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<b>Actual estimates</b>		% change	% change	% change
	September	between	between	between
	2000	September 1999	July 1999 to	January 1999 to
		and	September 1999	September 1999
		September 2000	and	and
			July 2000 to September 2000	January 2000 to
			2000	September 2000
Index of the physical volume of mining produced	duction	*	* F	
Gold	84,7	-6,9%	-3,9%	-4,5%
Non-gold minerals	111,2	+4,0%	+1,5%	+0,7%
Total	99,9	-0,3%	-0,5%	-1,3%

Seasonally adjusted		% change	% change
estimates	September	between	between
	2000	August 2000	April 2000 to
		and	June 2000
		September 2000	and
			July 2000 to

			September 2000
Index of the physical volume of mining producti	on		
Gold	80,2	-1,6%	-1,8%
Non-gold minerals	110,3	+2,2%	+3,5%
Total	97,5	+0,8%	+1,5%

# Key findings regarding mining production as at September 2000

# Mining production increases

The total mining production for the third quarter of 2000 increased by 1,5% after seasonal adjustment compared with the second quarter of 2000.

The increase of 1,5% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 3,5% in the production of non-gold minerals during the third quarter of 2000 compared with the second quarter of 2000. However, this increase was partially counteracted by a seasonally adjusted decrease of 1,8% in the production of gold during the third quarter of 2000 compared with the second quarter of 2000. Major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 3,5% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum mines and coal mines.

# Key figures regarding mineral sales as at August 2000

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

			June 2000 to August 2000	January 2000 to August 2000
Mineral sales				
Gold	2 324,2	+22,5%	+13,2%	+2,6%
Non-gold minerals	5 907,5	+19,2%	+27,0%	+38,3%
Total	8 231,7	+20,1%	+22,8%	+26,6%

Seasonally adjusted		% change	% change
estimates	August	between	between
	2000	July 2000	March 2000 to
	R million	and	May 2000
		August 2000	and
			June 2000 to
			August 2000
Mineral sales			
Gold	2 312,7	+29,1%	+3,4%
Non-gold minerals	5 750,6	+9,3%	-13,0%
Total	8 063,3	+14,4%	-8,9%

## Key findings regarding mineral sales as at August 2000

#### Mineral sales decreases

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended August 2000 reflected a decrease of 8,9% compared with the previous three months. However, the actual value of mineral sales for the three months ended August 2000 reflected an increase of 22,8% compared with the three months ended August 1999.

The 8,9% decrease in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended August 2000 compared with the previous three months was due to a decrease of 13,0% (R2 481,3 million) in non-gold sales. However, this decrease was counteracted by an increase of 3,4% (R211,1 million) in gold mineral sales. The decrease of 13,0% in non-gold mineral sales can mainly be attributed to decreases of 5,9% (-R21,2 million) in sales of copper, 4,6% (-R24,3 million) in sales of nickel and 4,3% (-R274,4 million in sales of platinum).

The 22,8% increase in the actual value of mineral sales for the three months ended August 2000 compared with the three months ended August 1999 was due to an increase of 27,0% (R3 621,1 million) in non-gold sales and an increase of 13,2% (R765,5 million) in gold mineral sales. The increase of 27,0% in non-gold mineral sales can mainly be attributed to an increase of 91,6% (R255,7 million) in sales of nickel and 68,8% (R2 647,8 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  June 1999 to August 1999	Quarterly percentage change between  June 1999 to August 1999  and	Contribution  (percentage points) to the  percentage change in the sales 1/	Difference in total mineral sales between June 1999 to August 1999
		June 2000 to		June 2000 to

		August 200	0	August 2000
				R million
Gold	30,2	13,2	4,0	765,5
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	3,2	29,0	0,9	177,3
Copper	1,7	-0,7	0,0	-2,3
Manganese ore	1,0	58,2	0,6	117,0
Chromium	1,4	4,9	0,1	13,5
Platinum	20,0	68,8	13,8	2 647,8
Nickel	1,5	91,6	1,3	255,7
Other metalic minerals	3,2	20,1	0,6	122,2
Coal	22,3	11,9	2,7	511,0
Building materials	3,5	-2,5	-0,1	-16,7
Other non-metalic	12,1	-9,1	-1,1	-211,5
Total non-gold minerals	69,8	27,0	18,8	3 621,1
Total	100	22,8	22,8	4 386,5

/ The contribution is calculated by multiplying the quarterly percentage change of each mining division with the percentage contribution during June 1999 to August 1999.



