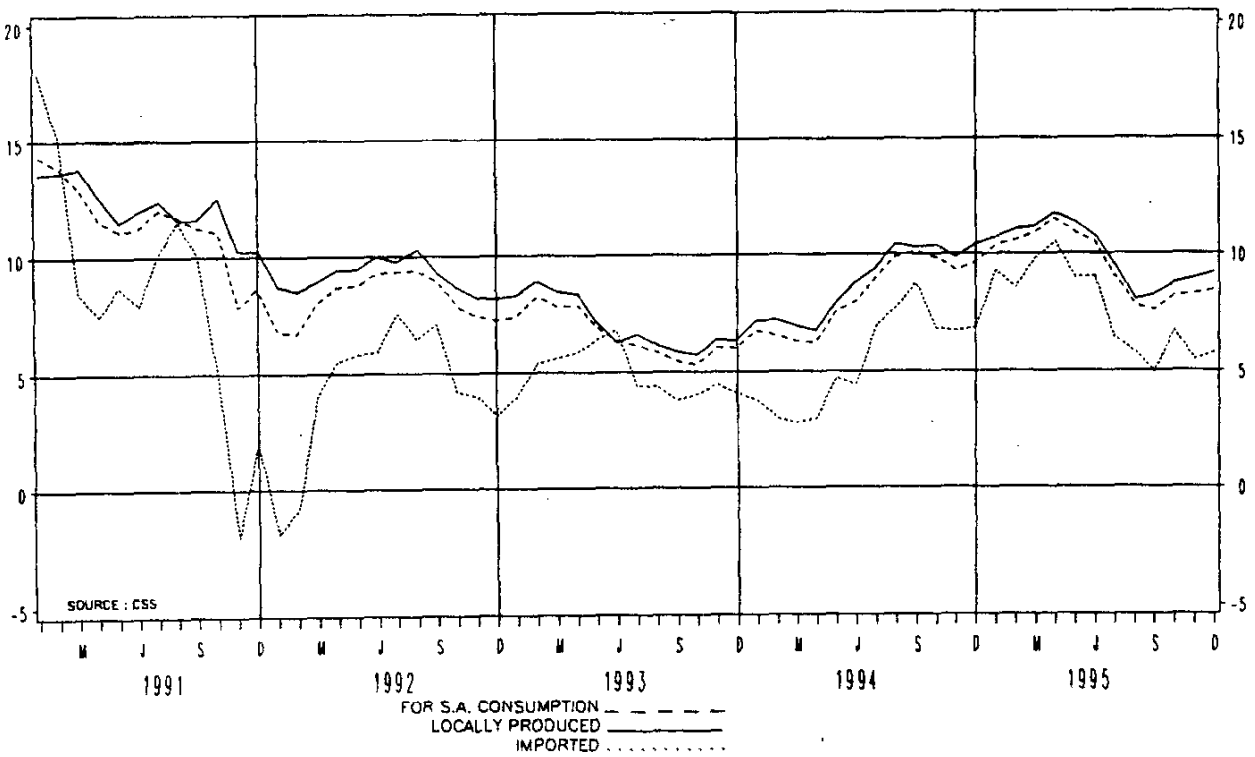
COMMODITIES FOR S.A. CONSUMPTION
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ANNUAL CHANGE

PERCENTAGE



PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX

BASE : June 1995 = 100

DESCRIPTION	INDICES			PERCENTAGE CHANGE COMPARED WITH -		
	Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995		Dec. 1994
				Actual %	Seasonally adjusted %	Actual %
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	102,4	101,7	94,4	+0,7	+1,0	+8,5
Locally produced commodities	103,1	102,1	94,4	+1,0	+1,4	+9,2
Imported commodities	100,6	100,3	95,1	+0,3	+0,5	+5,8
Output of South African industry						
Total output	103,1	102,4	93,9	+0,7	+1,2	+9,8
For South African consumption	103,1	102,1	94,4	+1,0	+1,4	+9,2

