# P2041 Mining: production and sales April 2003

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# Key figures regarding mining production as at the end of April 2003

Actual estimates	April 2003	% change between April 2002 and April 2003	% change between February 2002 to April 2002 and February 2003 to April 2003	% change between January 2002 to April 2002 and January 2003 to April 2003
Index of the physical volume of mining production				•
Gold	87,6	-5,2%	-4,2%	-4,0%
Non-gold minerals	106,6	+1,2%	+6,5%	+4,2%
Total	101,7	-0,3%	+3,9%	+2,2%

Seasonally adjusted
estimates
Index of the physical
volume of mining
production
Gold
Non-gold minerals
Total

% change between March 2003 and April 2003	% change between November 2002 to January 2003 and February 2003 to April 2003
+1,5% +2,2%	-2,8% +6,7% + <b>4,4%</b>
	between March 2003 and April 2003

# Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of April 2003

## Mining production increases

Total mining production for the three months ended April 2003, after seasonal adjustment, reflected an increase of 4,4% compared with the previous three months.

The increase of 4,4% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 6,7% in the production of non-gold minerals during the three months ended April 2003 compared with the previous three months. However, this increase was partially counteracted by a decrease of 2,8% in gold production during the same period. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 6,7% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum, iron ore and diamond mines.

# Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of March 2003

#### Mineral sales decrease

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the first quarter of 2003 reflected a decrease of 14,5% compared with the last quarter of 2002. Furthermore, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the first quarter of 2003 reflected a decrease of 11,9% compared with the first quarter of 2002.

The decrease of 14,5% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the first quarter of 2003 compared with the last quarter of 2002 can be attributed to a decrease of 15,5% (-R3 885,5 million) in sales of non-gold minerals and a decrease of 11,8% (-R1 140,7 million) in sales of gold.

The 11,9% decrease in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the first quarter of 2003 compared with the first quarter of 2002 was mainly due to a decrease of 14,8% (-R1 507,7million) in sales of gold and a decrease of 10,6% (-R2 494,1 million) in sales of non-gold minerals. The decrease of 10,6% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to decreases of 37,0% (-R210,0 million) in sales of copper, 34,5% (-R342,5 million) in sales of 'other' metallic minerals and 21,2% (-R273,6 million) in sales of iron ore (cf. Table B).

Table B - Contribution by the different mining divisions to the total mineral sales.

Mining division	Percentage contribution to mineral sales during January 2002 to March 2002	Quarterly percentage change between January 2002 to March 2002 and January 2003 to March 2003	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/	Difference in total mineral sales between January 2002 to March 2002 and January 2003 to March 2003 R million
Gold	30,3	-14,8	-4,5	-1 507,7
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	3,8	-21,2	-0,8	-273,6
Copper	1,7	-37,0	-0,6	-210,0
Manganese ore	1,1	2,1	0,0	7,8
Chromium	0,9	-6,5	0,0	-18,5
Platinum	26,8	-14,5	-3,9	-1 309,1
Nickel	1,7	2,4	0,0	13,9
Other metallic minerals	3,0	-34,5	-1,0	-342,5
Coal	22,1	-11,8	-2,6	-881,1
Building materials	2,2	0,8	0,0	5,9
Other non-metallic	6,4	23,4	1,5	513,1
Total non-gold minerals	69,7	-10,6	-7,4	-2 494,1
Total minerals	100,0	-11,9	-11,9	-4 001,8

<sup>1/</sup> The contribution to the percentage change in sales is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change of each mineral with the percentage contribution to total mineral sales during January 2002 to March 2002, divided by 100.

