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Actual estimates		% change between	% change between
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	March 2001	March 2000 and March 2001	January 2000 to March 2000 and January 2001 to March 2001
Index of the physical volume of mining production			
Gold	78,5	-10,0%	-9,7%
Non-gold minerals	108,3	+3,4%	+3,7%
Total	95,6	-1,7%	-1,4%

Seasonally adjusted estimates	March 2001	% change between February 2001 and March 2001	% change between October 2000 to December 2000 and January 2001 to March 2001
Index of the physical volume of mining production			
Gold	76,7	-1,4%	-1,6%
Non-gold minerals	108,6	+0,5%	+1,5%
Total	95,0	-0,2%	+0,4%

Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of March 2001

Mining production increases

The total mining production for the first quarter of 2001, after seasonal adjustment, reflected an increase of 0,4% compared with the fourth quarter of 2000.

The increase of 0,4% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 1,5% in the production of non-gold minerals during the first quarter of 2001 compared with the fourth quarter of 2000. However, this increase was partially counteracted by a seasonally adjusted decrease of 1,6% in gold production during this period. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 1,5% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum, copper and diamonds.

Key figures regarding mineral sales as at the end of February 2001

Actual estimates	February 2001 R million	% change between February 2000 and February 2001	% change between December 1999 to February 2000 and December 2000 to February 2001	% change between January 2000 to February 2000 and January 2001 to February 2001
Mineral sales				
Gold	1 990,9	-7,5%	-0,4%	+3,4
Non-gold minerals	7 358,3	+48,6%	+50,4%	+54,3
Total	9 349,2	+31,6%	+35,4 %	+39,3

Seasonally adjusted estimates	February 2001 R million	% change between January 2001 and February 2001	% change between September 2000 to November 2000 and December 2000 to February 2001

Mineral sales			
Gold	2 081,1	-4,2%	-2,8%
Non-gold minerals	7 801,3	+9,2%	+6,1%
Total	9 882,4	+6,1%	+4,0%

Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of February 2001

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2001 reflected an increase of 4,0% compared with the previous three months. Furthermore, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2001 reflected an increase of 35,4% compared with the three months ended February 2000.

The increase of 4,0% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2001 compared with the previous three months can mainly be attributed to increases of 6,1% in non-gold mineral sales. However, this increase was partially counteracted by a decrease of 2,8% in the sales of gold. The seasonally adjusted increase of 6,1% in non-gold minerals can mainly be attributed to increases of 16,0% (+R1 334,0 million) in sales of platinum, 18,4% (+R149,9 million) in sales of iron and 35,5% (+R166,5 million) in sales of copper.

The 35,4% increase in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended February 2001 compared with the three months ended February 2000 was mainly due to an increase of 50,4% (+R7 349,7 million) in non-gold mineral sales. The increase of 50,4% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 95,3% (+R4 536,4 million) in sales of platinum, 60,8% (+R357,8 million) in sales of iron, 53,5% (+R198,8 million) in sales of copper and 48,2% (+R112,2 million) in sales of manganese.

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

	Percentage contribution to	Quarterly percentage	Contribution (percentage)	Difference in total mineral
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Mining division	mineral sales during December 1999 to February 2000	change between December 1999 to February 2000 and December 2000 to February 2001	points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/	sales between December 1999 to February 2000 and December 2000 to February 2001 R million
Gold	29,6	-0,4	-0,1	-23,4
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	2,8	60,8	1,7	357,8
Copper	1,8	53,5	1,0	198,8
Manganese ore	1,1	48,2	0,6	112,2
Chromium	1,2	3,3	0,0	8,2
Platinum	23,0	95,3	21,9	4 536,4
Nickel	2,1	12,0	0,2	49,7
Other metallic minerals	3,3	9,8	0,3	67,8
Coal	21,3	31,1	6,6	1 373,7
Building materials	2,4	35,6	0,9	177,1
Other non-metallic	11,4	19,7	2,3	468,0
Total non-gold minerals	70,4	50,4	35,5	7 349,7

Total minerals	100,0	35,4	35,4	7 326,3
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1/ The contribution to the percentage in the sales is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change of each mineral with the percentage contribution to total mineral sales during December 1999 to February 2000 of the corresponding mineral.

