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## Key figures regarding mining production as at the end of December 2001

### Actual estimates

|   | December 2001 | % change between December 2000 and December 2001 | % change between October 2000 to December 2000 and October 2001 to December 2001 | % change between January 2000 to December 2000 and January 2001 to December 2001 |
|---|---------------|--|--|--|
| Index of the physical volume of mining production |               |  |  |  |
| Gold  | 80,3          | -0,9%  | -5,2%  | -6,9%  |
| Non-gold minerals                                 | 98,4          | -4,0%  | -1,6%  | +1,5%  |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>90,7</b>   | <b>-2,8%</b>                                     | <b>-2,8%</b>   | <b>-1,5%</b>   |

### Seasonally adjusted estimates

|   | December 2001 | % change between November 2001 and December 2001 | % change between July 2001 to September 2001 and October 2001 to December 2001 |
|---|---------------|--|--|
| Index of the physical volume of mining production |               |  |  |
| Gold  | 76,6          | +4,1%  | -0,6%  |
| Non-gold minerals                                 | 102,3         | -2,4%  | -1,8%  |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>91,4</b>   | <b>-0,1%</b>                                     | <b>-1,4%</b>   |

## Key findings regarding mining production for the year 2001

### Mining production lower than a year ago

*Total mining production for the year 2001 decreased by 1,5% compared with the year 2000*

The decrease of 1,5% in the total mining production was due to a decrease of 6,9% in the production of gold for the year 2001 compared with the year 2000. However, this decrease was partially counteracted by an increase of 1,5% in the production of non-gold minerals during the year 2001 compared with the year 2000.

## Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of December 2001

### Mining production decreases

The total mining production for the fourth quarter of 2001 reflected a decrease of 1,4% after seasonal adjustment compared with the third quarter of 2000. This decrease was mainly due to a seasonally adjusted decrease of 1,8% in the production of non-gold minerals and 0,6% in the production of gold during the fourth quarter of 2001 compared with the third quarter of 2001. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted decrease of 1,8% in the production of non-gold minerals were diamond, iron ore and platinum mines.

### Key figures regarding mineral sales as at the end of November 2001

| <b>Actual estimates</b> | <b>November 2001<br/>R million</b> | <b>% change<br/>between<br/>November 2000<br/>and<br/>November 2001</b> | <b>% change<br/>between<br/>September 2000 to<br/>November 2000<br/>and<br/>September 2001 to<br/>November 2001</b> | <b>% change<br/>between<br/>January 2000 to<br/>November 2000<br/>and<br/>January 2001 to<br/>November 2001</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Mineral sales           |                                    |   |   |   |
| Gold                    | 2 676,1                            | +16,4%  | +13,5%  | +7,2%   |
| Non-gold minerals       | 7 113,0                            | -5,5%   | +2,0%   | +19,1%  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>9 789,2</b>                     | <b>-0,4%</b>  | <b>+4,9%</b>  | <b>+16,0%</b>   |

  

| <b>Seasonally adjusted estimates</b> | <b>November 2001<br/>R million</b> | <b>% change<br/>between<br/>October 2001<br/>and<br/>November 2001</b> | <b>% change<br/>between<br/>June 2001 to<br/>August 2001<br/>and<br/>September 2001 to<br/>November 2001</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mineral sales                        |                                    |  |  |
| Gold                                 | 2 550,1                            | +2,8%  | +6,7%  |
| Non-gold minerals                    | 6 989,7                            | -6,8%  | -7,0%  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>9 539,8</b>                     | <b>-4,5%</b>   | <b>-3,8%</b>   |

### Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of November 2001

#### Mineral sales decreases

*The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended November 2001 reflected a decrease of 3,8% compared with the previous three months. However, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended November 2001 reflected an increase of 4,9% compared with the three months ended November 2000.*

The decrease of 3,8% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months up to November 2001 compared with the previous three months 2001 can mainly be attributed to a decrease of 7,0% in non-gold mineral sales. However, this decrease was partially counteracted by an increase of 6,7% in sales of gold.

