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Key figures regarding mining production as at the end of September 2002

Actual estimates

Index of the physical volume of mining production Gold Non-gold minerals **Total**

September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between July 2001 to September 2001 and July 2002 to September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
78,5	+0,9%	+1,8%	+0,8%
109,2	+2,4%	+2,3%	-1,6%
96,1	+2,4%	+2,3%	-1,0%
	+ 1,8%	+2,1%	-0,8%

Seasonally adjusted estimates

Index of the physical volume of mining production Gold Non-gold minerals **Total**

September 2002	% change between August 2002 and September 2002	% change between April 2002 to June 2002 and July 2002 to September 2002		
74,6	-1,6%	-1,7%		
109,7	-2,1%	+2,3%		
109,7	-2,1%	+2,3%		
94,8	-1,9%	+ 1,0%		

Key findings regarding mining production as at the end of September 2002

Mining production increases

Total mining production for the third quarter of 2002 after seasonal adjustment reflected an increase of 1,0% compared with the second quarter of 2002. However, the total mining production for the first nine months of 2002 decreased by 0,8% compared with the first nine months of 2001.

The increase of 1,0% after seasonal adjustment in the total mining production was due to a seasonally adjusted increase of 2,3% in the production of non-gold minerals during the third quarter of 2002 compared with the second quarter of 2002. The major contributors to the seasonally adjusted increase of 2,3% in the production of non-gold minerals were platinum, coal and diamond mines.

The decrease of 0,8% in the total mining production for the first nine months of 2002 compared with the first nine months of 2001 was due to a decrease of 1,6% in the production of non-gold minerals during the above-mentioned period.

Key findings regarding mineral sales as at the end of August 2002

Mineral sales decrease

The seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended August 2002 reflected a decrease of 5,6% compared with the previous three months. However, the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended August 2002 reflected an increase of 10,1% compared with the three months ended August 2001.

The decrease of 5,6% in the seasonally adjusted value of mineral sales for the three months ended August 2002 compared with the previous three months can mainly be attributed to a decrease of 9,8% (+R1 120,2 million) in sales of gold and 3,6% (+R848,4 million) in non-gold mineral sales.

The 10,1% increase in the actual value of mineral sales at current prices for the three months ended August 2002 compared with the three months ended August 2001 was mainly due to an increase of 40,3% (+R2 983,1 million) in sales of gold and 0,3% (+R75,8 million) in non-gold mineral sales. The increase of 0,3% in non-gold mineral sales was mainly due to increases of 47,7% (+R172,6 million) in sales of copper, 41,2% (+R405,2 million) in sales of iron ore, 39,1% (+R184,2 million) in sales of nickel and 37,4% (+R114,1 million) in sales of manganese ore.

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

Mining division	Percentage contribution to mineral sales during June 2001 to August 2001	Quarterly percentage change between June 2001 to August 2001 and June 2002 to August 2002	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the sales 1/	Difference in total mineral sales between June 2001 to August 2001 and June 2002 to August 2002 R million
Gold	24,5	40,3	9,8	2 983,1
Non-gold minerals				
Iron ore	3,3	41,2	1,3	405,2
Copper	1,2	47,7	0,6	172,6
Manganese ore	1,0	37,4	0,4	114,1
Chromium	0,9	9,7	0,1	25,2
Platinum	29,6	-4,1	-1,2	-368,8
Nickel	1,6	39,1	0,6	184,2
Other metallic minerals	2,7	31,9	0,8	256,6
Coal	23,4	-2,7	-0,6	- 188,7
Building materials	2,3	2,7	0,1	20,6
Other non-metallic	9,5	-18,9	-1,8	-545,2
Total non-gold minerals	75,5	0,3	0,3	75,8
Total minerals	100,0	10,1	10,1	3 058,9

^{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 June 2001 to August 2001, divided by 100.

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Forthcoming issues	Issue	Expected date of publication
Purpose of the survey	covering a sample of mini The results of this survey indices in order to estima	10 December 2002 14 January 2003 04 February 2003 11 March 2003 duction and sales survey is a country-wide sample survey in gestablishments operating in the South African economy. are used to calculate physical volume of mining production te the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, levelop and monitor Government policy.

Additional information

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Explanatory notes

Introduction

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 as 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

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

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

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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.

Related publications

- 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA -
 - Bulletin of Statistics.
 - SA Statistics.

