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## Key figures regarding mining production as at the end of June 2002

### Actual estimates

	June 2002	% change between June 2001 and June 2002	% change between April 2001 to June 2001 and April 2002 to June 2002	% change between January 2001 to June 2001 and January 2002 to June 2002
Index of the physical volume of mining production				
Gold	76,0	-4,3%	+0,5%	-0,2%
Non-gold minerals	108,6	-5,6%	-3,8%	-4,3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,7</b>	<b>-5,1%</b>	<b>-2,4%</b>	<b>-2,9%</b>

### Seasonally adjusted estimates

	June 2002	% change between May 2002 and June 2002	% change between January 2002 to March 2002 and April 2002 to June 2002
Index of the physical volume of mining production			
Gold	73,2	-5,1%	-0,7%
Non-gold minerals	103,7	-4,1%	+1,0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,7</b>	<b>-4,3%</b>	<b>+0,4%</b>

## Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of June 2002

### Mining production increases

*Total mining production for the second quarter of 2002 after seasonal adjustment reflected an increase of 0,4% compared with the first quarter of 2002. However, the total mining production for the first six months of 2002 decreased by 2,9% compared with the first six months of 2001.*

The increase of 0,4% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 1,0% in the production of non-gold minerals during the second quarter of 2002 compared with the first quarter of 2002. However, this increase was partially counteracted by a decrease of 0,7% in gold production during this period. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 1,0% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum, diamond, coal and copper mines.

The decrease of 2,9% in the total mining production for the first six months of 2002 compared with the first six months of 2001 was due to a decrease of 4,3% in the production of non-gold minerals and 0,2% in gold production during the above-mentioned period.

### Key figures regarding mineral sales as at the end of May 2002

<b>Actual estimates</b>	<b>May 2002 R million</b>	<b>% change between May 2001 and May 2002</b>	<b>% change between March 2001 to May 2001 and March 2002 to May 2002</b>	<b>% change between January 2001 to May 2001 and January 2002 to May 2002</b>
Mineral sales				
Gold	3 523,3	+38,9%	+64,0%	+64,0%
Non-gold minerals	8 568,7	+20,2%	+21,8%	+13,5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 092,0</b>	<b>+25,1%</b>	<b>+32,3%</b>	<b>+25,3%</b>

<b>Seasonally adjusted estimates</b>	<b>May 2002 R million</b>	<b>% change between April 2002 and May 2002</b>	<b>% change between December 2001 to February 2002 and March 2002 to May 2002</b>
Mineral sales			
Gold	3 709,9	-15,0%	+21,5%
Non-gold minerals	8 313,7	+7,6%	+2,7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 023,6</b>	<b>-0,6%</b>	<b>+8,1%</b>

### Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of May 2002

#### Mineral sales increases

*The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended May 2002 reflected an increase of 8,1% compared with the previous three months. Furthermore, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended May 2002 reflected an increase of 32,3% compared with the three months ended May 2001.*

The increase of 8,1% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended May 2002 compared with the previous three months can mainly be attributed to an increase of 21,5% (+R2 029,8 million) in sales of gold and 2,7% (+R640,6 million) in non-gold mineral sales.

The 32,3% increase in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended May 2002 compared with the three months ended May 2001 was mainly due to an increase of 64,0% (+R4 199,2 million) in sales of gold and 21,8% (+R4 316,0 million) in non-gold mineral sales. The increase of 21,8% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 59,8% (+R420,7 million) in sales of 'other' metallic minerals, 52,7% (+R501,6 million) in sales of iron ore, 49,3% (+R200,6 million) in sales of nickel, 36,1% (+R95,9 million) in sales of manganese and 32,1% (+R1 831,0 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 February 2001 to May 2001</b>	<b>Quarterly percentage change between February 2001 to May 2001 and February 2002 to May 2002</b>	<b>Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/</b>	<b>Difference in total mineral sales between February 2001 to May 2001 and February 2002 to May 2002 R million</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>24,9</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>15,9</b>	<b>4 199,3</b>
<b>Non-gold minerals</b>				
Iron ore	3,6	52,7	1,9	501,6
Copper	2,1	5,6	0,1	31,3
Manganese ore	1,0	36,1	0,4	95,9
Chromium	1,0	-1,9	0,0	-5,1
Platinum	30,2	9,5	2,9	754,0
Nickel	1,5	49,3	0,7	200,6
Other metallic minerals	2,7	59,8	1,6	420,7
Coal	21,7	32,1	7,0	1 831,0
Building materials	2,5	4,0	0,1	26,6
Other non-metallic	8,8	19,8	1,7	459,4
<b>Total non-gold minerals</b>	<b>75,1</b>	<b>21,8</b>	<b>16,4</b>	<b>4316,0</b>
<b>Total minerals</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>32,3</b>	<b>32,3</b>	<b>8515,3</b>

1/ 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 March 2001 to May 2001, divided by 100.