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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
			A	ctual indice	s		
J	   99,8	95,0	96,0	93,6	95,0	88,8	89,8*
F	101,9	99,3	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	95,3
M	101,0	101,1	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	96,7
A	99,8	95,9	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,2	91,6*
M	95,6	96,2	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,1	91,9
J	101,5	105,1	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	100,7
J	100,0	100,2	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,2	93,5*
A	104,4	104,4	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,3	97,8*
S	103,6	104,6	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,2	99,9
0	100,1	98,9	98,7	100,6	104,7	100,0	
N	104,3	100,1	100,3	104,4	102,4	102,6	
D	98,2	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,9	97,0	
Year	100,9	100,0	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,4	

			S	easonally adju	sted indices		
J	104,8	99,4	100,9	98,9	101,1	94,8	96,0
F	102,7	99,8	99,3	100,3	99,3	97,1	97,6
M	101,3	100,7	98,4	96,7	98,4	99,3	95,6

ı	A	102,9	99,0	96,9	100,6	99,5	95,7	95,0
i	M	97,2	97,5	98,9	103,4	97,5	101,8	93,5
İ	J	99,9	102,2	97,3	101,2	99,4	94,4	95,5
İ	J	100,0	100,0	98,6	100,9	98,0	98,9	94,2
İ	A	101,7	101,6	97,1	101,1	98,3	93,1	96,7
İ	S	101,9	102,2	96,5	100,1	97,3	97,5	97,5
İ	0	100,0	98,4	98,1	99,6	103,4	98,7	
İ	N	102,6	97,9	97,9	101,6	99,6	99,6	
İ	D	100,2	100,3	99,4	98,8	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	102,0	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	100,0*
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	108,0*
s	96,5	106,1	104,0	104,7	105,8	106,9	111,2
o i	93,8	96,9	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,2	
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	95,8	97,5	102,0	103,6	104,7	100,8	105,1					
F	96,4	97,9	98,3	105,3	106,2	104,7	103,3					
M	92,6	99,4	100,2	97,5	107,3	104,3	103,5					
A	95,2	98,0	98,4	105,3	108,5	100,5	103,3					
M	90,5	99,8	100,6	107,3	105,7	111,7	103,6					
J	91,3	103,1	99,2	107,7	105,9	100,1	104,8					
J	92,7	98,6	102,2	106,2	104,2	108,8	104,5					
A	95,3	101,9	99,7	106,1	105,7	102,8	107,9					
s i	94,8	104,4	102,8	103,7	104,8	106,0	110,3					
0	94,4	97,3	101,1	104,4	115,6	109,0						
N	98,7	98,9	100,6	104,1	108,6	111,7						
D	95,8	102,7	103,2	103,8	105,6	107,1						