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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 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.

For more information

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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 indice	es		
 Ј	 96,0	93,6	95,0	88,8	89,9	90,5	87,1*
F	98,3	98,8	97,3	94,9	96,0	93,1	90,4*
M	99,1	97,6	99,5	100,5	97,4	97,0	93,0*
A	93,3	96,7	95,7	92,2	92,1	93,2	92,2*
M	97,6	101,9	96,1	100,1	92,5	96,8	96,9*
J	100,8	105,7	104,3	99,4	101,7	100,7	98,4*
J	98,6	100,6	97,6	98,2	94,6	91,8	96,9*
A	99,5	103,1	99,8	94,3	100,4	100,0	99,3*
S	98,8	102,6	99,9	100,1	100,9	94,4	96,1
0	98,7	100,6	104,7	99,9	97,8	97,7	
N	100,3	104,4	102,4	102,6	103,2	95,0	
D	98,9	98,6	98,9	96,7	94,2	90,4	
Year	98,3	100,4	99,3	97,3	96,7	95,1	
				Seasonally ad	justed indice	s	
 J	101,0	99,4	101,8	95,6	97,3	98,3	94,8
F	99,6	100,5	99,7	97,7	99,3	96,6	94,1
M	97,8	96,3	98,4	99,6	96,7	96,6	92,6
A	96,8	100,4	99,4	95,7	95,4	96,4	95,5
M	98,3	102,7	96,8	101,1	92,9	96,9	97,0
J	98,5	102,8	100,8	95,6	97,6	96,5	94,3
J	98,8	101,0	98,1	99,5	95,6	92,9	98,2
A	96,9	100,6	97,5	92,3	97,9	97,5	96,6
S	95,7	99,4	97,1	97,7	98,9	92,7	94,8
0	97,7	98,8	102,1	96,6	94,2	93,6	
N	97,7	101,2	99,1	99,0	99,5	91,7	
D	100,5	99,5	99,5	97,0	95,4	90,8	

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

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002
				Actual indice	es		
J	98,4	99,8	100,4	96,2	100,2	105,4	98,5*
F	97,0	103,3	103,8	102,0	101,5	106,2	102,8*
M	100,1	97,7	107,8	104,7	104,9	110,3	104,8*
A	95,3	101,8	104,7	97,2	100,8	107,9	104,2*
M	100,0	107,0	105,6	111,6	104,2	114,6	113,4*
J	104,9	114,4	113,0	106,9	113,2	116,5	113,4*
J	103,6	107,5	105,5	109,9	107,0	103,0	113,7*
A	102,3	107,7	106,4	103,1	111,9	120,4	114,8*
s	104,0	104,7	105,8	106,8	112,2	106,6	109,2
0	101,5	105,6	117,6	111,0	110,4	115,0	
N	102,1	106,0	110,9	114,4	118,8	110,1	
D	99,7	100,4	102,2	103,2	104,0	99,1	
Year	100,7	104,7	107,0	105,6	107,4	109,6	
				Seasonally ad	justed indice	s	
J	102,1	104,5	105,8	102,2	107,1	113,2	106,0
F	99,0	105,6	106,9	105,6	105,7	110,9	107,8
М	99,1	96,8	107,4	104,8	105,5	111,1	105,7
A	98,2	105,0	108,3	100,8	104,5	111,9	108,3
M	99,6	106,4	104,7	110,8	102,6	112,7	111,2
J	101,4	110,4	108,6	102,4	108,5	111,4	108,5
J	102,5	106,4	104,5	109,9	106,7	103,0	113,9
A	99,3	105,4	104,3	101,4	109,6	117,8	112,0
s	101,4	102,6	104,4	106,1	112,0	106,6	109,7
o j	100,4	103,0	113,3	105,4	104,2	107,9	
N	100,1	103,2	107,5	110,0	113,8	105,6	
рİ	105,0	104,8	106,2	106,6	108,7	102,3	