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## **Purpose of the survey**

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.

# Additional information

## Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 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.
- 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**
- 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).
- Statistical unit**
- 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).
- 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 1995 supplied by the Minerals Bureau, Department of Minerals and Energy.
- Rebasing**
- 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 May 1998. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are presented.

<b>Seasonal adjustment</b>	<b>11</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Reliability of estimates</b>	<b>12</b>	<p>Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Figures for the latest month are preliminary.</p>
<b>Related publications</b>	<b>13</b>	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulletin of Statistics.</li> <li>• SA Statistics.</li> </ul>
<b>Unpublished statistics</b>	<b>14</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Rounding-off of figures</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>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.</p>

# Glossary

## **Enterprise**

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 may be classifiable as other industries of the economy, such as manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, motor trade and construction.

## **Establishment**

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.

## **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 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.

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

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
Actual indices							
J	96,0	93,6	95,0	88,8	89,9	90,1	86,3*
F	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	96,0	92,4	89,5*
M	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	97,4	96,5	93,6*
A	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,2	92,1	92,6	92,5*
M	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,1	92,5	96,3	94,6*
J	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	101,7	99,8	94,7
J	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,2	94,6	91,0	
A	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,3	99,2	98,0	
S	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,1	100,3	93,5	
O	98,7	100,6	104,7	99,9	97,1	96,7	
N	100,3	104,4	102,4	102,6	101,2	94,1	
D	98,9	98,6	98,9	96,7	93,5	89,6	
Year	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,3	96,3	94,2	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	101,1	99,4	101,7	95,5	97,1	97,5	93,6
F	99,6	100,5	99,6	97,7	99,2	95,7	93,1
M	97,8	96,2	98,4	99,5	96,6	95,9	93,1
A	96,7	100,3	99,2	95,5	95,0	95,2	95,2
M	98,3	102,7	96,7	101,1	92,9	96,5	94,9
J	98,5	102,8	100,8	95,5	97,5	95,5	90,8
J	98,7	100,8	97,8	98,9	95,2	91,6	
A	96,9	100,8	97,9	93,0	97,9	97,1	
S	95,7	99,5	97,2	97,8	98,5	92,0	
O	97,7	98,9	102,3	96,8	93,7	92,9	
N	97,8	101,3	99,3	99,2	97,7	90,9	
D	100,5	99,4	99,4	96,9	94,3	89,7	

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

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
Actual indices							
J	98,4	99,8	100,4	96,2	100,2	104,7	97,0*
F	97,0	103,3	103,8	102,0	101,5	105,0	101,4*
M	100,1	97,7	107,8	104,7	104,9	109,3	105,6*
A	95,3	101,8	104,7	97,2	100,8	106,8	104,5*
M	100,0	107,0	105,6	111,6	104,2	113,8	109,7*
J	104,9	114,4	113,0	106,9	113,2	115,0	108,6
J	103,6	107,5	105,5	109,9	107,0	101,8	
A	102,3	107,7	106,4	103,1	109,8	117,0	
S	104,0	104,7	105,8	106,8	111,1	105,2	
O	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,0	109,2	113,3	
N	102,1	106,0	110,9	114,4	115,4	108,7	
D	99,7	100,4	102,2	103,2	102,8	97,6	
Year	100,7	104,7	107,0	105,6	106,7	108,2	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	102,2	104,5	105,7	102,0	106,9	112,0	103,9
F	99,0	105,7	106,9	105,7	105,6	109,5	106,2
M	99,2	96,8	107,4	104,9	105,6	110,2	106,7
A	98,1	104,8	108,0	100,5	104,0	110,0	107,9
M	99,6	106,4	104,7	110,9	102,8	112,3	108,2
J	101,4	110,4	108,7	102,3	108,3	109,6	103,8
J	102,3	106,1	104,0	108,9	105,9	100,7	
A	99,3	105,5	104,5	101,8	108,3	115,9	
S	101,4	102,7	104,6	106,4	111,5	105,8	
O	100,4	103,1	113,6	105,8	103,4	106,9	
N	100,2	103,4	107,7	110,3	110,8	104,4	
D	105,0	104,8	106,1	106,4	106,9	100,4	