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# Notes

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	December 2003	10 February 2004
Purpose of the survey	sample of mining estal survey are used to calcu	roduction and sales survey is a country-wide sample survey covering a blishments operating in the South African economy. The results of this slate physical volume of mining production indices in order to estimate the (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor

# Additional information

## **Explanatory notes**

#### Introduction

- Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) publishes monthly information regarding the mining industry on the basis of mining production figures and mineral sales furnished by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy. This statistical release contains detailed information regarding indices of the physical volume of mining production and the total value of mineral sales according to mining divisions and mineral groups on a monthly basis.
- In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be re-based every five years to a new base year. The base year of the index of the physical volume of mining production has been changed from 1995=100 to 2000=100. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.
- 3 Due to mining production figures being available earlier than mineral sales figures, mining production indices are published one month earlier than mineral sales.
- 4 The value of mineral sales is calculated, in general, on a free-on-rail/free-on-board basis.
- In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month may have been estimated due to late response. These estimates will be revised in future statistical release(s) as soon as more up-to-date information is available.

#### Scope of the survey

- 6 This survey covers mining establishments conducting activities regarding -
  - the extracting, dressing and beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, for example solids such as coal and ores.

#### Classification

The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division, major group and subgroup level. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the establishment (branch).

#### Statistical unit

The basic statistical unit for the collection of information is the mining establishment. An establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry (cf. paragraph 7).

#### Weighting

9 The weights which are used to aggregate minerals to mineral groups and mineral groups to total mining, are based on the value of production derived from detailed information for 2000 supplied by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.

#### Seasonal adjustment

Seasonally adjusted estimates of all items are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month.

Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

#### Reliability of estimates

Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Figures for the latest month are preliminary.

#### Historical data

More comprehensive detail on the method of calculation and historical data in respect of the production indices according to mining mineral groups for the period January 1990 to November 2002 is available in statistical release P2041.1, entitled Mining statistics: Indices of the physical volume of mining production, Base: 2000=100, January 1990 to November 2002, published on 11 February 2003 on the Stats SA website www.statssa.gov.za.

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# Glossary

Free-on-rail Free-on-rail relates to goods sold on the local market where no railage or road transport costs are

involved.

Free-on-board basis Free-on-board relates to goods destined for the export market. Railage, road transport and

docking charges are involved but no charges are made for the transport by sea.

Index of physical volume of mining production

The index of physical volume of mining production or a production index is a statistical measure of the change in the volume of production. The production index of a mineral group is the ratio between the volume of production of a mineral group in a given period and the volume of production of the same mineral group in the base period. The current base period is 2000. The

production in the base period is set at 100.

Industry An industry consists of a group of establishments engaged in the same or similar kinds of

economic activity. Industries are defined in the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the same way as in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) of all Economic Activities, Fifth Edition of

May 1993.

Sales Sales are the total value of sales and transfers-out of goods mined by the mining establishments

and the amounts received for installation, erection or assembly or other services rendered.

Weight The weight of a mineral group is the ratio of the production of a mineral group to the total

production of the mining industry. The weight of a mineral group reflects the importance of the mineral group in the total mining industry. The weights change over time due to quality changes

and changes in relative prices. New weights need to be calculated from time to time.

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Table 1 - Index of the physical volume of mining production including gold (Base 2000=100)

Month	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*	2003						
	Actual indices												
J	97,6	99,1	92,6	93,8	95 <b>,</b> 0	89,0	85,8*						
F	103,1	101,5	99,0	99,3	96,8	94,2	103,8*						
M	101,8	103,8	104,8	100,0	102,3	99,1	101,4*						
A	100,9	99,8	96,2	95,0	98,9	102,0	101,7						
M	106,3	100,3	104,5	95,7	103,6	103,0							
J	110,2	108,8	103,7	106,8	108,4	105,5							
J	105,0	101,8	102,5	96,9	93,5	100,4							
A	107,5	104,1	98,4	102,1	115,2	107,1							
S	107,1	104,2	104,4	104,9	98,4	108,1							
0	105,0	109,3	104,2	100,0	105,1	106,8							
N	108,9	106,8	107,0	105,5	102,6	107,1							
D	102,8	103,2	100,9	100,2	97,2	107,2							
Year	104,7	103,6	101,5	100,0	101,4	102,5							
				Seasonally ad	justed indice	s							
 J	100,1	101,7	97 <b>,</b> 9	102,1	103,9	97,1	93,0						
F	99,5	101,1	100,0	103,3	101,0	98,8	109,8						
M	96,5	99,8	101,8	99,5	102,3	99,3	101,8						
A	101,0	101,6	96,9	98,1	101,6	104,7	103,8						
M	103,8	98,4	103,5	95,3	103,2	102,5							
J	102,6	103,5	98,0	101,4	102,7	99,9							
J	102,5	99,3	104,1	99,2	96,1	103,3							
A	101,6	98,6	95,9	99,9	112,3	104,1							
S	100,7	99,9	100,0	104,3	97,7	107,4							
0	99,0	105,1	100,4	96,2	100,7	102,5							
N	102,1	101,2	103,0	101,6	99,1	103,5							
D	100,0	101,9	100,5	99,5	95,2	105,5							