^{*} 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		
minerals 	Weights	 	200	2	2001	200)2	2001
		2002	Sep.	Aug.*	Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.
 Total, gold included	100,0	95,1	96,1	99,3	94,4	94,8	96,6	92,7
Total, gold excluded	57,5	109,6	109,2	114,8	106,6	109,7	112,0	106,6
 Gold	42,5	 75,4	78,5	78,4	77 , 8	74,6	75,8	73,8
Iron ore	3,0	108,8	105,9	116,2	97,9	118,8	115,6	109,2
Chrome	1,1	108,2	140,7	128,0	101,3	132,3	125,3	95,1
Copper	3,1	87,7	70,2	83,6	108,0	63,5	82,8	97,2
Manganese ore	1,3	107,5	95,3	95,6	103,8	95,8	97,3	103,6
Platinum	11,9	124,9	135,4	142,5	118,4	140,9	140,5	123,4
Nickel	1,5	122,3	120,0	149,1	125,1	115,0	144,3	119,7
Other metallic minerals	2,4	99,4	92,9	87,8	92,3	94,2	85,2	93,3
 Diamonds	4,4	107,1	111,8	104,1	96,7	113,7	105,8	97,9
Coal	23,2	107,6	101,1	110,4	105,5	100,0	106,1	103,9
Building materials	3,5	111,3	118,9	103,4	111,8	110,9	100,6	104,9
Other non-metallic minerals	2,1	86 , 5	94,3	102,6	83,4	95,3	94,7	84,8

^{*} Revised

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

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	7 172,4	7 998,7*
F	2 613,0	3 280,4	3 579,7	3 801,6	4 963,8	7 716,8	7 283,5*
M	3 031,1	3 172,6	3 713,2	3 938,7	6 688,4	5 897,2	8 055,5*
A	2 828,6	3 441,4	3 779,7	3 802,4	5 790,2	6 736,4	7 411,6*
M	3 078,3	3 245,0	3 677,1	3 826,7	6 166,9	7 128,5	8 604,2*
J	3 104,1	3 663,5	4 121,5	4 413,3	5 908,5	8 226,4	7 916,0*
J	3 229,8	3 429,2	4 285,6	4 061,6	5 700,6	7 781,2	7 256,3*
A	3 066,1	3 555,0	4 122,2	4 956,0	5 892,6	6 834,4	7 745,5
S	3 088,7	3 573,9	3 857,5	4 480,8	6 479,6	6 213,8	
0	3 539,1	3 566,2	4 175,0	3 947,8	6 047,1	6 959,1	
N	3 130,9	3 332,1	3 955,1	5 038,1	7 529,4	6 936,9	
D	3 148,1	3 583,1	4 092,9	5 139,7	7 422,4	8 548,7	
Year	36 622,2	41 236,8	47 096,9	51 440,6	73 066,4	86 151,8	
				Seasonally adj	usted values		
 Ј	2 704,6	3 224,2	4 219,1	3 917,3	4 379,3	7 038,6	7 938,4
F	2 632,2	3 299,8	4 073,1	3 818,5	4 959,0	7 865,7	7 448,6
M	2 997,2	3 134,5	3 746,1	4 001,6	7 375,7	5 877,2	8 036,4
A	2 887,6	3 479,8	4 607,1	3 874,8	5 793,4	6 827,8	7 484,3
M	3 069,9	3 240,0	3 701,5	3 835,0	6 030,0	6 954,7	8 305,7
J	2 956,0	3 538,2	3 934,7	4 236,6	5 602,2	7 871,1	7 573,3
J	3 146,3	3 428,4	4 252,5	4 067,8	5 695,0	8 336,3	7 406,2
A	3 055,0	3 545,3	4 150,2	5 010,0	6 043,1	6 960,9	7 998,5
S	3 077,6	3 658,1	3 940,5	4 782,2	6 617,1	6 348,2	
0	3 534,6	3 566,3	4 294,7	4 130,7	6 436,4	7 458,5	
N	3 215,5	3 357,4	3 963,9	5 023,4	7 533,0	6 928,2	
D	3 330,3	3 680,1	4 042,9	4 916,0	6 936,6	7 995,9	

^{*} Revised

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

Actual value |Seasonally adjusted value | |-----| Minerals | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 29 011,7 3 347,3 3 442,1 2 643,9 3 247,6 3 546,9 2 569,2 Gold 4 128,9 431,1 469,7 381,5 440,3 491,5 386,4 1 002,3 96,5 111,4 89,4 88,3 118,0 82,6 1 927,2 208,0 163,1 150,9 222,5 208,0 160,3 1 301,5 138,5 116,6 72,8 161,4 138,7 84,2 Iron ore Chrome Copper Manganese ore 33 370,8 2 606,9 3 145,4 2 179,4 2 998,2 2 736,3 2 489,7 Platinum

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