\* 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	2002		2001	2002		2001
			Jun.	May*		Jun.	Jun.	
Total, gold included	100,0	94,2	94,7	94,6	99,8	90,8	94,9	95,5
Total, gold excluded	57,5	108,2	108,6	109,7	115,0	103,8	108,2	109,6
Gold	42,5	75,4	76,0	74,3	79,4	73,2	77,0	76,4
Iron ore	3,0	108,8	122,9	107,9	123,2	114,6	107,6	114,6
Chrome	1,1	108,2	120,3	125,4	122,0	114,2	121,6	115,5
Copper	3,1	87,7	71,7	87,5	59,2	97,5	91,5	80,7
Manganese ore	1,3	107,5	93,2	90,6	120,9	88,7	91,4	115,8
Platinum	11,9	124,9	123,6	136,3	138,0	111,7	134,8	125,2
Nickel	1,5	122,3	127,9	123,0	124,5	110,8	113,2	107,5
Other metallic minerals	2,4	96,7	94,1	103,6	99,3	91,4	96,7	96,3
Diamonds	4,4	107,1	119,6	98,7	124,6	115,5	99,4	121,6
Coal	23,2	107,6	108,7	107,0	114,5	104,1	105,7	109,6
Building materials	3,5	89,1	79,6	80,4	94,4	71,9	76,2	85,4
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	86,6	87,5	97,0	79,0	89,7	94,4	80,9

\* Revised

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

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
Actual values							
J	5 165,8	6 447,8	5 577,2	6 098,8	6 244,1	9 233,5	11 351,4*
F	4 604,2	5 159,4	5 316,4	5 763,6	7 115,7	9 706,9	10 550,1*
M	5 002,8	4 936,6	5 547,6	6 445,1	8 958,5	8 120,7	11 544,0*
A	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,1	5 706,5	7 521,3	8 558,7	11 224,2*
M	5 345,1	5 309,0	5 433,1	5 702,9	8 222,7	9 665,5	12 092,0
J	4 994,8	5 445,9	6 017,2	6 391,3	8 222,5	10 616,3	
J	5 795,5	5 780,3	6 669,1	5 996,1	7 640,3	10 145,3	
A	5 478,0	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 852,9	8 223,4	9 473,6	
S	5 124,5	5 568,2	6 066,8	6 548,3	8 568,9	8 687,1	
O	6 227,7	6 026,1	6 446,0	6 005,9	8 317,6	9 963,3	
N	5 117,2	5 130,8	5 994,9	7 573,0	9 828,5	9 598,6	
D	4 868,2	5 386,9	6 343,0	7 346,9	9 474,9	11 338,5	
Year	63 104,7	66 314,0	71 391,9	76 431,3	98 338,4	115 108,0	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	4 990,3	6 178,4	6 043,4	5 975,1	6 162,0	9 132,6	11 291,3
F	4 897,7	5 378,9	5 951,2	5 900,8	7 211,2	9 935,6	10 814,6
M	5 008,3	4 931,5	5 589,0	6 491,4	9 624,2	8 082,9	11 480,3
A	5 398,5	5 611,4	6 550,2	5 947,4	7 792,3	9 037,3	12 091,9
M	5 363,6	5 362,5	5 538,9	5 823,2	8 226,3	9 663,4	12 023,6
J	5 085,3	5 484,1	5 915,9	6 206,8	7 807,2	10 008,6	
J	5 427,8	5 565,0	6 467,9	5 876,5	7 491,6	10 302,5	
A	5 381,4	5 474,5	6 278,1	6 840,5	8 306,8	9 513,4	
S	5 095,0	5 637,4	6 137,7	6 844,2	8 697,0	8 811,0	
O	5 841,9	5 709,9	6 311,8	6 008,8	8 545,1	10 286,1	
N	5 363,3	5 256,1	6 064,8	7 549,4	9 767,0	9 549,9	
D	5 142,9	5 532,5	6 319,5	7 138,8	9 023,4	10 819,5	

