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Table A – Selected key figures regarding electricity generated and available for distribution

Actual estimates	November 2012 1/	% change between November 2011 and November 2012	% change between September to November 2011 and September to November 2012	% change between January to November 2011 and January to November 2012
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	19 426	-1,7	-2,8	-2,5
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2010=100)	99,5	-0,6	-1,1	-1,7

1/ Preliminary.

Seasonally adjusted estimates	November 2012	% change between October and November 2012	% change between June to August 2012 and September to November 2012
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	19 671	2,7	-0,5
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2010=100)	100,3	1,2	0,2

Consumption of electricity

The actual volume of electricity consumption decreased by 1,7% year-on-year in November 2012. Seasonally adjusted electricity consumption increased by 2,7% in November 2012 compared with October 2012. This follows month-on-month decreases of 1,2% in both October 2012 and September 2012. Seasonally adjusted electricity consumption decreased by 0,5% in the three months ended November 2012 compared with the previous three months.

Production of electricity

The actual estimated electricity production decreased by 0,6% in November 2012 compared with November 2011. Seasonally adjusted electricity production increased by 1,2% month-on-month in November 2012, following month-on-month decreases of 0,8% in October 2012 and 1,6% in September 2012. Seasonally adjusted electricity production increased by 0,2% in the three months ended November 2012 compared with the previous three months.

Electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces

The total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces decreased by 0,8% in November 2012 compared with November 2011. Decreases were reported in five of the nine provinces, with the largest volume decrease recorded for Gauteng (-113 Gigawatt-hours), followed by North West (-78 Gigawatt-hours). Western Cape recorded the largest year-on-year increase of 73 Gigawatt-hours over this period.

Table B – Comparison of the seasonally adjusted volume of electricity generated and available for distribution between the three months ended November 2012 and the previous three months

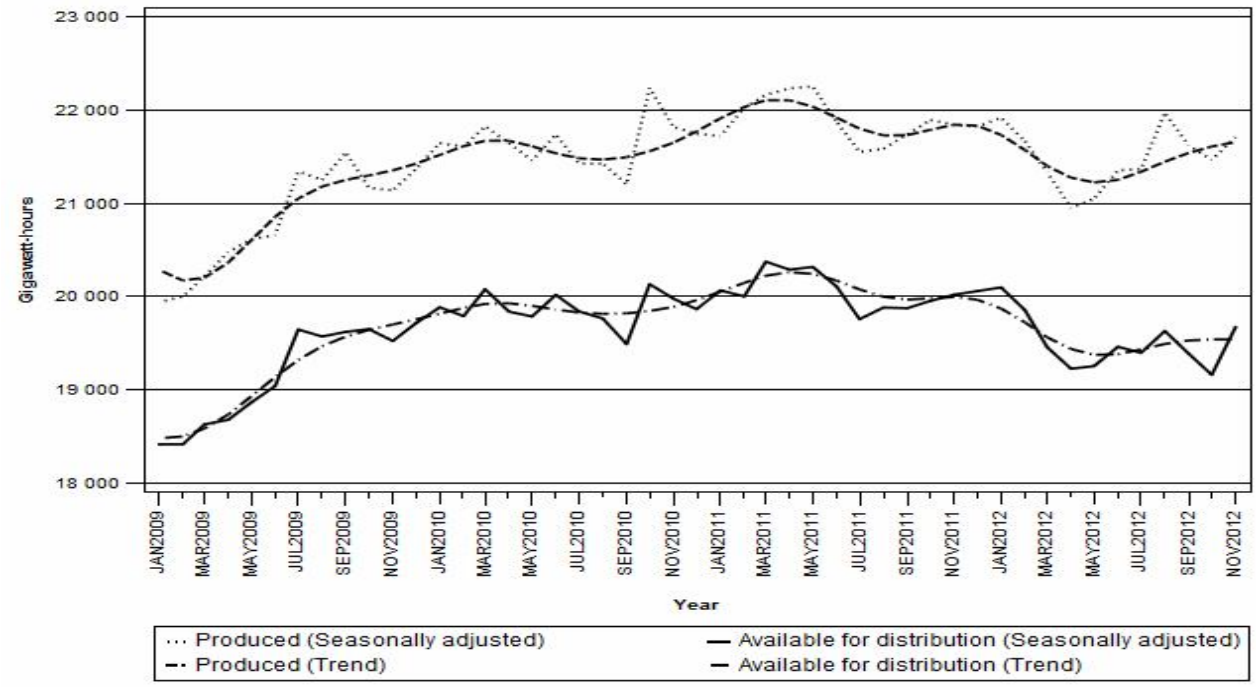
Gigawatt-hours	Seasonally adjusted quantity June to August 2012	Seasonally adjusted quantity September to November 2012	% change between June to August 2012 and September to November 2012	Quantity difference between June to August 2012 and September to November 2012
Electricity produced	64 685	64 793	0,2	108
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	58 481	58 214	-0,5	-267