Table 2 - Index of the physical volume of mining production excluding gold (Base 2000=100)

Month	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*	2003
				Actual indices			
J	94,0	94,5	90,6	94,4	98,3	89,6	86,2*
F	97,3	97,8	96,1	96,4	98,6	95,8	109,9*
M	92,0	101,5	98,6	97,9	104,4	101,0	105,3*
A	95,9	98,6	91,6	94,1	102,2	105,3	106,6
M	100,8	99,5	105,1	96,6	108,9	107,1	
J	107,7	106,4	100,7	107,5	112,5	109,1	
J	101,3	99,4	103,5	97,6	93,7	104,2	
A	101,5	100,3	97,1	101,7	124,5	111,1	
s	98,7	99,7	100,6	105,1	99,7	111,3	
0	99,4	110,8	104,6	100,6	110,2	111,9	
N	99,9	104,5	107,7	107,4	106,8	112,4	
D	94,6	96,3	97,2	100,8	97,7	111,1	
Year	98,6	100,8	99,5	100,0	104,8	105,8	
				Seasonally adju	sted indices		
 J	95,8	96,4	95,4	102,4	107,5	97,9	93,5
F	94,5	98,3	98,0	100,9	103,4	101,0	117,0
м	89,7	98,0	98,2	98,2	105,2	102,1	106,5
A	96,3	100,0	93,0	97,1	105,1	108,3	108,8
м	98,6	96,2	102,4	94,8	107,1	105,3	
J	99,2	101,3	95,6	101,6	106,1	102,9	
J	98,5	95,9	104,2	99,5	95,8	106,8	
A	97,1	95,6	95,4	99,8	121,6	108,1	
s	95,5	97,7	98,3	106,3	100,6	112,3	
0	94,1	104,9	99,4	95,4	104,3	106,1	
N	96,0	99,3	103,1	102,9	102,4	107,9	
D	95,8	99,1	99,8	101,3	96,4	110,1	

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

Table 3 - Indices of physical volume of mining production according to major divisions, major groups and minerals (Base 2000=100)

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       Minerals	    Weights		Actual	indices		Season indice	ally ad:	justed   
minerals	Weights	2002	200	3	2002	200	3	2002
		2002	Apr.	Mar.*	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	   Apr.
Total, gold included	100,0	102,4	101,7	101,4	102,0	103,8	101,8	104,7
Total, gold excluded	74,3	105,8	106,6	105,3	105,3	108,8	106,5	108,3
  Gold	   25,7	92,6	87,6	90,0	92 <b>,</b> 4	89,4	88,1	94,4
Iron ore	3,1	109,2	118,8	114,4	102,0	123,3	116,5	106,1
Chrome	1,1	96,6	107,2	103,6	91,2	112,5	111,4	95,8
Copper	1,6	94,7	100,0	106,0	94,8	96,5	104,2	90,9
Manganese ore	1,3	92,3	95,2	88,8	78,0	98,8	90,3	81,2
Platinum	27,6	115,9	123,2	121,2	114,8	123,9	120,3	116,5
Nickel	2,0	105,3	91,6	106,8	95,6	97,5	111,1	102,0
Other metallic minerals	2,9	99,6	94,8	79,6	102,0	94,2	78,1	101,4
  Diamonds	   8,4	100,1	108,8	92,4	92,8	109,6	99,8	93,4
Coal	20,0	-	88,8	-	106,0	-	-	112,4
Building materials	2,6	99,5	93,6	90,8	92,4	95,7	95,2	93,9
Other non-metallic minerals	3,8	91,6	95,2	95,6	98,8	96,1	100,8	99,1