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
ALL GROUPS	100,00	102,4	101,7	94,4	+0,7	+8,5
South African	80,74	103,1	102,1	94,4	+1,0	+9,2
Imported	19,26	100,6	100,3	95,1	+0,3	+5,8
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	17,90	105,3	102,1	94,8	+3,1	+11,1
1.1 Agriculture	8,17	108,0	102,0	99,3	+5,9	+8,8
1.1.1 Food	7,70	108,9	102,6	98,8	+6,1	+10,2
Grain	1,57	106,6	105,6	85,5	+0,9	+24,7
Sugar cane	0,55	96,5	96,7	95,7	-0,2	+0,8
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	105,8	0,0	-5,5
Vegetables and dried beans	0,75	125,2	101,9	76,0	+22,9	+64,7
Fruit	0,50	159,0	153,0	142,2	+3,9	+11,8
Meat	2,63	104,4	96,3	113,0	+8,4	-7,6
Milk and eggs	1,08	100,5	95,4	93,9	+5,3	+7,0
Other	0,34	100,0	100,0	94,0	0,0	+6,4
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,47	93,0	93,4	103,1	-0,4	-9,8
1.2 Forestry	2,39	99,3	99,4	92,8	-0,1	+7,0
1.3 Fishing	0,21	100,0	100,0	95,5	0,0	+4,7
1.4 Mining and quarrying	7,13	104,4	103,2	89,6	+1,2	+16,5
Coal	1,93	107,4	108,6	87,5	-1,1	+22,7
Metal ores	0,87	102,1	97,4	..	+4,8	..
Other minerals	4,33	103,5	101,9	..	+1,6	..
2. MANUFACTURING	76,30	102,2	101,8	94,8	+0,4	+7,8
South African	59,93	103,0	102,5	94,3	+0,5	+9,2
Imported	16,37	100,3	100,1	97,6	+0,2	+2,8
2.1 Food	9,45	106,0	103,7	101,5	+2,2	+4,4
Meat	1,72	109,0	102,4	..	+6,4	..
Fresh meat	1,30	111,4	102,7	113,2	+8,5	-1,6
Meat products	0,42	101,7	101,5	98,1	+0,2	+3,7
Fish and fish products	0,40	104,4	104,5	96,5	-0,1	+8,2
Fruit and vegetable products	0,58	101,4	101,0	98,8	+0,4	+2,6
Fats and oils	0,83	101,7	101,7	96,0	0,0	+5,9
Milk products	0,51	101,3	101,4	95,0	-0,1	+6,6
Grain mill products	1,82	109,9	106,7	..	+3,0	..
Sugar	0,48	100,2	99,9	95,5	+0,3	+4,9
Coffee and tea	0,20	104,4	104,4	..	0,0	..
Other	2,91	106,6	104,9	..	+1,6	..
2.2 Beverages	3,27	100,5	100,5	91,8	0,0	+9,5
Alcoholic	2,57	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
Non-alcoholic	0,70	101,4	101,4	..	0,0	..
2.3 Tobacco products	0,59	103,3	103,3	83,5	0,0	+23,7
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	3,11	103,9	103,6	93,5	+0,3	+11,1
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,86	104,0	103,6	..	+0,4	..
Other textiles	1,25	103,7	103,6	..	+0,1	..
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,11	101,1	100,8	96,7	+0,3	+4,6
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,49	101,5	101,4	..	+0,1	..
Wearing apparel	1,62	101,0	100,6	..	+0,4	..
Men's and boys' clothing	0,74	101,5	101,1	..	+0,4	..
Women's and girls' clothing	0,83	100,4	100,0	..	+0,4	..
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	104,1	103,2	..	+0,9	..
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,32	103,4	100,7	96,9	+2,7	+6,7
2.7 Footwear	0,84	104,3	104,3	95,1	0,0	+9,7
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,20	102,7	102,5	94,3	+0,2	+8,9
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,62	104,2	103,8	..	+0,4	..
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,58	101,1	101,1	..	0,0	..
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,40	110,2	109,6	89,0	+0,5	+23,8
Paper and paper products	2,90	114,6	114,5	89,6	+0,1	+27,9
Publishing and printing	1,50	103,6	102,9	..	+0,7	..
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,20	98,2	97,0	94,1	+1,2	+4,4
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	8,52	102,1	102,0	92,8	+0,1	+10,0
Basic chemicals	4,12	103,1	103,1	..	0,0	..
Fertilizers	0,49	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
Other	3,63	104,3	104,3	..	0,0	..
Other chemical products	4,40	101,3	101,0	..	+0,3	..
Pharmaceutical products	1,40	100,8	100,4	..	+0,4	..
Other	3,00	101,5	101,4	..	+0,1	..
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,49	103,9	103,8	91,5	+0,1	+13,6
Rubber products	0,85	102,9	102,6	92,8	+0,3	+10,9
Plastic products	1,64	104,4	104,4	88,5	0,0	+18,0

