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Actual estimates	November 2000	% change between November 1999 and November 2000	% change between September 1999 to November 1999 and September 2000 to November 2000	% change between January 1999 to November 1999 and January 2000 to November 2000
Index of the physical volume of mining production				
Gold	81,4	-6,3%	-6,0%	-4,3%
Non-gold minerals	111,0	-3,1%	-0,7%	+0,0%
Total	98,4	-4,3%	-2,7%	-1,7%

Seasonally adjusted estimates	November 2000	% change between October 2000 And November 2000	% change between June 2000 to August 2000 and September 2000 to November 2000

Index of the physical volume of mining production			
Gold	79,0	-1,9%	-2,5%
Non-gold minerals	106,6	+0,4%	+1,4%
Total	94,9	-0,4%	0,0%

Key findings regarding mining production as at November 2000

Mining production remains unchanged

The total mining production for the three months ended November 2000, after seasonal adjustment, remained at the same level as the total mining production for the previous three months.

The production of non-gold minerals increased by 1,4% after seasonal adjustment compared with the previous three months, while the production of gold decreased by 2,5% after seasonal adjustment during this period. Major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 1,4% in the production of non-gold minerals were copper, nickel and diamond mines.

Key figures regarding mineral sales as at October 2000

Actual estimates		% change	% change	% change
	October	between	between	between
	2000	October 1999	August 1999 to	January 1999 to
		and	October 1999	October 1999
	R million	October 2000	and	and

			August 2000 to October 2000	January 2000 to October 2000
Mineral sales				
Gold	2 269,6	+10,3%	+11,1%	+3,3%
Non-gold minerals	6 041,4	+52,0%	+40,0%	+41,5%
Total	8 311,0	+37,8%	+31,0%	+28,9%

Seasonally adjusted estimates	October 2000 R million	% change between September 2000 and October 2000	% change between May 2000 to July 2000 and August 2000 to October 2000
Mineral sales			
Gold	2 086,3	+1,8%	+0,6%
Non-gold minerals	5 986,8	-8,4%	+5,9%
Total	8 073,1	-6,0%	+4,5%

Key findings regarding mineral sales as at October 2000

Mineral sales increase

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended October 2000 reflected an increase of 4,5% compared with the previous three months. Furthermore, the actual value of mineral sales for the three months ended October 2000 reflected an increase of 31,0% compared with the three months ended October 1999.

The 4,5% increase in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended October 2000 compared with the previous three months was due to increases of 5,9% (+R1 032,1 million) in non-gold sales and 0,6% (+R40,6 million) in gold sales. The increase of 5,9% in non-gold mineral sales can mainly be attributed to increases of 36,4% (+R2 174,7 million) in sales of platinum and 10,4% (+R490,3 million) in sales of coal. These increases were partially counteracted by a decrease of 29,4% (-R884,9 million) in sales of 'other' non-metallic minerals.

The 31,0% increase in the actual value of mineral sales for the three months ended October 2000 compared with the three months ended October 1999 was due to an increase of 40,0% (+R5 359,3 million) in non-gold mineral sales and an increase of 11,1% (+R668,4 million) in gold sales. The increase of 40,0% in non-gold mineral sales can mainly be attributed to an increase of 113,7% (+R4 173 million) in sales of platinum.

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

Mineral	Percentage contribution to mineral sales during August 1999 to October 1999	Quarterly percentage change between August 1999 to October 1999 and August 2000 to October 2000	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/	Difference in total mineral sales between August 1999 to October 1999 and August 2000 to October 2000

				R million
Gold	31,0	11,1	3,4	668,4
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	3,1	19,5	0,7	118,2
Copper	2,0	5,9	0,1	23,2
Manganese ore	0,9	57,1	0,5	101,2
Chromium	1,2	24,2	0,3	57,2
Platinum	18,9	113,7	21,5	4 173,1
Nickel	1,7	37,1	0,6	119,3
Other metallic minerals	2,9	42,0	1,2	238,6
Coal	22,4	23,6	5,3	1 028,5
Building materials	3,1	16,6	0,5	99,7
Other non-metallic	12,8	-24,5	-3,1	-599,7
Total non-gold minerals	69,0	40,0	27,6	5 359,3
Total	100,0	31,0	31,0	6 027,7

1/ The contribution is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each mineral with the percentage contribution of the corresponding mineral.