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

Table 4 - Total value of mineral sales including gold (R million)

Month	199	7	1	L998	1	999	2	2000	2	2001	:	2002*		2003
Actual values														
J	6 44	7,8	5	577,2	6	098,8	6	244,1	9	241,5	11	384,2	9	952,8*
F	5 15	9,4	5	316,4	5	763,6	7	115,7	9	711,7	10	637,2	10	021,0*
м	4 93	6,6	5	547,6	6	445,1	8	958,5	8	134,9	11	605,2	9	651,0
A	5 57	6,8	5	662,1	5	706,5	7	521,3	8	554,2	11	174,3		
M	5 30	9,0	5	433,1	5	702,9	8	222,7	9	675,9	12	130,7		
J	5 44	5,9	6	017,2	6	391,3	8	222,5	10	640,7	11	622,2		
J	5 78	0,3	6	669,1	5	996,1	7	640,3	10	155,2	10	720,9		
A	5 54	6,2	6	318,5	6	852,9	8	223,4	9	593,5	11	597,7		
s	5 56	8,2	6	066,8	6	548,3	8	568,9	8	718,6	12	075,0		
0	6 02	6,1	6	446,0	6	005,9	8	317,6	10	012,7	12	643,4		
N	5 13	8,0	5	994,9	7	573,0	9	828,5	9	638,4	11	150,2		
D	5 38	6,9	6	343,0	7	346,9	9	474,9	11	340,1	10	773,8		
Year	66 31	4,0	71	391,9	76	431,3	98	338,4	115	417,4	137	514,8		
							Seasona	ally ad	ljusted	values				
J	6 19	2,4	 6	068,1	5	995,6	6	182,1	9	197,4	11	 398 <b>,</b> 7	9	876,3
F	5 37	6,2	5	950,6	5	884,9	7	175,3	9	800,3	10	727,4	10	022,3
м	4 92	8,4	5	580,6	6	473,1	9	459,2	8	073,6	11	526,3	9	829,7
A	5 60	3,0	6	539,8	5	922,5	7	761,9	8	981,1	11	939,9		
М	5 35	8,4	5	533,0	5	808,0	8	213,2	9	638,2	11	986,7		
J	5 48	0,1	5	905,1	6	189,3	7	753,5	9	942,0	10	866,4		
J	5 55	3,2	6	452,3	5	897,4	7	587,4	10	683,1	10	933,6		
A	5 47	0,0	6	270,3	6	801,7	8	277,1	9	593,3	11	636,1		
s	5 62	6,9	6	135,3	6	771,9	8	639,3	8	773,5	12	260,0		
0	5 70	3,9	6	304,8	5	985,1	8	482,9	10	159,9	12	966,8		
N	5 28	1,6	6	123,3	7	692,3	9	986,6	9	787,2	11	382,1		
D	5 54	2,2	6	328,8	7	161,3	9	050,1	10	867,1	10	405,6		

Table 5 - Total value of mineral sales excluding gold (R million)