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

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

Minerals Weight  otal production, gold included 100 otal production, gold excluded 57	 ,0	1999*      97,4		0     Aug. *	1999     Sep.	200	0	1999
				Aug. *	Sep.	~		
		97.4			i	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.
otal production, gold excluded 57	,5		99,9	97,8	100,2	97,5	96,7	97,5
	i	105,7	111,2	108,0	106,9	110,3	107,9	106,0
old 42	,5	86,1	84,7	84,0	91,0	80,2	81,5	86,2
ron ore 3	,0	92,3	94,7	93,1	85,3	99,1	94,7	88,4
hrome 1	,1	134,0	145,0	134,4	142,3	133,9	125,8	131,8
opper 3	,1	89,2	99,9	87,1	104,9	89,8	81,3	95,7
anganese ore 1	, 3	100,4	114,4	114,0	111,1	108,5	108,8	105,8
latinum   11,	,9	118,2	126,7	112,6	113,5	130,9	119,4	117,2
ickel 1	,5	121,5	126,1	111,8	134,0	118,6	106,1	126,5
ther metallic minerals 2	,4	95,3	98,8	100,8	105,5	96,2	97,7	102,8
iamonds 4	, 4	98,3	106,0	100,0	84,4	100,8	96,6	80,5
oal 23	, 2	108,0	110,3	111,7	112,1	106,4	110,7	107,8
uilding materials 3	, 5	86,1	91,4	105,6	90,5	90,6	105,8	89,9
ther non-metallic minerals 2	,1	88,7	100,4	102,7	82,1	105,2	102,1	85,8

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

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

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998*	1999*	2000				
Actual values											
J	4 428,8	4 669,2	5 165,8	6 447,8	5 577,2	6 098,8	6 266,7*				
F	3 619,4	4 234,8	4 604,2	5 159,4	5 316,4	5 763,6	7 158,3*				
M	4 201,9	4 700,0	5 002,8	4 936,6	5 547,6	6 445,1	9 015,4*				
A	4 001,4	4 413,4	5 380,9	5 576,8	5 662,1	5 706,5	7 513,3*				
M	4 325,1	4 704,9	5 345,1	5 309,0	5 433,1	5 702,9	8 375,9*				
J	4 115,8	4 525,2	4 994,8	5 445,9	6 017,2	6 391,3	8 259,8*				
J	4 669,5	4 777,7	5 795,5	5 780,3	6 669,1	5 996,1	7 135,3*				
A	4 415,7	4 667,3	5 478,0	5 546,2	6 318,5	6 852,9	8 231,7				
S	4 526,6	4 840,0	5 124,5	5 568,2	6 066,8	6 581,0					
o į	4 343,9	5 133,4	6 227,7	6 026,1	6 446,0	6 039,1					

N D	4 153,1   3 910,4	4 538,8 3 805,3	5 117,2 4 868,2	5 130,8 5 386,9	5 994,9 6 343,0	7 576,1 7 387,0	
   Year	50 711,6	55 010,0	63 104,7	66 314,0	71 391,9	76 540,4	
				Seasonally adj	usted values		
J	4 288,5	4 537,5	5 023,1	6 299,5	5 479,9	6 005,2	6 176,5
F	4 040,7	4 647,5	4 979,8	5 467,6	5 568,4	6 010,8	7 428,7
M	4 191,7	4 674,8	4 976,7	4 908,1	5 512,6	6 415,7	8 964,9
A	3 956,3	4 356,2	5 325,2	5 568,0	5 701,5	5 792,5	7 637,9
M	4 318,1	4 697,3	5 373,3	5 412,7	5 618,4	5 972,5	8 806,2
J	4 264,5	4 631,7	5 067,1	5 438,2	5 936,6	6 258,7	8 024,9
J	4 259,6	4 426,1	5 442,3	5 510,0	6 459,3	5 866,8	7 050,6
A	4 222,4	4 521,9	5 354,7	5 452,3	6 213,0	6 719,6	8 063,3
S	4 418,7	4 764,0	5 079,8	5 556,6	6 067,7	6 583,8	
0	4 077,2	4 830,4	5 862,0	5 658,0	6 083,0	5 704,6	
N	4 455,6	4 858,6	5 466,0	5 437,0	6 328,9	7 966,7	
D	4 265,3	4 038,0	5 059,8	5 479,4	6 347,8	7 335,2	

