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Key figures as at the end of October 2000

Actual estimates	October	% change between	% change between	% change between
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	2000	October 1999 and October 2000	August 1999 to October 1999 and August 2000 to October 2000	January 1999 to October 1999 and January 2000 to October 2000
Index of the physical volume of mining production				
Gold	80,8	-5,1%	-2,9%	-4,1%
Non-gold minerals	111,1	-0,1%	+3,4%	+0,8%
Total	98,2	-1,9%	+1,1%	-1,1%

Seasonally adjusted estimates	October 2000	% change between September 2000 and October 2000	% change between May 2000 to July 2000 and August 2000 to October 2000

Index of the physical volume of mining production			
Gold	81,0	-0,2%	0,0%
Non-gold minerals	106,9	-4,0%	+3,6%
Total	95,9	-2,6%	+2,2%

Key findings as at the end of October 2000

Mining production increases

The total mining production for the three months ended October 2000 increased by 2,2% after seasonal adjustment compared with the previous three months.

The increase of 2,2% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 3,6% in the production of non-gold minerals for the three months ended October 2000 compared with the previous three months. However, the production of gold remained unchanged after seasonal adjustment during the three months ended October 2000 compared with the previous three months. Major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 3,6% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum mines and building material mines.

Key figures as at the end of September 2000

Actual estimates	September 2000	% change	% change	% change
		between September 1999 and September 2000	between July 1999 to September 1999 and July 2000 to	between January 1999 to September 1999 and
	R million			

			September 2000	January 2000 to September 2000
Mineral sales				
Gold	2 241,0	+8,4%	+10,2%	+3,3%
Non-gold minerals	6 713,5	+49,3%	+31,9%	+39,8%
Total	8 954,5	+36,4%	+25,3%	+27,8%

Seasonally adjusted estimates	September 2000 R million	% change between August 2000 and September 2000	% change between April 2000 to June 2000 and July 2000 to September 2000
Mineral sales			
Gold	2 192,2	-4,8%	-2,2%
Non-gold minerals	6 805,5	+13,0%	-0,9%
Total	8 997,7	+10,5%	-1,3%

Key findings as at the end of September 2000

Mineral sales decrease

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the third quarter of 2000 reflected a decrease of 1,3% compared with the second quarter of 2000. However, the actual value of mineral sales for the third quarter of 2000 reflected an increase of 25,3% compared with the third quarter of 1999.

The 1,3% decrease in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the third quarter of 2000 compared with the second quarter of 2000 was due to decreases of 2,2% (-R138,8 million) in gold and 0,9% (-R174,1 million) in non-gold mineral sales. The decrease of 0,9% in non-gold mineral sales can mainly be attributed to decreases of 26,4% (-R933,2 million) in "other" non-metallic minerals, 14,7% (-R76,6 million) in sales of nickel and 7,9% (-R61,5 million) in sales of iron. These decreases were partially counteracted by increases of 11,9% (R739,9 million) in sales of platinum and 2,4% (R114,3 million) in sales of coal.

The 25,3% increase in the actual value of mineral sales for the third quarter of 2000 compared with the third quarter of 1999 was due to an increase of 31,9% (R4 298,8 million) in non-gold sales and an increase of 10,2% (R603,1 million) in gold sales. The increase of 31,9% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 87,7% (R3 433,1 million) in sales of platinum and 16,6% (R702,8 million) in sales of coal. These increases were partially counteracted by a decrease of 2,2% (-R436,6 million) in sales of "other" non-metallic minerals (cf. table A).

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

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

		July 2000 to September 2000		September 2000 R million
Gold	30,4	10,2	3,1	603,1
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	2,9	19,5	0,6	111,0
Copper	1,8	-0,3	0,0	-0,9
Manganese ore	0,9	69,3	0,6	117,0
Chromium	1,3	17,2	0,2	42,0
Platinum	20,2	87,7	17,7	3 433,1
Nickel	1,4	61,3	0,9	172,1
Other metallic minerals	3,2	13,6	0,4	84,4
Coal	21,8	16,6	3,6	702,8
Building materials	3,3	12,3	0,4	73,9
Other non-metalic	12,8	-17,4	-2,2	-436,6
Total non-gold minerals	69,6	31,9	22,2	4 298,8
Total	100	25,3	25,3	4 901,9

1/ The contribution is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change of each mining division with its corresponding weight in

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

J	100,2	100,0	98,6	100,8	97,8	98,8	94,2
A	102,0	101,5	97,0	100,9	97,9	92,9	96,7
S	101,5	101,4	95,6	99,3	96,7	97,2	98,5
O	99,9	98,0	97,8	99,2	102,8	98,0	95,9
N	103,1	97,6	97,6	101,2	99,3	99,5	
D	101,6	101,5	100,4	99,1	98,9	96,7	