Table C – Comparison of actual estimates between the three months ended November 2012 and the three months ended November 2011

Gigawatt-hours	Actual volume September to November 2011	Actual volume September to November 2012	% change between September to November 2011 and September to November 2012	Quantity difference between September to November 2011 and September to November 2012
Electricity produced	65 452	64 764	-1,1	-688
Purchased outside South Africa (import) 1/	2 958	1 579	-46,6	-1 379
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	4 785	4 708	-1,6	-77
Sold outside South Africa (export) 2/	4 047	3 698	-8,6	-349
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	59 580	57 939	-2,8	-1 641

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.
2/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Figure 1 – Electricity produced and available for distribution in South Africa, seasonally adjusted and trend



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Tables

Table 1 – Total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	19 561	19 256	17 919	19 396	19 616	19 676
February	18 301	18 668	16 757	18 181	18 455	18 783
March	20 160	19 603	18 694	20 186	20 518	19 623
April	18 982	19 127	17 934	19 102	19 539	18 466
May	20 901	20 365	19 548	20 435	20 938	19 869
June	21 020	20 515	19 819	20 800	20 914	20 274
July	21 780	21 610	21 151	21 307	21 162	20 743
August	21 353	20 736	20 398	20 540	20 617	20 345
September	19 732	19 725	19 382	19 256	19 619	19 100
October	20 435	20 138	19 899	20 371	20 198	19 413
November	19 785	18 640	19 248	19 702	19 763	1/ 19 426
December	19 160	17 541	18 850	18 996	19 189	
Year	**241 170**	**235 924**	**229 599**	**238 272**	**240 528**	

1/ Preliminary.

Table 2 – Annual percentage change in electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

Month	Percentage change 2/					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	5,1	-1,6	-6,9	8,2	1,1	0,3
February	5,2	2,0	-10,2	8,5	1,5	1,8
March	6,2	-2,8	-4,6	8,0	1,6	-4,4
April	4,7	0,8	-6,2	6,5	2,3	-5,5
May	2,9	-2,6	-4,0	4,5	2,5	-5,1
June	4,2	-2,4	-3,4	4,9	0,5	-3,1
July	5,6	-0,8	-2,1	0,7	-0,7	-2,0
August	5,2	-2,9	-1,6	0,7	0,4	-1,3
September	3,9	0,0	-1,7	-0,7	1,9	-2,6
October	3,9	-1,5	-1,2	2,4	-0,8	-3,9
November	2,8	-5,8	3,3	2,4	0,3	-1,7
December	1,3	-8,4	7,5	0,8	1,0	
Year	**4,3**	**-2,2**	**-2,7**	**3,8**	**0,9**	

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the volume of electricity available for distribution of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