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

Month		1994		1995		1996		1997		1998*		1999*		2000
							Actu	al valu	es					
J	2	106,9		2 612,9	2	764,4	3	394,4	3	737,4	4	033,9	 4	499,5*
F	1	965,1	2	2 454,0	2	613,0	3	280,4	3	579,7	3	801,6	5	006,4*
M	2	095,5	2	2 678,6	3	031,1	3	172,6	3	713,2	3	938,7	6	745,2*
A	2	165,1	2	390,1	2	828,6	3	441,4	3	779,7	3	802,4	5	783,7*
M	!	118,6		716,5		078,3		245,0		677,1		826,7		320,2*
J	2	239,9		751,4		104,1		663,5		121,5		413,3		945,9*
J	2	266,1	2	2 727,9	3	229,8	3	429,2	4	285,6	4	061,6	5	198,6*
A	2	319,0	2	2 577,6	3	066,1	3	555,0	4	122,2	4	956,0	5	907,5
S	2	333,5	2	2 695,9	3	088,7	3	573,9	3	857,5	4	513,6		
0	2	076,3	2	2 635,1	3	539,1	3	566,2	4	175,0	3	981,0		
N	2	029,1	2	2 819,6	3	130,9	3	332,1	3	955,1	5	041,2		
D	2	043,2	2	2 615,1	3	148,1	3	583,1	4	092,9	5	179,8		
Year	25	758,3	32	L 674,7	36	622,2	41	236,8	47	096,9	 51	549,8		
							Season	 nally a	djuste	 d values				
	   2	 137,2		 2 616,0	2	 738,2	3	344,2		 665,8	3	946,2	 4	 395,9

F	2 078,2	2 577,3	2 717,2	3 389,3	3 682,2	3 906,2	5 133,5	- 1
M	2 041,6	2 612,6	2 961,9	3 105,5	3 655,8	3 902,8	6 710,0	i
A	2 134,6	2 363,7	2 809,9	3 444,0	3 799,8	3 830,6	5 831,7	j
j M	2 114,4	2 703,8	3 080,5	3 283,2	3 769,8	3 964,0	6 584,3	j
J	2 107,6	2 598,4	2 937,1	3 478,6	3 904,5	4 185,2	5 634,5	
J	2 200,4	2 644,4	3 159,6	3 385,7	4 283,3	4 090,6	5 259,6	
A	2 241,0	2 525,6	3 027,4	3 510,4	4 052,2	4 840,4	5 750,6	
S	2 256,4	2 641,9	3 063,1	3 582,2	3 883,8	4 544,5		
0	2 127,8	2 691,8	3 571,5	3 557,2	4 134,8	3 928,6		
N	2 154,0	2 991,6	3 310,3	3 496,8	4 138,3	5 270,5		
D	2 176,4	2 745,7	3 243,7	3 630,2	4 087,2	5 141,3		

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

Table 6 - Total value of mineral sales according to major divisions, major groups and minerals (R million)

		Actual va	lue		  Seasonall	y adjuste	d value
Minerals	1999*	200	0	1999	   200	0	1999
		Aug.	Jul. *	Aug.	Aug.	Jul.	Aug.
Total sales, gold included Total sales gold excluded	76 540,4 51 549,8		7 135,3 5 198,6			7 050,6 5 259,6	6 719,6 4 840,4
Gold	24 990,3		1 936,7			1 791,0	1 879,2
Iron ore Chrome		95,2			98,1	87,5	85,2
Copper Manganese ore	1 388,3 934,6		98,8 100,6	102,7 64,5	117,6   109,2		,
Platinum Nickel	14 887,3 1 147,8		•	1 102,3 97,4		1 819,3 164,7	1 145,1 96,3
Other metallic minerals	2 452,6	231,4	261,9	198,2	235,3	243,5	203,7
Coal  Building materials	17 707,0 2 508,8	1 723,7 242,7	1 489,1 199,6	1 495,3 211,2		•	1 390,1 203,5
- Granite or norite	628,1	73,5	42,6	56,2	69,1	46,7	52,9
- Lime and limestone  - Other building materials	997,7	100,8	65,5 91,5	80,4	96,9		77,0
Other non-metallic minerals	7 312,8	804,6	471,6	1 353,3	840,3	647,3	1 427,9

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

# 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.

 $\textbf{Scope of the survey 6} \ \text{This survey covers mining establishments conducting activities regarding --} \\$ 

• 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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# 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.

**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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