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,52	102,1	102,1	94,2	0,0	+8,4
Glass and glass products	0,49	100,8	100,8	93,6	0,0	+7,7
Other	2,03	102,4	102,4	94,3	0,0	+8,6
2.14 Basic metals	4,39	102,4	102,4	92,0	0,0	+11,3
Ferrous	3,29	103,2	103,2	91,2	0,0	+13,2
Non-ferrous	1,10	100,0	100,0	94,6	0,0	+5,7
2.15 Metal products	3,93	100,8	100,6	94,2	+0,2	+7,0
Structural metal products	1,61	100,1	100,1	..	0,0	..
Other	2,32	101,3	101,0	..	+0,3	..
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	6,95	100,6	100,6	96,5	0,0	+4,2
General purpose machinery	2,12	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
Special purpose machinery	4,30	100,7	100,7	..	0,0	..
Household appliances	0,53	100,7	100,7	..	0,0	..
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,77	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,45	101,4	101,4	97,0	0,0	+4,5
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,63	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,54	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
Insulated wire and cable	0,58	103,9	103,9	..	0,0	..
Other	0,70	101,2	101,2	..	0,0	..
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,52	100,1	100,1	..	0,0	..
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,82	100,6	100,6	97,6	0,0	+3,1
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,66	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
Other, including watches and clocks	0,16	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
2.21 Transport equipment	9,34	100,7	100,7	93,6	0,0	+7,6
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	8,20	100,8	100,8	93,5	0,0	+7,8
Motor vehicles	6,19	100,7	100,7	..	0,0	..
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,23	101,5	101,5	..	0,0	..
Parts and accessories	1,78	101,6	101,6	..	0,0	..
Other transport equipment	1,14	100,1	100,1	96,7	0,0	+3,5
2.22 Furniture	1,13	101,3	101,3	96,7	0,0	+4,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,98	100,5	100,5	..	0,0	..
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,80	97,2	98,4	89,4	-1,2	+8,7
3.1 Electricity	5,02	96,4	97,7	88,1	-1,3	+9,4
3.2 Gas and water	0,78	102,4	102,4	96,3	0,0	+6,3

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
ALL GROUPS	100,00	103,1	102,4	93,9	+0,7	+9,8
South African	100,00	103,1	102,4	93,9	+0,7	+9,8
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	29,85	104,6	103,0	94,8	+1,6	+10,3
1.1 Agriculture	8,61	108,5	102,8	98,6	+5,5	+10,0
1.1.1 Food	7,94	109,4	103,4	97,8	+5,8	+11,9
Grain	1,66	105,2	104,4	85,7	+0,8	+22,8
Sugar cane	0,52	96,5	96,7	95,7	-0,2	+0,8
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	105,8	0,0	-5,5
Vegetables and dried beans	0,71	124,8	101,8	76,0	+22,6	+64,2
Fruit	0,88	143,9	138,2	109,4	+4,1	+31,5
Meat	2,58	104,2	96,5	113,1	+8,0	-7,9
Milk and eggs	1,01	100,5	95,4	93,9	+5,3	+7,0
Other	0,30	100,0	100,0	92,1	0,0	+8,6
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,67	98,0	95,3	106,2	+2,8	-7,7
1.2 Forestry	2,07	99,3	99,4	92,5	-0,1	+7,4
1.3 Fishing	0,25	100,0	100,0	94,8	0,0	+5,5
1.4 Mining and quarrying	18,92	103,4	103,6	91,8	-0,2	+12,6
Coal	3,54	107,0	107,3	85,4	-0,3	+25,3
Metal ores	11,91	102,1	102,8	..	-0,7	..
Other minerals	3,47	104,0	102,5	..	+1,5	..
2. MANUFACTURING	64,59	102,9	102,5	94,1	+0,4	+9,4
South African	64,59	102,9	102,5	94,1	+0,4	+9,4
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	9,22	105,8	103,7	101,6	+2,0	+4,1
Meat	1,64	108,8	102,4	..	+6,3	..
Fresh meat	1,25	111,1	102,6	113,1	+8,3	-1,8
Meat products	0,39	101,7	101,5	98,3	+0,2	+3,5
Fish and fish products	0,32	104,3	105,8	96,3	-1,4	+8,3
Fruit and vegetable products	0,75	101,3	100,9	99,5	+0,4	+1,8
Fats and oils	0,73	101,9	101,9	95,8	0,0	+6,4
Milk products	0,48	101,3	101,3	94,5	0,0	+7,2
Grain mill products	1,65	109,6	106,2	..	+3,2	..
Sugar	0,75	101,8	101,6	98,5	+0,2	+3,4
Coffee and tea	0,18	104,4	104,4	..	0,0	..
Other	2,72	106,6	104,9	..	+1,6	..
2.2 Beverages	3,02	100,5	100,5	91,7	0,0	+9,6
Alcoholic	2,34	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
Non-alcoholic	0,68	101,4	101,4	..	0,0	..
2.3 Tobacco products	0,55	103,2	103,2	83,1	0,0	+24,2
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,30	104,7	104,3	92,4	+0,4	+13,3
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,46	104,8	104,3	..	+0,5	..
Other textiles	0,84	104,5	104,3	..	+0,2	..
2.5 Wearing apparel	1,97	101,1	100,8	96,5	+0,3	+4,8
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,45	101,6	101,4	..	+0,2	..
Wearing apparel	1,52	101,0	100,6	..	+0,4	..
Men's and boys' clothing	0,71	101,5	101,1	..	+0,4	..
Women's and girls' clothing	0,76	100,4	100,0	..	+0,4	..
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	104,3	103,3	..	+1,0	..
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,35	99,9	99,9	95,5	0,0	+4,6
2.7 Footwear	0,72	104,8	104,8	95,2	0,0	+10,1
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,10	102,6	102,6	93,7	0,0	+9,5
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,53	104,2	104,2	..	0,0	..
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,57	101,1	101,1	..	0,0	..
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,19	110,2	110,2	87,7	0,0	+25,7
Paper and paper products	3,01	114,3	114,3	88,3	0,0	+29,4
Publishing and printing	1,18	103,4	103,4	..	0,0	..
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,06	97,8	96,7	93,8	+1,1	+4,3
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	6,40	102,8	102,8	90,8	0,0	+13,2
Basic chemicals	3,33	104,1	104,1	..	0,0	..
Fertilizers	0,48	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
Other	2,85	104,8	104,8	..	0,0	..
Other chemical products	3,07	101,5	101,5	..	0,0	..
Pharmaceutical products	0,72	100,8	100,8	..	0,0	..
Other	2,35	101,6	101,5	..	+0,1	..
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,05	104,3	104,3	91,8	0,0	+13,6
Rubber products	0,67	103,0	103,0	93,5	0,0	+10,2
Plastic products	1,38	105,0	105,0	88,5	0,0	+18,6