The 4,9% increase in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months up to November 2001 compared with the corresponding period of 2000 was mainly due to an increase of 2,0% (+R402,5 million) in non-gold mineral sales and 13,5% (+R898,7 million) in gold sales. The increase of 2,0% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 30,1% (+R247,8 million) in sales of iron ore and 21,9% (+R1 204,7 million) in sales of coal.

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

| <b>Mining division</b>         | <b>Percentage contribution to mineral sales during September 2000 to November 2000</b> | <b>Quarterly percentage change between September 2000 to November 2000 and September 2001 to November 2001</b> | <b>Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/</b> | <b>Difference in total mineral sales between September 2000 to November 2000 and September 2001 to November 2001<br/>R million</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Gold</b>                    | <b>24,9</b>  | <b>13,5</b>  | <b>3,4</b>   | <b>898,7</b>   |
| <b>Non-gold minerals</b>       |  |  |  |  |
| Iron ore                       | 3,1  | 30,1   | 0,9  | 247,8  |
| Copper                         | 2,0  | -13,3  | -0,3   | -70,5  |
| Manganese ore                  | 1,2  | -1,9   | 0,0  | -5,8   |
| Chromium                       | 1,0  | -12,9  | -0,1   | -35,4  |
| Platinum                       | 29,9   | -9,0   | -2,7   | -719,5   |
| Nickel                         | 1,8  | -18,0  | -0,3   | -86,4  |
| Other metallic minerals        | 3,3  | 3,3  | 0,1  | 28,8   |
| Coal                           | 20,6   | 21,9   | 4,5  | 1 204,7  |
| Building materials             | 2,7  | 0,9  | 0,0  | 6,7  |
| Other non-metallic             | 9,5  | -6,6   | -0,6   | -167,9   |
| <b>Total non-gold minerals</b> | <b>75,1</b>  | <b>2,0</b>   | <b>1,5</b>   | <b>402,5</b>   |
| <b>Total minerals</b>          | <b>100,0</b>   | <b>4,9</b>   | <b>4,9</b>   | <b>1 301,2</b>   |

1/ The contribution to the percentage change in sales is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change in the sales of each mineral with the percentage contribution to total mineral sales during September 2000 to November 2000, divided by 100.

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| <b>Purpose of the survey</b> | The monthly mining production and sales survey is a country-wide sample survey covering a sample of mining establishments operating in the South African economy. The results of this survey are used to calculate physical volume of mining production indices in order to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor Government policy. |                                     |

Table 1 - Index of the physical volume of mining production including gold (Base 1995=100)

| Month                       | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Actual indices              |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| J                           | 95,0  | 96,0  | 93,6  | 95,0  | 88,8  | 89,8  | 90,7*  |
| F                           | 99,3  | 98,3  | 98,8  | 97,3  | 94,9  | 96,0  | 93,1*  |
| M                           | 101,1 | 99,1  | 97,6  | 99,5  | 100,5 | 97,4  | 97,1*  |
| A                           | 95,9  | 93,3  | 96,7  | 95,7  | 92,2  | 92,1  | 93,4*  |
| M                           | 96,2  | 97,6  | 101,9 | 96,1  | 100,1 | 92,5  | 96,9*  |
| J                           | 105,1 | 100,8 | 105,7 | 104,3 | 99,4  | 101,7 | 100,3* |
| J                           | 100,2 | 98,6  | 100,6 | 97,6  | 98,2  | 94,6  | 91,3*  |
| A                           | 104,4 | 99,5  | 103,1 | 99,8  | 94,3  | 99,2  | 97,4*  |
| S                           | 104,6 | 98,8  | 102,6 | 99,9  | 100,1 | 100,3 | 94,1*  |
| O                           | 98,9  | 98,7  | 100,6 | 104,7 | 99,9  | 97,1  | 97,9*  |
| N                           | 100,1 | 100,3 | 104,4 | 102,4 | 102,6 | 101,2 | 94,7*  |
| D                           | 99,2  | 98,9  | 98,6  | 98,9  | 96,7  | 93,3  | 90,7   |
| Year                        | 100,0 | 98,3  | 100,4 | 99,3  | 97,3  | 96,3  | 94,8   |
| Seasonally adjusted indices |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| J                           | 99,3  | 101,0 | 99,4  | 101,6 | 95,3  | 96,7  | 97,7   |
| F                           | 100,1 | 99,6  | 100,5 | 99,6  | 97,5  | 99,0  | 96,1   |
| M                           | 100,0 | 97,7  | 96,1  | 98,2  | 99,3  | 96,4  | 96,2   |
| A                           | 99,0  | 96,9  | 100,5 | 99,5  | 95,8  | 95,6  | 96,9   |
| M                           | 97,1  | 98,3  | 102,8 | 96,9  | 101,4 | 93,5  | 97,9   |
| J                           | 103,2 | 98,5  | 102,7 | 100,8 | 95,4  | 97,5  | 96,0   |
| J                           | 100,1 | 98,7  | 100,8 | 97,8  | 99,0  | 95,3  | 92,0   |
| A                           | 101,5 | 96,9  | 100,7 | 97,7  | 92,7  | 97,4  | 96,0   |
| S                           | 101,5 | 95,8  | 99,7  | 97,4  | 97,9  | 98,8  | 92,7   |
| O                           | 98,0  | 97,7  | 98,9  | 102,2 | 96,7  | 93,5  | 94,0   |
| N                           | 97,7  | 97,7  | 101,3 | 99,3  | 99,1  | 97,6  | 91,5   |
| D                           | 101,4 | 100,3 | 99,3  | 99,4  | 96,9  | 94,2  | 91,4   |

