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**MINING PRODUCTION AND SALES CONTINUE TO DECREASE**

*The total mining production for the three months up to July 1999 reflected a decrease of 1,1% after seasonal adjustment compared with the previous three months. The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales, is still reflecting a declining trend. Both gold (-7,0% or -R461,6 million) and non-gold (-3,5% or -R428,5 million) sales contributed to the decrease of 4,8% (R890,1 million) in the total seasonally adjusted mineral sales during the three months up to June 1999 compared with the previous three months.*

The decrease of 1,1% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was mainly due to a decrease in gold production during the three months up to July 1999 compared with the previous three months. Production of non-gold minerals reflected a slight increase of 0,3% after seasonal adjustment during this period, mainly due to increases in the production of copper (contributing 1,8 of a percentage point), platinum (contributing 0,7 of a percentage point) and manganese (contributing 0,1 of a percentage point).

The decrease of 4,8% in the seasonally adjusted value of non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to decreases of R319,2 million (-7,0%) and R69,1 million (-22,7%) respectively in the sales of coal and other building material during the three months up to June 1999 compared with the previous three months.

NOTES

1. This statistical release contains information of the RSA. Data shown in the tables are compiled by Statistics South Africa on the basis of information furnished by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.
2. The value of mineral sales is calculated, in general, on a free-on-rail/free-on-board basis.
3. In accordance with international practice, the indices were recalculated on the basis of 1995=100. The weighting factors for aggregating minerals to mineral groups and mineral groups to total mining, were simultaneously revised on the basis of the value of production derived from detailed information for 1995 supplied by the Minerals Bureau.
4. The indices of the physical volume of mining production and sales of minerals are currently published in the Bulletin of Statistics.
5. In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late response. The information for the latest month is therefore preliminary and subject to revision.
6. Due to mining production figures being available earlier than mining sales figures, mining production indices are published one month earlier than mining sales.

**SUMMARY - TOTAL MINING**

Period	Production	Percentage change
	indices	-----
	1995 = 100	Production
<b>Actual figures:</b>		
May 1999 - Jul. 1999	98,2	-0,6
May 1998 - Jul. 1998	98,8	
<b>Seasonally adjusted figures:</b>		
May 1999 - Jul. 1999	97,0	-1,1
Feb. 1999 - Apr. 1999	98,0	

Period	Mineral sales	Percentage change
	R million	Mineral sales
<b>Actual figures:</b>		
Apr. 1999 - Jun. 1999	17 652,7	+1,9
Apr. 1998 - Jun. 1998	17 331,6	
<b>Seasonally adjusted figures:</b>		
Apr. 1999 - Jun. 1999	17 664,4	-4,8
Jan. 1999 - Mar. 1999	18 554,4	

**Table 1.1 - Indices of the physical volume of mining production - TOTAL, GOLD INCLUDED**

Historical table

Base 1995 = 100

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Actual indices							
J	96,4	99,8	95,0	96,0	93,6	91,6	93,7
F	102,1	101,9	99,3	98,3	98,8	97,7	96,7
M	102,0	101,0	101,1	99,1	97,6	99,7	97,7
A	100,7	99,8	95,9	93,3	96,7	96,5	94,9
M	100,8	95,6	96,2	97,6	101,9	95,7	98,5
J	103,3	101,5	105,1	100,8	105,7	104,2	98,4
J	104,0	100,0	100,2	98,6	100,6	96,5	97,8
A	104,8	104,4	104,4	99,5	103,1	99,4	
S	103,5	103,6	104,6	98,8	102,6	99,1	
O	103,3	100,1	98,9	98,7	100,6	104,6	
N	105,0	104,3	100,1	100,3	104,4	104,3	
D	101,6	98,2	99,2	98,9	98,6	100,5	
Year	102,3	100,9	100,0	98,3	100,4	99,2	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	101,3	104,8	99,3	100,5	98,1	96,2	98,5
F	103,3	102,5	99,6	99,1	100,0	99,1	98,1
M	102,6	101,3	100,8	98,7	97,1	99,3	97,4
A	103,5	102,9	99,0	96,8	100,4	100,1	98,5
M	102,9	97,1	97,2	98,4	102,3	95,7	98,4

J	102,2	99,9	102,2	97,4	101,4	99,7	94,2
J	104,0	100,0	100,1	98,8	101,0	97,0	98,3
A	102,2	101,7	101,7	97,1	101,0	97,7	
S	102,3	102,2	102,5	97,0	100,9	97,6	
O	103,3	100,2	98,7	98,7	100,6	103,7	
N	103,6	102,4	97,6	97,5	101,2	101,0	
D	104,8	100,3	100,5	99,8	99,4	101,0	

Table 1.2 - Indices of the physical volume of mining production - TOTAL, GOLD EXCLUDED