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,29	102,2	102,2	94,1	0,0	+8,6
Glass and glass products	0,43	100,8	100,8	93,9	0,0	+7,3
Other	1,86	102,5	102,5	94,1	0,0	+8,9
2.14 Basic metals	6,61	103,8	103,8	91,0	0,0	+14,1
Ferrous	5,10	105,4	105,4	90,3	0,0	+16,7
Non-ferrous	1,51	98,1	98,1	92,9	0,0	+5,6
2.15 Metal products	3,59	100,6	100,6	93,7	0,0	+7,4
Structural metal products	1,51	100,1	100,1	..	0,0	..
Other	2,08	101,1	101,1	..	0,0	..
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	3,90	101,1	101,1	94,0	0,0	+7,6
General purpose machinery	0,78	100,6	100,6	..	0,0	..
Special purpose machinery	2,73	101,3	101,3	..	0,0	..
Household appliances	0,39	100,9	100,9	..	0,0	..
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,05	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,74	101,9	101,9	92,6	0,0	+10,0
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,44	100,8	100,8	..	0,0	..
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,29	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
Insulated wire and cable	0,53	104,1	104,1	..	0,0	..
Other	0,48	101,7	101,7	..	0,0	..
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	0,94	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,15	103,3	103,3	96,8	0,0	+6,7
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,12	103,3	103,3	..	0,0	..
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	103,1	103,1	..	0,0	..
2.21 Transport equipment	6,44	101,0	101,0	93,1	0,0	+8,5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	5,96	101,0	101,0	92,9	0,0	+8,7
Motor vehicles	4,40	100,9	100,9	..	0,0	..
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,30	101,6	101,6	..	0,0	..
Parts and accessories	1,26	101,7	101,7	..	0,0	..
Other transport equipment	0,48	100,2	100,2	96,6	0,0	+3,7
2.22 Furniture	1,08	101,3	101,3	96,7	0,0	+4,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,87	105,6	105,6	..	0,0	..
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,56	97,3	98,4	89,3	-1,1	+9,0
3.1 Electricity	4,83	96,5	97,8	88,1	-1,3	+9,5
3.2 Gas and water	0,73	102,4	102,4	96,3	0,0	+6,3