Notes

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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.

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

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Actual indices							
J	99,8	95,0	96,0	93,6	95,0	88,8	89,9
F	101,9	99,3	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	95,5
M	101,0	101,1	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	96,8
A	99,8	95,9	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,2	91,7
M	95,6	96,2	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,2	92,0*
J	101,5	105,1	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	101,0
J	100,0	100,2	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,2	93,8*
A	104,4	104,4	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,3	98,2*
S	103,6	104,6	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,3	99,9*
O	100,1	98,9	98,7	100,6	104,7	100,1	96,7*
N	104,3	100,1	100,3	104,4	102,4	102,8	98,4
D	98,2	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,9	97,1	
Year	100,9	100,0	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,4	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	104,8	99,5	100,9	98,9	101,1	94,8	96,2
F	102,6	99,7	99,2	100,3	99,2	97,1	97,9
M	101,3	100,7	98,4	96,8	98,5	99,5	95,8
A	102,9	99,0	96,9	100,6	99,6	95,9	95,2
M	97,2	97,5	98,9	103,3	97,5	101,9	93,8
J	99,9	102,2	97,4	101,3	99,5	94,6	95,9
J	100,1	100,1	98,7	101,0	98,1	99,0	94,6
A	101,7	101,6	97,1	101,0	98,2	93,0	96,9
S	101,9	102,2	96,5	100,0	97,3	97,5	97,3
O	100,0	98,4	98,0	99,7	103,4	98,7	95,3
N	102,7	98,0	97,9	101,6	99,2	99,2	94,9
D	100,2	100,2	99,3	98,7	99,0	97,2	

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

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Actual indices							
J	92,3	1995	98,4	99,8	100,4	96,2	100,1
F	95,8	97,0	97,0	103,3	103,8	101,9	100,6

M	91,7	98,9	100,1	97,7	107,8	104,7	103,9
A	93,0	95,4	95,3	101,8	104,7	97,2	99,9
M	89,8	99,1	100,0	107,0	105,6	111,6	103,4*
J	95,0	108,1	104,9	114,4	113,0	106,9	112,1
J	94,3	100,1	103,6	107,5	105,5	109,9	105,5
A	99,3	105,4	102,3	107,7	106,4	103,1	108,1*
S	96,5	106,1	104,0	104,7	105,8	107,0	110,6*
O	93,8	96,9	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,2	108,7*
N	99,9	100,2	102,1	106,0	110,9	114,5	111,0
D	91,8	98,8	99,7	100,4	102,2	103,6	
Year	94,4	100,0	100,7	104,7	107,0	105,7	
Seasonally adjusted indices							
J	95,8	97,5	102,0	103,7	104,7	100,8	105,2
F	96,4	97,9	98,3	105,3	106,3	104,7	103,4
M	92,6	99,4	100,3	97,5	107,4	104,5	103,7
A	95,2	98,0	98,4	105,4	108,6	100,8	103,6
M	90,5	99,8	100,6	107,4	105,9	112,1	104,0
J	91,3	103,2	99,3	107,8	106,1	100,4	105,1
J	92,8	98,7	102,4	106,4	104,4	109,0	104,8
A	95,3	101,8	99,7	106,0	105,6	102,6	107,8
S	94,8	104,4	102,8	103,6	104,7	105,8	109,5
O	94,4	97,2	101,1	104,4	115,5	108,9	106,2
N	98,7	98,9	100,4	103,7	107,7	110,4	106,6
D	95,7	102,6	103,2	103,7	105,6	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		
		1999		2000		2000		1999
		Nov.	Oct. *	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	
Total, gold included	100,0	97,4	98,4	96,7	102,8	94,9	95,3	99,2
Total, gold excluded	57,5	105,6	111,0	108,7	114,5	106,6	106,2	110,4
Gold	42,5	86,2	81,4	80,5	86,9	79,0	80,5	84,1
Iron ore	3,0	92,3	121,7	116,1	103,6	107,6	107,2	92,6
Chrome	1,1	134,0	133,1	137,5	137,9	130,2	129,9	133,7
Copper	3,1	89,2	121,4	95,7	101,9	104,4	85,4	88,6
Manganese ore	1,3	100,4	134,2	137,6	113,8	128,0	137,6	109,5
Platinum	11,9	118,2	111,5	100,2	126,2	109,0	98,0	123,2
Nickel	1,5	121,5	131,7	136,5	130,1	126,2	132,7	125,5
Other metallic minerals	2,4	95,3	88,2	102,9	95,0	90,5	99,4	97,4
Diamonds	4,4	98,3	120,9	119,0	124,9	106,5	113,5	110,7
Coal	23,2	108,0	109,1	111,7	116,1	107,3	106,6	114,4
Building materials	3,5	86,0	91,3	90,7	88,9	88,9	87,9	86,8
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	88,7	96,3	96,5	86,1	95,4	87,9	84,9