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

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
Actual values							
J	2 764,4	3 394,4	3 737,4	4 033,9	4 476,9	7 173,9	7 966,7*
F	2 613,0	3 280,4	3 579,7	3 801,6	4 963,8	7 716,1	7 285,5*
M	3 031,1	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 938,7	6 688,4	5 897,9	8 015,7*
A	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 779,7	3 802,4	5 790,2	6 752,4	7 511,2*
M	3 078,3	3 245,0	3 677,1	3 826,7	6 166,9	7 129,3	8 568,7
J	3 104,1	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 413,3	5 908,5	8 221,5	
J	3 229,8	3 429,2	4 285,6	4 061,6	5 700,6	7 778,5	
A	3 066,1	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 956,0	5 892,6	6 829,7	
S	3 088,7	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 480,8	6 479,6	6 194,9	
O	3 539,1	3 566,2	4 175,0	3 947,8	6 047,1	6 935,2	
N	3 130,9	3 332,1	3 955,1	5 038,1	7 529,4	6 924,0	
D	3 148,1	3 583,1	4 092,9	5 139,7	7 422,4	8 543,1	
Year	36 622,2	41 236,8	47 096,9	51 440,6	73 066,4	86 096,5	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	2 707,0	3 229,4	4 234,9	3 936,1	4 412,2	7 109,2	7 982,3
F	2 635,1	3 304,4	4 075,7	3 824,5	4 967,3	7 885,8	7 468,0
M	2 996,3	3 136,1	3 750,4	4 017,6	7 422,6	5 939,3	8 090,3
A	2 884,5	3 473,7	4 604,0	3 888,4	5 843,8	6 948,5	7 726,5
M	3 071,1	3 241,4	3 706,3	3 843,8	6 052,3	6 983,6	8 313,7
J	2 954,8	3 533,8	3 912,3	4 190,3	5 512,2	7 667,5	
J	3 144,1	3 424,4	4 242,4	4 024,8	5 582,1	7 931,0	
A	3 052,9	3 542,3	4 145,6	5 007,8	6 059,9	6 975,9	
S	3 076,9	3 656,3	3 938,8	4 783,4	6 620,2	6 334,0	
O	3 536,8	3 570,2	4 302,3	4 142,0	6 454,8	7 471,5	
N	3 216,0	3 351,7	3 950,0	4 989,6	7 471,0	6 899,4	
D	3 330,3	3 685,5	4 053,4	4 938,7	6 979,6	8 039,6	

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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	2002		2001	2002		2001	
		May	Apr.*	May	May	Apr.	May	
Total, gold included	115 108,0	12 092,0	11 224,2	9 665,5	12 023,6	12 091,9	9 663,4	
Total, gold excluded	86 096,5	8 568,7	7 511,2	7 129,3	8 313,7	7 726,5	6 983,6	
Gold	29 011,7	3 523,3	3 713,0	2 536,2	3 709,9	4 365,4	2 679,8	
Iron ore	4 128,9	436,1	503,0	338,9	464,5	469,3	361,7	
Chrome	1 002,3	83,5	80,9	78,4	86,3	90,3	80,9	
Copper	1 927,2	184,6	162,5	155,7	186,9	167,4	157,0	
Manganese ore	1 301,5	95,6	140,6	67,3	107,3	119,7	75,1	
Platinum	33 370,8	2 969,2	2 665,4	2 868,4	2 988,8	2 804,7	2 896,4	
Nickel	1 809,6	202,8	208,9	154,2	182,8	227,9	139,2	
Other metallic minerals	3 235,6	460,0	319,4	242,9	426,3	347,4	229,2	
Coal	25 875,4	2 613,9	2 280,4	1 998,3	2 641,5	2 446,2	2 014,0	
Building materials	2 827,8	228,9	216,7	233,2	228,9	224,9	228,4	
- Granite or norite	717,0	61,1	61,7	43,9	70,0	62,7	49,6	
- Lime and limestone	912,3	84,1	81,9	79,4	82,2	85,7	77,8	
- Other building materials	1 198,3	83,7	73,0	109,9	76,7	76,5	101,0	
Other non-metallic minerals	10 617,1	1 294,1	933,3	992,0	1 000,4	828,7	801,7	

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