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS (CONCLUDED)
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
ALL GROUPS	100,00	103,1	102,1	94,4	+1,0	+9,2
South African	100,00	103,1	102,1	94,4	+1,0	+9,2
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	18,61	105,8	102,2	96,7	+3,5	+9,4
1.1 Agriculture	9,80	108,2	102,1	99,6	+6,0	+8,6
1.1.1 Food	9,34	109,0	102,5	98,9	+6,3	+10,2
Grain	1,83	106,3	105,3	84,6	+0,9	+25,7
Sugar cane	0,68	96,5	96,7	95,7	-0,2	+0,8
Oil seeds	0,33	100,0	100,0	105,8	0,0	-5,5
Vegetables and dried beans	0,92	125,4	101,9	76,0	+23,1	+65,0
Fruit	0,60	160,6	154,5	142,2	+3,9	+12,9
Meat	3,26	104,4	96,3	113,1	+8,4	-7,7
Milk and eggs	1,33	100,5	95,4	93,9	+5,3	+7,0
Other	0,39	100,0	100,0	92,1	0,0	+18,6
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,46	92,3	92,8	106,3	-0,5	-13,2
1.2 Forestry	2,68	99,2	99,4	92,4	-0,2	+7,4
1.3 Fishing	0,24	100,0	100,0	95,4	0,0	+4,8
1.4 Mining and quarrying	5,89	105,0	103,9	93,0	+1,1	+12,9
Coal	2,35	107,6	108,7	87,5	-1,0	+23,0
Metal ores	1,00	102,3	97,2	..	+5,2	..
Other minerals	2,54	103,8	102,0	..	+1,8	..
2. MANUFACTURING	74,23	103,0	102,5	94,3	+0,5	+9,2
South African	74,23	103,0	102,5	94,3	+0,5	+9,2
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	11,10	106,1	103,7	101,5	+2,3	+4,5
Meat	2,09	109,1	102,4	..	+6,5	..
Fresh meat	1,57	111,5	102,7	113,2	+8,6	-1,5
Meat products	0,52	101,7	101,5	97,9	+0,2	+3,9
Fish and fish products	0,35	105,4	105,4	92,7	0,0	+13,7
Fruit and vegetable products	0,70	101,4	101,0	98,8	+0,4	+2,6
Fats and oils	0,86	101,9	101,9	95,8	0,0	+6,4
Milk products	0,61	101,3	101,4	94,6	-0,1	+7,1
Grain mill products	2,14	109,8	106,3	..	+3,3	..
Sugar	0,58	100,2	99,9	95,5	+0,3	+4,9
Coffee and tea	0,24	104,4	104,4	..	0,0	..
Other	3,53	106,7	105,0	..	+1,6	..
2.2 Beverages	3,86	100,5	100,5	91,8	0,0	+9,5
Alcoholic	3,00	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
Non-alcoholic	0,86	101,4	101,4	..	0,0	..
2.3 Tobacco products	0,72	103,3	103,3	83,1	0,0	+24,3
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,86	105,0	104,6	92,5	+0,4	+13,5
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,81	105,1	104,6	..	+0,5	..
Other textiles	1,05	104,7	104,5	..	+0,2	..
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,48	101,2	100,9	96,4	+0,3	+5,0
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,58	101,6	101,5	..	+0,1	..
Wearing apparel	1,90	101,1	100,7	..	+0,4	..
Men's and boys' clothing	0,89	101,6	101,2	..	+0,4	..
Women's and girls' clothing	0,95	100,4	100,0	..	+0,4	..
Other, including articles of fur	0,06	104,3	103,3	..	+1,0	..
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,26	101,1	101,1	96,6	0,0	+4,7
2.7 Footwear	0,95	104,8	104,8	95,1	0,0	+10,2
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,33	102,8	102,8	94,1	0,0	+9,2
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,67	104,4	104,4	..	0,0	..
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,66	101,1	101,1	..	0,0	..
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,63	111,3	111,3	87,4	0,0	+27,3
Paper and paper products	3,10	115,2	115,2	87,9	0,0	+31,1
Publishing and printing	1,53	103,4	103,4	..	0,0	..
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	6,10	98,1	96,9	93,8	+1,2	+4,6
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	7,15	103,0	102,9	91,6	+0,1	+12,4
Basic chemicals	3,46	104,6	104,6	..	0,0	..
Fertilizers	0,54	100,7	100,7	..	0,0	..
Other	2,92	105,3	105,3	..	0,0	..
Other chemical products	3,69	101,5	101,5	..	0,0	..
Pharmaceutical products	0,87	100,7	100,7	..	0,0	..
Other	2,82	101,7	101,6	..	+0,1	..
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,61	104,4	104,4	91,7	0,0	+13,8
Rubber products	0,84	102,9	102,9	93,4	0,0	+10,2
Plastic products	1,77	105,1	105,1	88,5	0,0	+18,8

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	Weight	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,86	102,3	102,3	94,1	0,0	+8,7
Glass and glass products	0,49	101,0	101,0	93,8	0,0	+7,7
Other	2,37	102,6	102,6	94,1	0,0	+9,0
2.14 Basic metals	4,79	102,7	102,7	91,6	0,0	+12,1
Ferrous	3,67	103,6	103,6	90,7	0,0	+14,2
Non-ferrous	1,12	100,0	100,0	94,0	0,0	+6,4
2.15 Metal products	4,23	100,7	100,7	93,7	0,0	+7,5
Structural metal products	1,90	100,1	100,1	..	0,0	..
Other	2,33	101,2	101,2	..	0,0	..
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	4,70	101,1	101,1	93,7	0,0	+7,9
General purpose machinery	0,81	100,8	100,8	..	0,0	..
Special purpose machinery	3,39	101,3	101,3	..	0,0	..
Household appliances	0,50	100,9	100,9	..	0,0	..
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,13	102,0	102,0	92,9	0,0	+9,8
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,56	100,9	100,9	..	0,0	..
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,33	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
Insulated wire and cable	0,66	104,2	104,2	..	0,0	..
Other	0,58	101,8	101,8	..	0,0	..
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,19	100,2	100,2	..	0,0	..
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,13	104,3	104,3	96,8	0,0	+7,7
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,10	104,6	104,6	..	0,0	..
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	103,6	103,6	..	0,0	..
2.21 Transport equipment	7,83	101,0	101,0	92,8	0,0	+8,8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	7,35	101,1	101,1	92,7	0,0	+9,1
Motor vehicles	5,60	100,9	100,9	..	0,0	..
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,26	101,6	101,6	..	0,0	..
Parts and accessories	1,49	101,7	101,7	..	0,0	..
Other transport equipment	0,48	100,2	100,2	96,7	0,0	+3,6
2.22 Furniture	1,36	101,3	101,3	96,7	0,0	+4,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,96	106,6	106,6	..	0,0	..
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	7,16	97,2	98,4	89,4	-1,2	+8,7
3.1 Electricity	6,20	96,4	97,7	88,1	-1,3	+9,4
3.2 Gas and water	0,96	102,4	102,4	96,3	0,0	+6,3