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

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999*	2000
Actual values							
J	4 428,7	4 669,3	5 165,8	6 447,8	6 426,5	6 074,9	6 278,4*
F	3 619,4	4 234,9	4 604,1	5 159,4	5 924,3	5 765,6	7 156,0*
M	4 201,9	4 699,9	5 002,9	4 936,6	5 547,6	6 447,9	8 996,9*
A	4 001,5	4 413,1	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,1	5 694,5	7 529,1*
M	4 325,1	4 705,1	5 345,4	5 309,0	5 433,1	5 686,9	8 376,5*
J	4 115,7	4 525,3	4 994,7	5 445,9	6 017,2	6 370,0	8 274,4*
J	4 669,4	4 777,9	5 795,5	5 780,2	6 669,1	5 978,6	7 135,4*
A	4 415,7	4 667,3	5 478,2	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 822,7	8 508,4*
S	4 526,6	4 840,0	5 124,4	5 568,2	6 066,8	6 563,8	8 628,2*
O	4 343,9	5 323,0	6 227,5	6 026,2	6 454,7	6 033,3	8 311,0
N	4 153,2	4 538,9	5 117,3	5 130,7	6 009,6	7 571,1	
D	3 910,4	3 805,3	4 868,1	5 386,8	6 354,3	7 363,2	
Year	50 711,5	55 200,0	63 104,8	66 313,8	72 883,8	76 372,5	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	4 287,4	4 534,6	5 016,6	6 287,5	6 292,0	5 957,8	6 155,6
F	4 040,5	4 635,7	4 952,5	5 423,7	6 136,5	5 961,1	7 347,1
M	4 201,0	4 698,6	5 017,3	4 955,9	5 574,9	6 485,4	9 054,8
A	3 966,7	4 372,9	5 344,5	5 588,1	5 714,5	5 784,4	7 666,7
M	4 320,1	4 702,3	5 379,9	5 420,2	5 627,3	5 964,2	8 827,8
J	4 268,1	4 638,3	5 075,6	5 452,9	5 958,0	6 266,7	8 084,9
J	4 264,4	4 421,9	5 423,4	5 468,5	6 394,9	5 769,1	6 936,6
A	4 228,4	4 531,4	5 361,3	5 445,0	6 182,6	6 641,2	8 263,6
S	4 426,1	4 775,7	5 095,5	5 574,0	6 061,4	6 541,5	8 585,3
O	4 040,1	4 969,3	5 810,4	5 652,8	6 128,2	5 793,7	8 073,1
N	4 439,7	4 840,5	5 452,1	5 433,0	6 355,0	7 987,4	
D	4 275,0	4 054,5	5 080,7	5 494,3	6 369,9	7 322,2	