Notes		
Forthcoming issues	Issue	Expected date of publication
	April 2001	12 June 2001
	May 2001	10 July 2001
	June 2001	7 August 2001
	July 2001	11 September 2001
	August 2001	9 October 2001
	September 2001	6 November 2001
	October 2001	11 December 2001
	November 2001	8 January 2002
	December 2001	12 February 2002
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.

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	89,7	91,0*
F	99,3	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	95,9	92,3*
M	101,1	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	97,3	95,6
A	95,9	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,3	92,0	
M	96,2	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,2	92,4	
J	105,1	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	101,5	
J	100,2	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,3	94,3	
A	104,4	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,4	98,8	
S	104,6	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,3	100,1	
O	98,9	98,7	100,6	104,7	100,1	97,3	
N	100,1	100,3	104,4	102,5	102,7	101,7	
D	99,2	98,9	98,6	99,0	96,8	94,0	
Year	100,0	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,4	96,3	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	99,3	101,0	99,3	101,6	95,1	96,3	97,9
F	100,1	99,6	100,5	99,5	97,5	98,8	95,2
M	100,1	97,9	96,4	98,5	99,5	96,5	95,0
A	99,0	96,8	100,5	99,5	96,1	95,7	
M	97,1	98,3	102,8	97,0	101,8	93,6	
J	103,1	98,5	102,7	100,9	95,7	97,6	
J	100,0	98,6	100,7	97,7	98,8	94,8	
A	101,5	96,9	100,8	97,8	92,9	97,2	
S	101,4	95,7	99,5	97,1	97,7	97,9	
O	98,1	97,8	99,0	102,6	97,6	94,7	
N	97,6	97,7	101,2	99,1	99,0	97,7	
D	101,5	100,4	99,4	99,3	96,7	94,6	

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	1996	99,8	100,4	96,3	100,0	105,1*
F	97,0	97,0	103,3	103,8	102,0	101,4	104,0*
M	98,9	100,1	97,7	107,8	104,7	104,7	108,3
A	95,4	95,3	101,8	104,7	97,3	100,7	
M	99,1	100,0	107,0	105,6	111,7	104,0	
J	108,1	104,9	114,4	113,0	107,1	113,0	
J	100,1	103,6	107,5	105,5	110,0	106,5	

A	105,4	102,3	107,7	106,4	103,3	109,2	
S	106,1	104,0	104,7	105,8	107,1	110,7	
O	96,9	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,3	109,6	
N	100,2	102,1	106,0	111,1	114,6	116,3	
D	98,8	99,7	100,4	102,4	103,3	103,6	
Year	100,0	100,7	104,7	107,0	105,7	106,6	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	97,2	102,1	104,4	105,6	101,6	105,9	111,6
F	98,5	99,0	105,7	106,9	105,6	105,3	108,1
M	98,3	99,2	96,8	107,3	104,5	104,8	108,6
A	98,0	98,3	105,1	108,5	101,2	104,6	
M	99,1	99,5	106,4	104,8	111,6	103,4	
J	104,8	101,4	110,3	108,6	102,5	108,2	
J	98,5	102,1	106,0	103,8	108,8	105,1	
A	101,7	99,4	105,7	104,9	102,4	108,4	
S	103,1	101,4	102,7	104,5	106,3	110,5	
O	96,7	100,6	103,4	114,2	107,2	105,1	
N	98,3	100,0	103,2	107,6	110,3	111,3	
D	104,8	104,9	104,6	105,7	105,8	107,1	