TABLE 2.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR MATERIALS USED IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
Building and construction	102,6	102,5	93,5	+0,1	+9,7
Building industries	102,9	102,8	93,3	+0,1	+10,3
Civil engineering	101,4	101,2	95,4	+0,2	+6,3
Mechanical engineering	103,3	103,2	95,3	+0,1	+8,4
Electrical engineering	101,1	101,1	94,8	0,0	+6,6

TABLE 2.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
Wool, auction prices, 18 types	77,4	83,7	102,3	-7,5	-24,3
Coal, bituminous	107,5	108,6	88,0	-1,0	+22,2
Coal, bituminous - for local sales	100,5	105,1	86,7	-4,4	+15,9
- Cobbles, grade A	106,2	106,5	..	-0,3	..
- Cobbles, grade B	99,3	99,3	..	0,0	..
- Large nuts, grade A	113,9	100,7	..	+13,1	..
- Large nuts, grade B	110,0	110,0	..	0,0	..
- Small nuts, grade A	109,0	109,0	..	0,0	..
- Small nuts, grade B	100,0	100,0	..	0,0	..
- Peas, grade A	101,5	100,8	..	+0,7	..
- Peas, grade B	105,5	102,8	..	+2,6	..
Anthracite - for local sales
- Grade SP	92,0	91,6	..	+0,4	..
- Grade A	92,2	91,6	..	+0,7	..
Wood products, excluding minewood	101,6	101,6	94,5	0,0	+7,5
SA Pine, kiln dried	100,0	100,0	93,4	0,0	+7,1
Paper, newsprint	133,7	133,7	88,8	0,0	+50,6
Kraft paper	116,1	115,6	99,9	+0,4	+16,2
Boxes, corrugated cardboard	109,8	109,8	99,6	0,0	+10,2
Leather, bovine hide	97,7	97,7	93,1	0,0	+4,9
Rubber crude	101,1	101,1	88,5	0,0	+14,2
- Natural	100,0	100,0	85,8	0,0	+16,6
- Synthetic	102,2	102,2	94,5	0,0	+8,1
- Synthetic - local	102,3	102,3	94,5	0,0	+8,3
Tyres and tubes	101,4	101,1	92,8	+0,3	+9,3
Plastic bottles	97,6	97,6	93,7	0,0	+4,2
Plastic, bulk forms	104,0	104,0	89,5	0,0	+16,2
Sulphuric acid	98,4	98,4	81,3	0,0	+21,0
Glycerine	99,1	99,1	94,9	0,0	+4,4
Paints	104,4	104,4	86,6	0,0	+20,6
Foam insulation materials	103,7	103,7	92,4	0,0	+12,2
- Polyurethane	107,1	107,1	90,9	0,0	+17,8
- Polystyrene	100,0	100,0	94,3	0,0	+6,0
Petro-chemical building materials	101,2	101,3	91,3	-0,1	+10,8
Waterproofing	100,5	100,5	89,3	0,0	+12,5
Resilient floor coverings	100,9	100,9	94,3	0,0	+7,0
Petrol, 93 octane - Coast	91,1	92,1	93,8	-1,1	-2,9
- Witwatersrand	91,1	92,1	94,1	-1,1	-3,2
Diesel oil - Coast	98,6	95,3	95,4	+3,5	+3,4
- Witwatersrand	98,6	95,3	95,7	+3,5	+3,0
Transformer oil	100,5	99,7	110,7	+0,8	-9,2
Bitumen	99,7	100,0	83,1	-0,3	+20,0
Tar	98,9	103,6	93,1	-4,5	+6,2
Bricks - Stock	101,5	101,5	91,9	0,0	+10,4
- Face	113,6	113,6	92,4	0,0	+22,9
Sand	102,7	100,0	95,1	+2,7	+8,0
Aggregated crushed stone	103,6	103,6	94,4	0,0	+9,7
Cement	101,9	101,9	93,6	0,0	+8,9
Ordinary and extended cement	103,2	103,2	93,7	0,0	+10,1
Natural stone, cut and sawn	101,6	101,4	97,1	+0,2	+4,6
Glass, for building industry	108,6	108,6	91,1	0,0	+19,2