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Actual indices							
J	84,5	1994	94,2	98,4	99,8	94,9	100,0
F	89,4	95,8	97,0	97,0	103,3	103,0	102,6
M	89,1	91,7	98,9	100,1	97,7	106,3	103,2
A	89,1	93,0	95,4	95,3	101,8	104,4	101,3
M	89,7	89,8	99,1	100,0	107,0	106,5	109,1
J	94,9	95,0	108,1	104,9	114,4	113,4	105,9
J	95,4	94,3	100,1	103,6	107,5	104,1	109,4
A	96,2	99,3	105,4	102,3	107,7	106,0	
S	93,9	96,5	106,1	104,0	104,7	104,6	
O	92,8	93,8	96,9	101,5	105,6	114,9	
N	96,1	99,9	100,2	102,1	106,0	109,0	
D	90,8	91,8	98,8	99,7	100,4	101,5	
Year	91,8	94,4	100,0	100,7	104,7	105,7	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	88,0	95,8	97,5	101,9	103,4	98,6	104,1
F	89,9	96,4	97,9	98,3	105,1	105,1	104,7
M	90,3	92,6	99,6	100,6	98,0	106,6	103,6
A	90,4	95,1	98,0	98,2	105,0	107,7	104,4
M	90,5	90,4	99,6	100,0	106,2	105,1	107,5
J	91,9	91,2	102,9	99,0	107,3	106,1	99,0
J	93,6	92,6	98,4	102,2	106,0	102,5	107,9
A	91,7	95,3	101,8	99,4	105,4	104,1	
S	91,9	94,8	104,5	102,9	104,0	104,0	
O	93,5	94,6	97,7	102,0	105,9	115,1	
N	94,8	98,7	99,1	101,1	105,0	108,0	
D	95,4	95,8	102,8	103,5	104,2	105,3	

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Table 2 - Indices of physical volume of mining production - Minerals

1995=100

Minerals	Weights	Actual indices			Seasonally adjusted indices			
		1999		1998	1999		1998	
		1998	Jul.	Jun. *	Jul.	Jun.	Jul.	
Total, gold included	100,0	99,1	97,8	98,4	96,5	98,3	94,2	97,0
Total, gold excluded	57,5	105,7	109,4	105,9	104,1	107,9	99,0	102,5
Gold	42,5	90,0	82,0	88,4	86,3	85,4	87,8	89,6
Iron ore	3,0	104,1	91,4	85,9	94,7	96,2	80,3	99,6
Chrome	1,1	119,8	134,6	130,6	124,5	132,9	128,6	122,1
Copper	3,1	100,3	110,6	60,0	85,8	110,5	65,9	85,2
Manganese ore	1,3	97,9	93,9	93,2	93,9	93,9	92,5	94,0
Platinum	11,9	109,0	117,0	116,1	96,0	119,5	112,8	97,8
Nickel	1,5	117,8	120,5	153,4	120,4	118,7	135,5	117,7
Other metallic minerals	2,4	107,2	92,5	96,7	123,2	87,0	94,4	115,8
Diamonds	4,4	105,0	101,1	96,4	98,5	100,7	96,6	98,3
Coal	23,2	106,7	116,0	112,6	109,3	109,4	105,5	103,5
Building materials	3,5	88,8	78,7	78,3	101,2	76,3	70,1	97,6
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	101,4	101,2	114,4	110,7	100,9	114,7	110,5

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Table 3.1 - Mining : Value of mineral sales - TOTAL, GOLD INCLUDED

Historical table

R million

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Actual values							
J	3 748,6	4 428,8	4 669,2	5 165,8	6 447,8	5 462,5	6 145,9
F	3 108,1	3 619,4	4 234,8	4 604,2	5 159,4	5 082,6	5 959,8
M	3 585,3	4 201,9	4 700,0	5 002,8	4 936,6	5 428,5	6 027,6
A	4 529,3	4 001,4	4 413,4	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 668,8	5 960,7
M	3 554,3	4 325,1	4 704,9	5 345,1	5 309,0	5 590,3	5 544,5
J	3 705,1	4 115,8	4 525,2	4 994,8	5 445,9	6 072,5	6 147,5
J	4 422,7	4 669,5	4 777,7	5 795,5	5 780,3	6 597,5	
A	4 273,8	4 415,7	4 667,3	5 478,0	5 546,2	6 200,0	
S	4 078,4	4 526,6	4 840,0	5 124,5	5 568,2	6 160,6	
O	3 948,7	4 343,9	5 133,4	6 227,7	6 026,1	6 443,6	
N	3 815,3	4 153,1	4 538,8	5 117,2	5 130,8	6 021,7	
D	4 107,9	3 910,4	3 805,3	4 868,2	5 386,9	6 319,0	