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	103,5*
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	108,0
S	96,5	106,1	104,0	104,7	105,8	107,0	113,2*
O	93,8	96,9	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,2	111,1
N	99,9	100,2	102,1	106,0	110,9	114,5	
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	95,3	97,1	102,1	104,3	105,7	101,7	106,8
F	97,3	98,4	98,9	105,5	106,4	104,9	103,5
M	92,8	98,3	99,2	96,7	107,2	104,5	103,8
A	95,4	98,0	98,3	105,2	108,6	101,2	103,8
M	90,8	99,2	99,6	106,4	104,8	111,4	102,8
J	93,2	104,8	101,4	110,4	108,6	102,4	107,5
J	92,9	98,5	102,1	106,0	103,8	108,6	104,2
A	95,8	101,7	99,4	105,8	105,0	102,4	107,4
S	94,0	103,1	101,2	102,3	103,6	105,2	111,4
O	94,2	96,6	100,6	103,6	114,4	107,5	106,9
N	99,5	98,4	100,2	103,6	108,3	111,4	
D	98,2	104,8	104,9	104,5	105,5	106,1	

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

	Actual indices	Seasonally adjusted
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Minerals	Weights	indices						
		1999	2000		1999	2000		1999
			Oct.	Sep. *		Oct.	Oct.	
Total, gold included	100,0	97,4	98,2	101,5	100,1	95,9	98,5	98,0
Total, gold excluded	57,5	105,6	111,1	113,2	111,2	106,9	111,4	107,5
Gold	42,5	86,2	80,8	85,7	85,1	81,0	81,2	85,1
Iron ore	3,0	92,3	116,1	94,7	102,2	106,1	99,9	94,7
Chrome	1,1	134,0	137,7	136,9	139,7	129,8	128,2	131,6
Copper	3,1	89,2	95,9	98,0	105,5	85,5	90,1	94,8
Manganese ore	1,3	100,4	137,6	114,4	102,1	136,7	109,2	101,1
Platinum	11,9	118,2	108,1	126,7	127,7	108,0	132,8	128,3
Nickel	1,5	121,5	133,1	126,1	91,6	128,7	121,1	89,0
Other metallic minerals	2,4	95,3	103,8	96,0	94,2	100,7	97,0	91,7
Diamonds	4,4	98,3	139,2	143,6	100,2	134,6	132,3	97,1
Coal	23,2	108,0	110,1	110,3	113,6	105,4	105,8	108,8
Building materials	3,5	86,0	89,3	86,2	87,9	86,3	85,7	85,7
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	88,7	95,1	95,4	99,5	88,8	99,6	93,5

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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	6 090,2	6 253,3*
F	3 619,4	4 234,9	4 604,1	5 159,4	5 924,3	5 754,4	7 140,0*
M	4 201,9	4 699,9	5 002,9	4 936,6	5 547,6	6 433,4	8 993,0*
A	4 001,5	4 413,1	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,2	5 692,5	7 511,2*
M	4 325,1	4 705,1	5 345,4	5 309,0	5 433,0	5 689,5	8 378,3*
J	4 115,7	4 525,3	4 994,7	5 445,9	6 017,0	6 371,1	8 262,4*
J	4 669,4	4 777,9	5 795,5	5 780,2	6 669,1	5 980,5	7 117,4*
A	4 415,7	4 667,3	5 478,2	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 837,4	8 213,1*
S	4 526,6	4 840,0	5 124,4	5 568,2	6 066,7	6 565,2	8 954,5
O	4 343,9	5 323,0	6 227,5	6 026,2	6 446,1	6 019,2	
N	4 153,2	4 538,9	5 117,3	5 130,7	5 994,9	7 562,0	
D	3 910,4	3 805,3	4 868,1	5 386,8	6 343,0	7 373,2	
Year	50 711,5	55 200,0	63 104,8	66 313,8	72 848,9	76 368,6	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	4 276,7	4 481,6	4 999,6	6 181,1	5 986,6	5 996,0	6 188,4

F	4 011,5	4 572,6	4 899,9	5 394,3	6 014,0	5 971,9	7 378,7
M	4 196,4	4 684,4	4 988,3	4 911,6	5 518,8	6 383,5	9 182,7
A	3 993,8	4 436,0	5 421,6	5 642,2	6 584,5	5 864,2	7 660,1
M	4 316,7	4 700,3	5 364,8	5 373,6	5 573,7	5 857,6	8 686,3
J	4 271,8	4 641,9	5 088,5	5 510,1	5 976,2	6 325,2	8 136,9
J	4 249,9	4 410,5	5 425,8	5 547,0	6 404,2	5 756,2	6 848,1
A	4 239,6	4 522,1	5 376,3	5 485,8	6 315,1	6 960,7	8 327,6
S	4 443,0	4 817,6	5 077,3	5 609,7	6 069,3	6 734,3	8 997,7
O	4 048,1	4 942,9	5 807,3	5 610,8	6 157,0	5 837,3	
N	4 398,9	4 809,0	5 386,3	5 335,8	6 238,1	7 915,4	
D	4 351,7	4 149,1	5 181,7	5 601,6	6 483,8	7 552,5	