TABLE 2.2 PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1994
Ironmongery	100,6	100,6	96,0	0,0	+4,8
Drainage	100,0	100,0	93,6	0,0	+6,8
Plumbing	100,0	100,0	92,4	0,0	+8,2
Ceramic and encaustic wall and floor tile, and mosaics	100,1	100,1	99,0	0,0	+1,1
Ceiling materials	100,5	100,5	97,9	0,0	+2,7
Partitioning materials	100,5	100,5	94,5	0,0	+6,3
Fibrous insulation - Preformed pipe sections	100,0	100,0	96,1	0,0	+4,1
- Batten board	100,0	100,0	95,5	0,0	+4,7
- Mattresses	100,0	100,0	95,5	0,0	+4,7
- Ceiling insulation	100,0	100,0	89,5	0,0	+11,7
Insulator, porcelain	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Containers, glass	101,5	101,5	92,9	0,0	+9,3
Billets, mild steel	100,0	100,0	86,3	0,0	+15,9
Angles, mild steel	100,0	100,0	91,7	0,0	+9,1
Structural steel, unworked	100,0	100,0	90,8	0,0	+10,1
Reinforcing steel	104,8	104,8	95,0	0,0	+10,3
Plate, mild steel	101,3	101,3	94,0	0,0	+7,8
Sheet, uncoated	100,0	100,0	93,2	0,0	+7,3
Sheet, galvanized	100,0	100,0	91,8	0,0	+8,9
Flimplate	100,0	100,0	87,0	0,0	+14,9
Steel tubes, pipes and fittings	101,4	101,4	94,2	0,0	+7,6
Copper, basic forms	100,0	100,0	93,9	0,0	+6,5
Aluminium - Anodising	100,0	100,0	89,3	0,0	+12,0
- Basic forms	99,6	99,6	89,7	0,0	+11,0
- Extruded products	100,0	100,0	88,3	0,0	+13,3
- Sheet	100,0	100,0	84,4	0,0	+18,5
Bearings, ball and roller	98,9	98,9	93,3	0,0	+6,0
Electrical contracting materials	105,5	105,5	93,3	0,0	+13,1
Construction machinery (excluding trucks)	100,2	100,2	97,2	0,0	+3,1
Trucks	98,3	98,3	95,8	0,0	+2,6
Mining machinery	101,1	101,1	94,4	0,0	+7,1
Rubber industry's indices:					
Natural rubber (imported)	89,5	89,5	85,6	0,0	+4,6
SBR tyres 1500 (local)	146,4	146,4	99,9	0,0	+46,5
Acrylonitrile butadiene rubber KRYNOL 805	100,0	100,0	76,0	0,0	+31,6
Polychloroprene rubber WRI type (imported)	100,0	100,0	79,5	0,0	+25,8
Carbon black - N774 (local)	100,0	100,0	88,6	0,0	+12,9
- N660	105,4	105,4	91,8	0,0	+14,8
Accelerator GRAC NS (local)	106,8	106,8	100,0	0,0	+6,8
Anti oxidant GROX - HR (local)	108,3	108,3	100,0	0,0	+8,3
- Q	114,6	114,6	96,1	0,0	+19,3
Anti-ozonant ORHLEX PP (local)	116,7	116,7	125,1	0,0	-6,7
Bulk yarn - Nylon	105,5	105,5	87,3	0,0	+20,8
- Cotton	103,9	103,9	90,8	0,0	+14,4
Stearic acid (local)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Plasticiser DDBP (local)	122,3	122,3	70,4	0,0	+73,7
Coumarone indene resin (imported)	100,0	100,0	92,9	0,0	+7,6
Chlorobutyl rubber (imported)	101,0	101,0	91,2	0,0	+10,7
IPDM Vistalon 5600 (imported)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Zinc oxide	100,0	100,0	94,3	0,0	+6,0
Synthetic rubber - 1502	110,2	110,2	78,7	0,0	+40,0
- 1712	109,2	109,2	85,0	0,0	+28,5
Polybutadiene	107,8	107,8	80,3	0,0	+34,2
Processing oil	105,4	105,4	91,7	0,0	+14,9
Bead wire	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Steel cord wire	118,5	118,5	100,0	0,0	+18,5
Nylon fabric - 940 X 2	103,3	103,3	98,8	0,0	+4,6
- 1400 X 2	103,1	103,1	95,3	0,0	+8,2
Rayon fabric - 1840 X 2	104,9	104,9	98,7	0,0	+6,3