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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		
		2000	2001		2000	2001		2000
			Mar.	Feb. *		Mar.	Mar.	
Total, gold included	100,0	96,3	95,6	92,3	97,3	95,0	95,2	96,5
Total, gold excluded	57,5	106,6	108,3	104,0	104,7	108,6	108,1	104,8
Gold	42,5	82,2	78,5	76,5	87,2	76,7	77,8	85,2
Iron ore	3,0	105,1	105,2	101,9	99,4	108,9	108,6	102,0
Chrome	1,1	130,2	99,7	101,4	139,7	104,0	111,9	145,7
Copper	3,1	84,3	96,6	91,7	85,9	99,5	101,7	86,9
Manganese ore	1,3	120,4	109,1	124,6	125,1	108,0	119,8	124,3
Platinum	11,9	112,9	123,1	107,7	115,8	119,1	114,3	112,0
Nickel	1,5	122,9	125,6	103,7	110,6	122,5	115,7	108,3
Other metallic minerals	2,4	102,1	98,0	94,3	107,2	100,2	98,9	109,8
Diamonds	4,4	107,8	122,9	125,1	89,6	130,4	118,9	94,5
Coal	23,2	107,6	108,9	103,5	106,8	109,3	106,1	107,3
Building materials	3,5	91,3	70,0	78,3	82,9	68,0	85,6	80,2
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	92,2	77,5	108,0	85,1	78,8	113,4	86,4

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

Month	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Actual values							
J	4 669,3	5 165,8	6 447,8	6 426,5	6 076,6	6 244,0	9 247,0
F	4 234,9	4 604,1	5 159,4	5 924,3	5 766,7	7 105,0	9 349,2
M	4 699,9	5 002,9	4 936,6	5 547,6	6 448,1	8 941,3	
A	4 413,1	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,1	5 696,5	7 508,5	
M	4 705,1	5 345,4	5 309,0	5 433,1	5 688,7	8 202,3	
J	4 525,3	4 994,7	5 445,9	6 017,2	6 372,5	8 183,1	
J	4 777,9	5 795,5	5 780,2	6 669,1	5 980,7	7 626,5	
A	4 667,3	5 478,2	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 824,7	8 146,0	
S	4 840,0	5 124,4	5 568,2	6 066,8	6 566,2	8 609,4	
O	5 323,0	6 227,5	6 026,2	6 454,7	6 033,0	8 270,0	
N	4 538,9	5 117,3	5 130,7	5 759,3	7 571,3	9 763,9	
D	3 805,3	4 868,1	5 386,8	6 356,9	7 362,0	9 441,1	
Year	55 200,0	63 104,8	66 313,8	72 636,1	76 387,0	98 041,1	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	4 477,3	4 998,3	6 217,6	6 089,8	6 061,2	6 281,7	9 314,4
F	4 569,1	4 893,8	5 377,1	5 980,9	5 937,3	7 299,9	9 882,4
M	4 687,9	4 994,3	4 907,5	5 499,9	6 374,1	8 914,5	
A	4 431,4	5 413,3	5 618,9	6 521,4	5 830,7	7 553,8	
M	4 698,9	5 365,4	5 365,9	5 556,3	5 842,1	8 429,2	
J	4 637,9	5 081,7	5 497,3	5 962,0	6 308,8	8 015,3	
J	4 408,4	5 423,4	5 547,0	6 422,2	5 794,0	7 330,4	
A	4 526,8	5 358,8	5 442,7	6 233,6	6 704,7	8 122,1	
S	4 821,0	5 085,1	5 628,3	6 104,1	6 788,3	8 593,6	
O	4 945,2	5 830,9	5 672,0	6 262,9	5 968,4	8 397,8	
N	4 836,2	5 416,3	5 351,6	5 905,3	7 878,2	10 275,9	
D	4 139,7	5 156,5	5 546,9	6 364,4	7 217,3	9 152,9	

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

Month	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000*	2001
Actual values							
J	2 613,0	2 764,4	3 394,4	4 586,7	4 011,6	4 476,8	7 187,4*
F	2 454,1	2 612,9	3 280,4	4 187,7	3 804,8	4 953,1	7 358,3
M	2 678,6	3 031,3	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 941,7	6 671,2	
A	2 391,9	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 779,7	3 792,4	5 777,4	
M	2 716,7	3 078,6	3 245,0	3 677,1	3 812,5	6 146,5	
J	2 751,4	3 104,0	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 394,5	5 869,1	