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	4 025,3	4 486,1*
F	1 965,1	2 454,1	2 612,9	3 280,4	4 187,7	3 792,5	4 988,1*
M	2 095,5	2 678,6	3 031,3	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 927,0	6 722,9*
A	2 165,2	2 391,9	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 779,8	3 788,4	5 781,6*
M	2 118,7	2 716,7	3 078,6	3 245,0	3 677,0	3 813,3	6 322,6*
J	2 239,9	2 751,4	3 104,0	3 663,5	4 121,4	4 393,1	5 948,5*
J	2 266,0	2 728,2	3 229,8	3 429,1	4 285,7	4 046,1	5 180,7*
A	2 319,0	2 577,6	3 066,3	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 940,5	5 888,9*
S	2 333,5	2 695,9	3 088,6	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 497,7	6 713,5
O	2 076,3	2 824,7	3 539,0	3 566,4	4 175,2	3 961,2	
N	2 029,1	2 819,7	3 131,0	3 332,1	3 955,1	5 027,2	
D	2 043,2	2 615,0	3 148,0	3 583,0	4 092,9	5 166,0	
Year	25 758,4	31 866,8	36 622,5	41 236,8	48 554,4	51 378,3	
Seasonally adjusted values							
J	2 127,1	2 560,6	2 714,6	3 223,2	4 169,2	3 930,5	4 401,2
F	2 051,7	2 504,7	2 640,1	3 319,3	4 132,2	3 872,3	5 088,4
M	2 047,9	2 623,7	2 972,0	3 105,9	3 656,4	3 861,2	6 917,1
A	2 168,0	2 433,1	2 890,9	3 502,6	4 670,8	3 893,3	5 850,2
M	2 101,6	2 700,8	3 069,6	3 247,1	3 728,1	3 851,9	6 466,5
J	2 117,0	2 610,5	2 960,2	3 553,1	3 947,2	4 255,1	5 749,8
J	2 192,8	2 630,7	3 147,7	3 429,1	4 236,9	3 987,3	5 064,9
A	2 259,9	2 527,8	3 050,9	3 547,3	4 160,0	5 089,2	6 025,0
S	2 283,8	2 700,5	3 064,7	3 634,7	3 886,4	4 696,7	6 805,5
O	2 100,5	2 805,9	3 517,8	3 510,1	4 208,0	4 059,9	
N	2 095,1	2 940,2	3 228,3	3 393,1	4 043,3	5 212,6	
D	2 265,6	2 859,0	3 369,2	3 755,6	4 224,7	5 358,1	

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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
		Sep.	Aug. *		Sep.	Sep.	
Total, gold included	76 368,6	8 954,5	8 213,1	6 565,2	8 997,7	8 327,6	6 734,3
Total, gold excluded	51 378,3	6 713,5	5 888,9	4 497,7	6 805,5	6 025,0	4 696,7
Gold	24 990,3	2 241,0	2 324,2	2 067,5	2 192,2	2 302,6	2 037,6
Iron ore	2 205,9	214,6	251,3	146,6	242,8	253,4	161,7
Chrome	1 004,7	100,1	105,2	88,4	96,8	107,3	84,4
Copper	1 388,3	125,3	122,7	163,5	100,9	116,7	134,9
Manganese ore	934,6	94,0	91,3	55,6	112,0	105,1	65,4
Platinum	14 887,3	3 045,1	2 183,1	1 391,7	2 865,1	2 328,1	1 310,8
Nickel	1 147,8	127,1	161,5	110,4	127,7	155,9	109,8
Other metallic minerals	2 452,6	270,8	191,8	195,7	266,0	203,2	189,6
Coal	17 703,8	1 721,6	1 723,7	1 386,6	1 693,0	1 612,8	1 361,6
Building materials	2 341,2	224,0	250,0	203,2	219,9	237,0	199,8
- Granite or norite	628,1	49,3	73,5	52,9	51,6	69,3	55,0
- Lime and limestone	729,1	70,2	68,4	65,9	67,9	64,8	63,7
- Other building materials	984,0	104,5	108,1	84,4	100,4	102,9	81,1
Other non-metallic minerals	7 312,1	790,9	808,3	756,0	1 081,3	905,5	1 078,7

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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 -

- 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 Free-on-board relates to goods destined for the export market. Railage, road transport and basis docking charges are involved but no charges are made for the transport by sea.

Index of physical volume The index of physical volume of mining production or a production index is a statistical

of mining production 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 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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