Table 2 - Index of the physical volume of mining production excluding gold (Base 1995=100)

| Month                       | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Actual indices              |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| J                           | 94,2  | 98,4  | 99,8  | 100,4 | 96,2  | 100,1 | 104,6* |
| F                           | 97,0  | 97,0  | 103,3 | 103,8 | 102,0 | 101,5 | 105,3* |
| M                           | 98,9  | 100,1 | 97,7  | 107,8 | 104,7 | 104,9 | 109,5* |
| A                           | 95,4  | 95,3  | 101,8 | 104,7 | 97,2  | 100,8 | 106,9* |
| M                           | 99,1  | 100,0 | 107,0 | 105,6 | 111,6 | 104,2 | 114,0* |
| J                           | 108,1 | 104,9 | 114,4 | 113,0 | 106,9 | 113,2 | 115,1* |
| J                           | 100,1 | 103,6 | 107,5 | 105,5 | 109,9 | 107,0 | 101,2* |
| A                           | 105,4 | 102,3 | 107,7 | 106,4 | 103,1 | 109,8 | 115,0* |
| S                           | 106,1 | 104,0 | 104,7 | 105,8 | 106,8 | 111,1 | 105,2* |
| O                           | 96,9  | 101,5 | 105,6 | 117,6 | 111,0 | 109,2 | 114,3* |
| N                           | 100,2 | 102,1 | 106,0 | 110,9 | 114,4 | 115,4 | 109,3* |
| D                           | 98,8  | 99,7  | 100,4 | 102,2 | 103,2 | 102,5 | 98,4   |
| Year                        | 100,0 | 100,7 | 104,7 | 107,0 | 105,6 | 106,6 | 108,2  |
| Seasonally adjusted indices |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| J                           | 97,2  | 102,1 | 104,4 | 105,6 | 101,7 | 106,2 | 111,3  |
| F                           | 98,5  | 99,0  | 105,6 | 106,8 | 105,4 | 105,3 | 109,3  |
| M                           | 98,2  | 99,1  | 96,7  | 107,3 | 104,7 | 105,4 | 110,1  |
| A                           | 98,0  | 98,3  | 105,1 | 108,4 | 100,9 | 104,6 | 111,0  |
| M                           | 99,1  | 99,5  | 106,4 | 104,7 | 111,0 | 103,0 | 112,9  |
| J                           | 104,8 | 101,3 | 110,3 | 108,6 | 102,2 | 108,4 | 110,0  |
| J                           | 98,6  | 102,3 | 106,1 | 104,0 | 109,1 | 106,0 | 100,3  |
| A                           | 101,7 | 99,3  | 105,5 | 104,6 | 101,9 | 108,5 | 114,2  |
| S                           | 103,2 | 101,6 | 103,0 | 104,9 | 106,6 | 111,8 | 106,0  |
| O                           | 96,6  | 100,4 | 103,1 | 113,5 | 105,7 | 103,1 | 107,6  |
| N                           | 98,4  | 100,1 | 103,3 | 107,6 | 110,1 | 110,5 | 104,8  |
| D                           | 104,7 | 104,8 | 104,6 | 106,1 | 106,5 | 106,8 | 102,3  |