Month	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*	2003				
Actual values											
J	3 394,4	3 737,4	4 033,9	4 476,9	7 181,9	7 999,5	6 815,2*				
F	3 280,4	3 579,7	3 801,6	4 963,8	7 720,8	7 371,0	7 212,3*				
M	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 938,7	6 688,4	5 912,0	8 076,9	6 925,9				
A	3 441,4	3 779,7	3 802,4	5 790,2	6 748,0	7 461,3					
M	3 245,0	3 677,1	3 826,7	6 166,9	7 139,7	8 604,7					
J	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 413,3	5 908,5	8 245,9	8 020,6					
J	3 429,2	4 285,6	4 061,6	5 700,6	7 788,5	7 285,6					
A	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 956,0	5 892,6	6 949,6	8 029,4					
S	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 480,8	6 479,6	6 226,4	8 522,1					
0	3 566,2	4 175,0	3 947,8	6 047,1	6 984,6	8 841,1					
N	3 332,1	3 955,1	5 038,1	7 529,4	6 963,8	8 072,5					
D	3 583,1	4 092,9	5 139,7	7 422,4	8 544,7	7 844,1					
Year	41 236,8	47 096,9	51 440,6	73 066,4	86 405,9	96 128,8					
				Seasonally ad	justed values						
J	3 242,3	4 258,8	3 954,2	4 433,0	7 182,3	8 122,1	6 855,3				
F	3 300,7	4 074,0	3 808,0	4 933,3	7 758,8	7 400,3	7 168,3				
M	3 131,0	3 739,8	4 000,4	7 255,0	5 927,1	8 124,3	7 200,3				
A	3 469,7	4 602,5	3 878,8	5 830,7	6 911,7	7 624,8					
M	3 238,1	3 703,7	3 843,2	6 069,2	7 009,8	8 356,6					
J	3 531,2	3 904,6	4 177,2	5 472,9	7 622,1	7 404,6					
J	3 418,7	4 239,4	4 056,1	5 682,9	8 301,9	7 433,8					
A	3 538,5	4 138,9	4 966,9	6 026,0	7 054,2	8 221,5					
s	3 645,5	3 934,9	4 711,2	6 565,4	6 293,7	8 707,6					
0	3 563,3	4 292,4	4 120,1	6 402,2	7 380,1	9 493,8					
N	3 365,8	3 983,4	5 079,6	7 629,4	7 050,6	8 234,6					
D	3 693,0	4 056,4	4 942,0	6 973,1	8 009,8	7 381,0					

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

Table 6 - Total value of mineral sales according to major divisions, major groups and minerals  $(R \ million)$ 

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	 	Actual value	Seasonally adjuste	d value	
   Minerals	     2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
   	2002   	Mar.   Feb.*	Mar.	Mar.   Feb.	Mar.
Total, gold included	137 514,8	9 651,0 10 021,0	0 11 605,2	9 829,7 10 022,	3 11 526,3
Total, gold excluded	96 128,8	6 925,9 7 212,	3 8 076,9	7 200,3 7 168,	3 8 124,3
  Gold	   41 386,1	   2 725,2 2 808,	7 3 528,3	   2 629,4 2 854,	0 3 402,0
Iron ore	5 108,8	357,4 374,	9 514,6	337,8 389,	6 492,1
Chrome	1 101,2	86,6 83,	1 94,1	90,8 86,	6 99,1
Copper	2 143,3	102,7 133,	1 241,4	86,0 132,	3 202,1
Manganese ore	1 626,4	125,0 81,	2 125,0	133,9 75,	5 130,0
Platinum	34 828,2	2 180,3 2 629,	3 3 063,5	2 140,6 2 655,	1 2 996,6
Nickel	2 639,0	171,9 204,	5 185,0	180,2 201,	3 191,8
Other metallic minerals	4 480,1	226,4 207,	2 394,1	251,7 251,	4 431,9
  Coal	   28 737,1	   2 220,7 2 226,9	9 2 657,1	   2 198,9 2 208,	   0 2 627,9
Building materials	3 203,6	245,4 241,4	4 235,7	254,5 253,	9 244,6
- Granite or norite	849,3	56,6 52,0	0 70,1	64,4 57,	5 80,1
- Lime and limestone	1 049,8	98,1 95,0	6 68,3	100,7 100,	5 69,6
- Other building materials	1 304,2	90,7 93,9	9 97,3	89,4 95,	9 94,9
Other non-metallic minerals	12 260,7	1 209,4 1 030,0	6 566,5	1 525,9 914,	6 708,2

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