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

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999*	2000
Actual values							
J	2 106,9	2 613,0	2 764,4	3 394,4	4 586,7	4 010,0	4 511,2*
F	1 965,1	2 454,1	2 612,9	3 280,4	4 187,7	3 803,7	5 004,1*
M	2 095,5	2 678,6	3 031,3	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 941,5	6 726,7*
A	2 165,2	2 391,9	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 779,7	3 790,4	5 799,6*
M	2 118,7	2 716,7	3 078,6	3 245,0	3 677,1	3 810,7	6 320,8*
J	2 239,9	2 751,4	3 104,0	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 392,0	5 960,4*
J	2 266,0	2 728,2	3 229,8	3 429,1	4 285,6	4 044,2	5 198,7*
A	2 319,0	2 577,6	3 066,3	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 925,8	6 181,5*
S	2 333,5	2 695,9	3 088,6	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 496,4	6 533,9*
O	2 076,3	2 824,7	3 539,0	3 566,4	4 183,8	3 975,2	6 041,3
N	2 029,1	2 819,7	3 131,0	3 332,1	3 969,7	5 036,3	
D	2 043,2	2 615,0	3 148,0	3 583,0	4 104,2	5 156,0	
Year	25 758,4	31 866,8	36 622,5	41 236,8	48 588,9	51 382,2	
Seasonally adjusted values							

J	2 136,4	2 613,5	2 732,7	3 335,1	4 482,1	3 905,0	4 382,8
F	2 077,9	2 565,2	2 690,1	3 346,4	4 253,4	3 861,2	5 060,7
M	2 051,6	2 637,7	3 003,9	3 154,1	3 718,8	3 973,1	6 802,8
A	2 144,7	2 380,5	2 830,7	3 469,1	3 820,8	3 835,2	5 875,5
M	2 116,6	2 709,5	3 089,4	3 294,3	3 782,4	3 961,1	6 612,3
J	2 111,3	2 605,7	2 947,8	3 498,2	3 933,2	4 204,0	5 708,2
J	2 205,3	2 640,4	3 142,3	3 349,9	4 228,6	4 005,3	5 159,7
A	2 246,8	2 534,8	3 035,2	3 512,6	4 042,8	4 791,8	5 989,7
S	2 263,3	2 652,5	3 079,2	3 595,6	3 876,2	4 501,8	6 535,8
O	2 090,0	2 828,4	3 505,5	3 514,7	4 121,0	3 931,4	5 986,8
N	2 137,4	2 972,1	3 294,7	3 492,3	4 164,6	5 294,0	
D	2 186,6	2 762,4	3 265,9	3 649,0	4 116,5	5 137,9	

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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		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999
		Oct.	Sep. *	Oct.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.
Total, gold included	76 372,5	8 311,0	8 628,2	6 033,3	8 073,1	8 585,3	5 793,7
Total, gold excluded	51 382,2	6 041,3	6 533,9	3 975,2	5 986,8	6 535,8	3 931,4
Gold	24 990,3	2 269,6	2 094,3	2 058,0	2 086,3	2 049,5	1 862,3
Iron ore	2 205,9	255,5	215,5	210,2	245,7	242,8	204,0
Chrome	1 004,7	88,6	100,1	65,4	100,3	95,3	72,9
Copper	1 388,3	151,8	128,4	123,8	138,1	106,5	114,0
Manganese ore	934,6	93,5	93,7	57,0	97,1	109,5	60,2
Platinum	14 887,3	2 315,5	3 054,6	1 175,9	2 706,8	2 824,9	1 372,8
Nickel	1 147,8	160,1	127,1	113,8	157,2	128,6	114,2
Other metallic minerals	2 452,6	351,5	267,9	174,6	345,9	273,0	172,0
Coal	17 709,7	1 926,5	1 721,4	1 467,0	1 876,4	1 723,0	1 432,6
Building materials	2 347,2	233,0	215,3	199,0	223,3	212,9	190,1
- Granite or norite	628,1	60,7	50,3	51,8	61,0	53,5	51,6
- Lime and limestone	735,3	70,4	70,7	66,2	68,4	68,2	64,1
- Other building materials	984,3	101,9	94,4	81,1	95,1	91,8	75,6
Other non-metallic minerals	7 303,8	465,4	609,9	388,5	510,5	836,1	401,3

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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 Min
	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.
		Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.

Reliability of estimates	12	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.

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