\* Revised

Table 3 - Indices of physical volume of mining production according to major divisions, major groups and minerals (Base 1995=100)

| Minerals                    | Weights | Actual indices |       |        |       | Seasonally adjusted indices |       |       |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
|                             |         | 2001           | 2001  |        | 2000  | 2001                        |       | 2000  |
|                             |         |                | Dec.  | Nov. * |       | Dec.                        | Nov.  |       |
| Total, gold included        | 100,0   | 94,8           | 90,7  | 94,7   | 93,3  | 91,4                        | 91,5  | 94,2  |
| Total, gold excluded        | 57,5    | 108,2          | 98,4  | 109,3  | 102,5 | 102,3                       | 104,8 | 106,8 |
| Gold                        | 42,5    | 76,6           | 80,3  | 75,1   | 81,0  | 76,6                        | 73,6  | 77,1  |
| Iron ore                    | 3,0     | 108,5          | 106,8 | 115,4  | 112,1 | 108,2                       | 104,3 | 113,7 |
| Chrome                      | 1,1     | 108,0          | 94,1  | 108,4  | 115,1 | 105,2                       | 103,5 | 128,7 |
| Copper                      | 3,1     | 87,8           | 77,9  | 76,4   | 75,4  | 72,8                        | 68,8  | 70,6  |
| Manganese ore               | 1,3     | 108,6          | 95,9  | 105,6  | 98,6  | 101,9                       | 99,5  | 104,6 |
| Platinum                    | 11,9    | 123,9          | 130,7 | 133,7  | 129,5 | 116,0                       | 129,5 | 114,8 |
| Nickel                      | 1,5     | 122,3          | 136,9 | 125,8  | 124,0 | 140,2                       | 120,2 | 126,9 |
| Other metallic minerals     | 2,4     | 96,9           | 103,2 | 94,5   | 98,2  | 103,1                       | 97,6  | 98,9  |
| Diamonds                    | 4,4     | 108,4          | 64,3  | 96,9   | 94,3  | 75,4                        | 85,6  | 109,4 |
| Coal                        | 23,2    | 107,9          | 92,1  | 109,2  | 98,3  | 103,5                       | 105,7 | 110,1 |
| Building materials          | 3,5     | 88,5           | 76,3  | 83,4   | 59,2  | 90,4                        | 81,9  | 70,3  |
| Other non-metallic minerals | 2,1     | 88,2           | 81,6  | 88,0   | 94,4  | 91,0                        | 86,3  | 105,8 |