ITEM	INDICES		
	Jul. 1995	Aug. 1995	Sep. 1995
Coal, bituminous - for local sales			
- Cobbles, grade A	100,0	100,0	101,8
- Cobbles, grade B	99,8	99,6	99,4
- Large nuts, grade A	100,2	100,3	100,6
- Large nuts, grade B	100,1	100,1	106,7
- Small nuts, grade A	102,3	104,6	98,6
- Small nuts, grade B	100,0	100,0	100,0
- Peas, grade A	100,1	100,2	100,8
- Peas, grade B	100,3	100,5	100,3
Anthracite - for local sales			
- Grade SP	91,7	91,8	92,1
- Grade A	91,7	91,8	92,1

TABLE 3 - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES

DESCRIPTION	Dec. 1995	Nov. 1995 *	Oct. 1995 *	Sep. 1995 *	Aug. 1995 *	Jul. 1995 *
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	102,9	101,9	101,4	100,5	100,0	99,9
Locally produced commodities	103,8	102,4	101,8	100,7	100,2	100,0
Imported commodities	100,5	100,0	100,3	99,7	99,6	99,4
Output of South African industry						
Total output	104,0	102,8	101,9	100,9	100,2	99,9
For South African consumption	103,8	102,4	101,8	100,7	100,2	100,0
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	106,7	100,4	100,4	97,9	97,4	99,9
Tobacco and Beverages	103,6	102,8	101,9	100,3	99,4	98,6
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	105,4	105,0	104,3	103,7	102,3	100,8
Machinery and Transport equipment	101,6	100,8	100,5	100,4	99,7	100,7
Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water	103,0	103,0	101,9	101,1	100,9	100,4
Basic metals and Metal products	103,5	103,0	101,5	101,3	100,6	99,9
Food	104,9	103,0	101,7	100,7	99,5	99,8
Total Manufacturing	103,6	102,8	102,0	101,2	100,4	100,1
Total South African	103,8	102,4	101,8	100,7	100,2	100,0

TABLE 3 - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES (CONCLUDED)

DESCRIPTION	Jun. 1995 *	May 1995 *	Apr. 1995 *	Mar. 1995 *	Feb. 1995 *	Jan. 1995 *
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	99,9	99,5	98,9	97,9	97,1	96,2
Locally produced commodities	99,9	99,5	98,8	97,8	97,2	96,2
Imported commodities	99,9	99,8	99,4	98,2	96,8	96,7
Output of South African industry						
Total output	99,8	99,4	98,7	97,5	96,7	95,8
South African consumption	99,9	99,5	98,8	97,8	97,2	96,2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	100,5	102,4	103,6	102,6	102,7	101,2
Tobacco and Beverages	98,9	98,1	96,7	97,3	94,6	94,5
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	99,7	98,7	98,1	97,9	95,8	95,2
Machinery and Transport equipment	99,9	99,0	97,7	97,0	95,6	94,3
Electricity, Gas and Water	99,5	99,2	96,9	95,7	94,4	93,6
Basic metals and Metal products	99,3	98,4	97,6	96,6	96,2	94,5
Total Manufacturing	100,5	101,4	101,7	101,7	102,8	101,4
Total South African	99,9	99,5	98,8	97,8	97,2	96,2

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NOTES**1. WEIGHTING BASIS**

TABLE 1.1: Commodities for South African consumption

- Value of South African production, excluding exports plus imports

TABLE 1.2: Output of South African industry groups
- Total output

- Value of South African production

- For South African consumption

- Value of South African production minus exports

TABLE 2.1: Materials used in certain industries

- Value of materials used

The weighting structure that is used to calculate the civil engineering plant index and the civil engineering material index has been revised with effect from February 1993. This revision is based on a survey conducted by SAFCEC.

2. PRICING BASIS

All indices are based on producer prices at the point of production in the case of commodities produced in South Africa, and wholesale prices "ex-warehouse", in the case of imported commodities. Prices "delivered" or "free on rail" are accepted if this is the normal basis of quotation. Price information refers to the first seven days of the relevant month. General sales tax is excluded but can be accounted for by multiplying a particular index by 1,04 prior to March 1982; 1,05 from March 1982; 1,06 from September 1982; 1,07 from February 1984; 1,10 from July 1984; 1,12 from April 1985; and 1,13 from April 1989. Value added tax can be added by multiplying the relevant index by 1,10 from October 1991; and by 1,14 from April 1993.

THE PRICES OF ALL ITEMS EXCLUDE GST/VAT.

Further details are provided in the *Bulletin of Statistics* and the annual statistical release on production prices of commodities (P0142.3).

SYMBOLS USED

- .. = not available.
- = nil or not applicable.
- * = revised since previous publication.