Year	46 877,5	50 711,6	55 010,0	63 104,7	66 314,0	71 047,6
Seasonally adjusted values						
J	3 646,8	4 274,3	4 512,4	4 974,1	6 209,2	5 312,1
F	3 492,7	4 036,4	4 653,4	4 994,3	5 516,3	5 397,4
M	3 606,1	4 230,8	4 757,1	5 107,9	5 066,8	5 602,5
A	4 481,2	3 930,0	4 321,6	5 273,0	5 495,1	5 611,4
M	3 586,0	4 327,4	4 688,4	5 354,0	5 369,4	5 725,3
J	3 798,8	4 255,6	4 615,3	5 054,3	5 424,7	5 991,3
J	3 974,2	4 229,6	4 383,2	5 334,1	5 341,1	6 116,0
A	4 010,9	4 210,6	4 509,0	5 334,4	5 444,1	6 089,8
S	3 941,5	4 406,4	4 740,0	5 052,7	5 532,0	6 150,5
O	3 740,4	4 079,0	4 821,5	5 831,3	5 617,1	6 029,3
N	4 037,5	4 436,3	4 836,8	5 447,1	5 432,8	6 361,3
D	4 647,0	4 373,1	4 138,1	5 265,1	5 768,9	6 738,3

Table 3.2 - Mining : Value of mineral sales - TOTAL, GOLD EXCLUDED

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Actual values							
J	1 911,1	2 106,9	2 612,9	2 764,4	3 394,4	3 622,7	4 033,8
F	1 727,0	1 965,1	2 454,0	2 613,0	3 280,4	3 346,0	3 839,0
M	1 826,1	2 095,5	2 678,6	3 031,1	3 172,6	3 594,1	3 920,4
A	1 953,5	2 165,1	2 390,1	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 757,0	3 849,7
M	1 917,0	2 118,6	2 716,5	3 078,3	3 245,0	3 735,9	3 679,8
J	2 146,7	2 239,9	2 751,4	3 104,1	3 663,5	4 176,9	4 265,9
J	1 981,2	2 266,1	2 727,9	3 229,8	3 429,2	4 214,0	
A	2 067,0	2 319,0	2 577,6	3 066,1	3 555,0	4 003,7	
S	2 137,5	2 333,5	2 695,9	3 088,7	3 573,9	3 955,1	
O	1 992,1	2 076,3	2 635,1	3 539,1	3 566,2	4 183,0	
N	1 961,8	2 029,1	2 819,6	3 130,9	3 332,1	3 987,2	
D	2 017,0	2 043,2	2 615,1	3 148,1	3 583,1	4 192,4	
Year	23 638,0	25 758,3	31 674,7	36 622,2	41 236,8	46 768,0	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	1 964,0	2 136,8	2 618,9	2 749,8	3 370,6	3 594,8	3 998,3
F	1 832,0	2 077,3	2 585,2	2 738,2	3 436,2	3 506,2	4 031,2
M	1 793,9	2 067,1	2 659,5	3 027,3	3 182,1	3 630,3	3 986,1
A	1 923,9	2 131,8	2 359,2	2 801,1	3 426,7	3 754,6	3 849,1
M	1 929,4	2 113,0	2 697,3	3 071,7	3 265,7	3 804,4	3 778,0
J	2 025,2	2 104,9	2 591,0	2 922,1	3 437,6	3 891,6	3 960,0
J	1 930,1	2 197,1	2 628,5	3 110,8	3 295,1	4 048,4	
A	1 954,2	2 237,0	2 524,7	3 036,6	3 542,8	3 999,9	
S	2 041,8	2 251,4	2 631,0	3 047,3	3 565,2	3 965,2	

O	2 024,6	2 123,6	2 686,8	3 565,5	3 559,5	4 150,2
N	2 068,9	2 142,7	2 975,9	3 289,7	3 479,8	4 148,1
D	2 184,9	2 175,9	2 742,8	3 244,5	3 644,1	4 227,2

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Table 4 - Mining: Mineral Sales

R million

Minerals	Actual value			Seasonally adjusted value		
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
		Jun.	May *		Jun.	May
Total, gold included	71 047,6	6 147,5	5 544,5	6 072,5	6 035,5	5 720,3
Total, gold excluded	46 768,0	4 265,9	3 679,8	4 176,9	3 960,0	3 778,0
Gold	24 279,6	1 881,6	1 864,7	1 895,6	2 075,4	1 942,3
Iron ore	2 531,0	189,4	159,2	244,1	178,9	178,9
Chrome	863,3	111,3	68,4	63,7	123,4	74,7
Copper	1 554,8	130,8	116,8	124,3	129,0	104,1
Manganese ore	962,2	94,6	66,4	69,0	80,8	80,9
Platinum	12 162,2	1 322,9	1 072,3	1 168,0	1 205,1	1 138,2
Nickel	921,5	109,1	98,0	78,1	94,0	92,7
Other metallic minerals	2 506,0	166,6	176,4	292,7	168,2	194,8
Coal	17 826,5	1 358,1	1 381,6	1 572,5	1 279,2	1 421,2
Building materials	2 269,9	197,8	204,7	208,1	188,6	195,1
- Granite or norite	472,8	64,2	47,1	52,8	50,3	42,0
- Lime and limestone	719,1	62,5	75,7	57,6	66,1	72,2
- Other building materials	1 077,9	71,0	81,9	97,7	66,4	79,0
Other non-metallic minerals	5 170,7	585,3	398,2	356,3	538,2	382,8
						336,5

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