\* Revised



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

| Month                      | 1995     | 1996     | 1997     | 1998     | 1999     | 2000     | 2001      |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Actual values              |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| J                          | 4 669,2  | 5 165,8  | 6 447,8  | 5 577,2  | 6 098,8  | 6 243,9  | 9 241,3*  |
| F                          | 4 234,8  | 4 604,2  | 5 159,4  | 5 316,4  | 5 763,6  | 7 115,6  | 9 724,1*  |
| M                          | 4 700,0  | 5 002,8  | 4 936,6  | 5 547,6  | 6 445,1  | 8 958,4  | 8 121,8*  |
| A                          | 4 413,4  | 5 380,9  | 5 576,8  | 5 662,1  | 5 706,5  | 7 521,2  | 8 551,2*  |
| M                          | 4 704,9  | 5 345,1  | 5 309,0  | 5 433,1  | 5 702,9  | 8 222,6  | 9 452,3*  |
| J                          | 4 525,2  | 4 994,8  | 5 445,9  | 6 017,2  | 6 391,3  | 8 222,4  | 10 485,5* |
| J                          | 4 777,7  | 5 795,5  | 5 780,3  | 6 669,1  | 5 996,1  | 7 640,2  | 10 116,4* |
| A                          | 4 667,3  | 5 478,0  | 5 546,2  | 6 318,5  | 6 852,9  | 8 223,4  | 9 334,2*  |
| S                          | 4 840,0  | 5 124,5  | 5 568,2  | 6 066,8  | 6 548,3  | 8 568,7  | 8 589,1*  |
| O                          | 5 133,4  | 6 227,7  | 6 026,1  | 6 446,0  | 6 005,9  | 8 317,7  | 9 638,0*  |
| N                          | 4 538,8  | 5 117,2  | 5 130,8  | 5 994,9  | 7 573,0  | 9 828,7  | 9 789,2   |
| D                          | 3 805,3  | 4 868,2  | 5 386,9  | 6 343,0  | 7 346,8  | 9 475,1  |           |
| Year                       | 55 010,0 | 63 104,7 | 66 314,0 | 71 391,9 | 76 431,2 | 98 337,9 |           |
| Seasonally adjusted values |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| J                          | 4 476,8  | 4 999,5  | 6 217,6  | 6 095,4  | 6 079,6  | 6 281,3  | 9 269,9   |
| F                          | 4 571,9  | 4 898,8  | 5 380,4  | 5 958,8  | 5 918,1  | 7 260,6  | 10 119,3  |
| M                          | 4 686,2  | 4 993,1  | 4 911,3  | 5 539,5  | 6 426,1  | 9 332,7  | 8 005,6   |
| A                          | 4 432,8  | 5 416,2  | 5 634,0  | 6 581,2  | 5 950,9  | 7 783,9  | 8 965,0   |
| M                          | 4 702,3  | 5 369,2  | 5 366,4  | 5 537,9  | 5 823,7  | 8 321,7  | 9 583,1   |
| J                          | 4 640,4  | 5 081,9  | 5 479,1  | 5 917,3  | 6 217,2  | 7 828,5  | 9 883,6   |
| J                          | 4 408,1  | 5 420,9  | 5 555,3  | 6 441,0  | 5 836,0  | 7 424,0  | 10 061,7  |
| A                          | 4 530,5  | 5 378,8  | 5 471,4  | 6 285,5  | 6 881,9  | 8 342,0  | 9 416,5   |
| S                          | 4 821,4  | 5 084,6  | 5 624,5  | 6 122,2  | 6 822,9  | 8 655,6  | 8 712,7   |
| O                          | 4 943,1  | 5 838,0  | 5 702,2  | 6 302,0  | 5 993,0  | 8 513,7  | 9 984,7   |
| N                          | 4 805,1  | 5 356,8  | 5 252,2  | 6 038,8  | 7 495,8  | 9 672,8  | 9 539,8   |
| D                          | 4 142,0  | 5 154,6  | 5 535,2  | 6 319,2  | 7 162,7  | 9 109,8  |           |