J	2 728,2	3 229,8	3 429,1	4 285,6	4 046,3	5 686,7	
A	2 577,6	3 066,3	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 927,8	5 815,1	
S	2 695,9	3 088,6	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 498,7	6 520,1	
O	2 824,7	3 539,0	3 566,4	4 183,8	3 975,0	5 999,4	
N	2 819,7	3 131,0	3 332,1	3 719,5	5 036,5	7 464,9	
D	2 615,0	3 148,0	3 583,0	4 106,8	5 154,8	7 388,5	
Year	31 866,8	36 622,5	41 236,8	48 341,3	51 396,6	72 768,8	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	2 553,7	2 707,5	3 231,1	4 237,8	3 935,8	4 431,3	7 141,3
F	2 501,0	2 632,4	3 303,2	4 103,3	3 853,9	5 036,5	7 801,3
M	2 627,2	2 979,6	3 107,5	3 649,7	3 873,2	6 670,8	
A	2 429,4	2 884,2	3 477,1	4 601,3	3 845,5	5 726,3	
M	2 700,3	3 072,8	3 246,2	3 720,6	3 851,4	6 227,8	
J	2 607,6	2 956,9	3 548,9	3 947,3	4 258,5	5 654,1	
J	2 629,6	3 147,1	3 431,0	4 254,3	4 023,3	5 542,4	
A	2 533,6	3 038,4	3 516,3	4 099,9	4 859,2	5 849,6	
S	2 705,7	3 077,5	3 657,6	3 922,0	4 746,4	6 545,0	
O	2 804,5	3 524,8	3 530,5	4 247,3	4 094,2	6 297,0	
N	2 967,1	3 267,0	3 442,2	3 788,0	5 314,3	7 970,3	
D	2 849,6	3 346,7	3 700,4	4 107,6	5 029,9	7 134,3	

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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		
	2000	2001		2000	2001		2000
		Feb.	Jan. *	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
Total, gold included	98 041,1	9 349,2	9 247,0	7 105,0	9 882,4	9 314,4	7 299,9
Total, gold excluded	72 768,8	7 358,3	7 187,4	4 953,1	7 801,3	7 141,3	5 036,5
Gold	25 272,0	1 990,9	2 059,5	2 151,9	2 081,1	2 173,1	2 263,4
Iron ore	3 039,1	316,3	352,0	213,6	326,8	345,0	219,0
Chrome	1 076,4	76,5	77,1	80,5	81,7	79,3	85,2
Copper	1 573,6	187,4	198,2	82,6	226,7	220,1	96,4
Manganese ore	1 232,2	119,8	118,0	124,4	105,1	116,2	111,3
Platinum	27 094,5	3 356,3	3 070,0	1 505,6	3 805,4	3 016,4	1 690,5
Nickel	1 994,3	163,7	148,2	147,4	182,1	162,9	165,7
Other metallic minerals	2 840,7	289,3	208,2	195,0	337,8	271,9	228,2
Coal	19 687,9	1 906,2	2 036,5	1 547,3	1 893,3	2 030,3	1 537,5
Building materials	2 525,5	279,2	203,6	163,4	286,5	258,3	168,7
- Granite or norite	678,2	121,0	50,6	30,6	121,6	87,2	30,9
- Lime and limestone	791,6	75,7	69,8	62,8	76,5	72,2	63,7

- Other building materials	1 055,6	82,4	83,1	70,0	88,4	98,9	74,1
Other non-metallic minerals	11 705,0	663,7	775,7	893,2	555,9	640,9	734,0

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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 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Seasonal adjustment	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.
Reliability of estimates	12	Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Figures for the latest month are preliminary.

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Rounding-off of figures	15	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

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	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	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 January 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.
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