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

| Month                      | 1995     | 1996     | 1997     | 1998     | 1999     | 2000     | 2001     |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Actual values              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| J                          | 2 612,9  | 2 764,4  | 3 394,4  | 3 737,4  | 4 033,9  | 4 476,8  | 7 181,8* |
| F                          | 2 454,0  | 2 613,0  | 3 280,4  | 3 579,7  | 3 801,6  | 4 963,8  | 7 733,2* |
| M                          | 2 678,6  | 3 031,1  | 3 172,6  | 3 713,2  | 3 938,7  | 6 688,2  | 5 898,9* |
| A                          | 2 390,1  | 2 828,6  | 3 441,4  | 3 779,7  | 3 802,4  | 5 790,1  | 6 745,0* |
| M                          | 2 716,5  | 3 078,3  | 3 245,0  | 3 677,1  | 3 826,7  | 6 166,8  | 7 150,6* |
| J                          | 2 751,4  | 3 104,1  | 3 663,5  | 4 121,5  | 4 413,3  | 5 908,4  | 8 264,7* |
| J                          | 2 727,9  | 3 229,8  | 3 429,2  | 4 285,6  | 4 061,6  | 5 700,4  | 7 824,1* |
| A                          | 2 577,6  | 3 066,1  | 3 555,0  | 4 122,2  | 4 956,0  | 5 892,5  | 6 892,8* |
| S                          | 2 695,9  | 3 088,7  | 3 573,9  | 3 857,5  | 4 480,8  | 6 479,4  | 6 357,2* |
| O                          | 2 635,1  | 3 539,1  | 3 566,2  | 4 175,0  | 3 947,8  | 6 047,1  | 6 988,4* |
| N                          | 2 819,6  | 3 130,9  | 3 332,1  | 3 955,1  | 5 038,1  | 7 529,6  | 7 113,0  |
| D                          | 2 615,1  | 3 148,1  | 3 583,1  | 4 092,9  | 5 139,6  | 7 422,5  |          |
| Year                       | 31 674,7 | 36 622,2 | 41 236,8 | 47 096,9 | 51 440,5 | 73 065,6 |          |
| Seasonally adjusted values |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| J                          | 2 554,0  | 2 710,0  | 3 241,3  | 4 255,9  | 3 974,1  | 4 449,7  | 7 123,7  |
| F                          | 2 503,5  | 2 636,3  | 3 307,4  | 4 084,3  | 3 836,7  | 4 998,7  | 8 042,5  |
| M                          | 2 626,6  | 2 980,9  | 3 116,5  | 3 701,4  | 3 952,8  | 7 127,6  | 5 859,3  |
| A                          | 2 431,2  | 2 886,7  | 3 480,6  | 4 624,0  | 3 889,6  | 5 845,9  | 6 909,3  |
| M                          | 2 702,7  | 3 074,3  | 3 247,3  | 3 718,5  | 3 872,9  | 6 193,0  | 7 203,7  |
| J                          | 2 608,8  | 2 954,1  | 3 530,6  | 3 907,7  | 4 186,6  | 5 508,3  | 7 687,1  |
| J                          | 2 628,6  | 3 142,4  | 3 423,9  | 4 230,2  | 4 004,1  | 5 539,6  | 7 798,1  |
| A                          | 2 536,9  | 3 055,7  | 3 544,6  | 4 156,1  | 5 050,5  | 6 091,3  | 7 065,5  |
| S                          | 2 705,1  | 3 073,8  | 3 651,7  | 3 927,2  | 4 761,3  | 6 569,1  | 6 479,4  |
| O                          | 2 803,7  | 3 532,6  | 3 562,8  | 4 288,9  | 4 119,9  | 6 409,3  | 7 503,5  |
| N                          | 2 937,0  | 3 213,5  | 3 353,5  | 3 950,9  | 4 993,8  | 7 455,4  | 6 989,7  |
| D                          | 2 852,9  | 3 347,5  | 3 693,2  | 4 069,8  | 4 981,9  | 7 099,6  |          |

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

| Minerals                    | Actual value |         |         |         | Seasonally adjusted value |         |         |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
|                             | 2001         | 2001    |         | 2000    | 2001                      |         | 2000    |
|                             |              | Nov.    | Oct. *  | Nov.    | Nov.                      | Oct.    | Nov.    |
| Total, gold included        | 13 969,4     | 9 789,2 | 9 638,0 | 9 828,7 | 9 539,8                   | 9 984,7 | 9 672,8 |
| Total, gold excluded        | 86 252,3     | 7 113,0 | 6 988,4 | 7 529,6 | 6 989,7                   | 7 503,5 | 7 455,4 |
| Gold                        | 27 717,5     | 2 676,1 | 2 649,6 | 2 299,1 | 2 550,1                   | 2 481,2 | 2 217,4 |
| Iron ore                    | 4 178,7      | 473,5   | 365,4   | 314,6   | 421,7                     | 351,1   | 281,0   |
| Chrome                      | 991,4        | 98,2    | 65,9    | 85,4    | 90,1                      | 75,2    | 77,8    |
| Copper                      | 1 913,7      | 126,5   | 173,9   | 228,0   | 111,7                     | 154,8   | 200,8   |
| Manganese ore               | 1 237,5      | 92,1    | 84,9    | 119,9   | 100,4                     | 95,5    | 135,2   |
| Platinum                    | 33 227,3     | 2 366,2 | 2 317,1 | 2 625,4 | 2 531,9                   | 2 605,5 | 2 802,2 |
| Nickel                      | 1 728,3      | 142,2   | 118,2   | 171,9   | 134,5                     | 125,2   | 162,4   |
| Other metallic minerals     | 3 260,6      | 380,1   | 280,1   | 272,5   | 318,9                     | 300,7   | 233,4   |
| Coal                        | 26 173,4     | 2 316,6 | 2 392,5 | 1 909,9 | 2 245,7                   | 2 306,2 | 1 854,2 |
| Building materials          | 2 777,7      | 231,0   | 264,9   | 258,1   | 221,6                     | 246,9   | 246,4   |
| - Granite or norite         | 655,5        | 51,8    | 63,2    | 60,4    | 54,1                      | 60,8    | 62,4    |
| - Lime and limestone        | 917,7        | 80,7    | 88,0    | 80,9    | 79,5                      | 84,1    | 79,6    |
| - Other building materials  | 1 204,4      | 98,5    | 113,7   | 116,9   | 88,0                      | 102,0   | 104,4   |
| Other non-metallic minerals | 10 763,2     | 886,7   | 925,5   | 1 543,9 | 813,2                     | 1 242,4 | 1 462,0 |

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## Additional information

### Explanatory notes

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| <b>Introduction</b>        | 1  | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) publishes monthly information regarding the mining industry covering a sample of mining establishments (branches). 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 major groups on a monthly basis.   |
|                            | 2  | Data shown in the tables are compiled by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) on the basis of mining production figures and mineral sales furnished by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.   |
|                            | 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.   |
|                            | 5  | 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 more up-to-date information is available.  |
| <b>Scope of the survey</b> | 6  | This survey covers mining establishments conducting activities regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the extracting, dressing and beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, for example solids such as coal and ores.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Classification</b>      | 7  | 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). |
| <b>Statistical unit</b>    | 8  | 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).  |
| <b>Weighting</b>           | 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 1995 supplied by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.   |
| <b>Rebasing</b>            | 10 | In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be rebased every five years to a new base year. The indices in this statistical release have been calculated on the basis of 1995=100. The first results on this basis were published in December 1998. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.  |
| <b>Seasonal adjustment</b> | 11 | 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.

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| <b>Reliability of estimates</b> | <b>12</b> | Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Figures for the latest month are preliminary.  |
| <b>Related publications</b>     | <b>13</b> | Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulletin of Statistics.</li> <li>• SA Statistics.</li> </ul>                                |
| <b>Unpublished statistics</b>   | <b>14</b> | In some cases Stats SA can also make available statistics which are not published. The statistics can be made available via: computer printouts or diskette or CD. Generally a charge is made for providing unpublished statistics. |
| <b>Rounding-off of figures</b>  | <b>15</b> | The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may, therefore, be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.                         |

## Glossary

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| <b>Enterprise</b>                                    | An enterprise (firm) is a legal entity consisting of one or more establishments (branches). The establishments need not necessarily all be mining establishments, but some December be classifiable as other industries of the economy, such as manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, motor trade and construction.   |
| <b>Establishment</b>                                 | An establishment is defined as an enterprise, or part of an enterprise, that is situated at a single location and in which only a single (non-ancillary) productive activity is carried out or in which the principal productive activity accounts for most of the value added.   |
| <b>Free-on-rail</b>                                  | Free-on-rail relates to goods sold on the local market where no railage or road transport costs are involved.   |
| <b>Free-on-board basis</b>                           | 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.   |
| <b>Index of physical volume of mining production</b> | 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 major group is the ratio between the volume of production of a major group in a given period and the volume of production of the same major group in the base period. The current base period is 1995. The production in the base period is set at 100. |
| <b>Industry</b>                                      | 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 January 1993.  |
| <b>Sales</b>   | 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.  |
| <b>Weight</b>  | The weight of a major group is the ratio of the production of a major group to the total production of the mining industry. The weight of a major group reflects the importance of the major 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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