Month	Gigawatt-hours						
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% change between current and previous month
January	20 048	19 761	18 412	19 883	20 064	20 096	0,2
February	19 942	19 917	18 413	19 788	19 999	19 852	-1,2
March	20 151	19 567	18 626	20 076	20 372	19 454	-2,0
April	19 774	19 886	18 676	19 836	20 286	19 223	-1,2
May	20 145	19 630	18 862	19 784	20 316	19 252	0,2
June	20 268	19 761	19 038	20 016	20 107	19 459	1,1
July	20 303	20 100	19 644	19 838	19 755	19 394	-0,3
August	20 471	19 867	19 569	19 763	19 880	19 628	1,2
September	19 967	19 966	19 619	19 488	19 873	19 385	-1,2
October	20 143	19 869	19 648	20 131	19 951	19 158	-1,2
November	20 075	18 931	19 521	19 975	20 018	19 671	2,7
December	19 987	18 382	19 712	19 862	20 056		

Table 4 – Indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

Month	Base: 2010=100					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	98,1	99,3	89,7	97,6	98,1	99,2
February	91,7	94,1	83,5	91,1	93,3	93,8
March	101,7	99,6	93,7	101,3	103,0	99,3
April	95,2	96,2	90,7	96,2	98,9	92,9
May	105,6	103,4	98,6	102,3	105,9	100,3
June	106,1	102,6	98,8	103,8	104,6	102,2
July	110,0	108,6	106,4	106,6	106,8	105,7
August	107,6	104,0	102,7	103,2	103,7	105,4
September	99,5	98,8	98,5	97,0	99,4	98,7
October	103,0	103,2	99,6	104,6	103,1	101,1
November	100,8	95,7	96,8	100,0	100,1	1/ 99,5
December	98,7	88,3	94,6	96,3	96,7	
Year	**101,5**	**99,5**	**96,1**	**100,0**	**101,1**	

1/ Preliminary.

Table 5 – Annual percentage change in indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

Month	Percentage change 2/					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	4,3	1,2	-9,7	8,8	0,5	1,1
February	3,4	2,6	-11,3	9,1	2,4	0,5
March	4,4	-2,1	-5,9	8,1	1,7	-3,6
April	3,0	1,1	-5,7	6,1	2,8	-6,1
May	3,5	-2,1	-4,6	3,8	3,5	-5,3
June	4,8	-3,3	-3,7	5,1	0,8	-2,3
July	5,2	-1,3	-2,0	0,2	0,2	-1,0
August	4,5	-3,3	-1,3	0,5	0,5	1,6
September	3,6	-0,7	-0,3	-1,5	2,5	-0,7
October	1,9	0,2	-3,5	5,0	-1,4	-1,9
November	3,5	-5,1	1,1	3,3	0,1	-0,6
December	3,7	-10,5	7,1	1,8	0,4	
Year	**3,8**	**-2,0**	**-3,4**	**4,0**	**1,1**	

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the physical volume of electricity production of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

Month	Base: 2010=100						
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% change between current and previous month
January	100,5	101,8	92,1	100,0	100,3	101,2	0,4
February	100,5	101,1	92,4	99,8	101,7	100,1	-1,1
March	101,6	99,4	93,4	100,8	102,4	98,5	-1,6
April	99,3	100,2	94,6	100,0	102,7	96,8	-1,7
May	102,0	99,8	95,2	99,1	102,8	97,2	0,4
June	102,7	99,3	95,4	100,4	101,0	98,6	1,4
July	102,2	100,7	98,6	99,0	99,6	98,7	0,1
August	102,8	99,3	98,2	99,0	99,7	101,5	2,8
September	100,5	99,9	99,5	98,0	100,4	99,9	-1,6
October	101,0	101,3	97,8	102,7	101,1	99,1	-0,8
November	102,0	96,7	97,6	100,8	100,9	100,3	1,2
December	102,5	92,3	98,7	100,5	100,8		

Table 7 – Total volume of electricity imported: 2007–2012 1/

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	1 088	638	1 102	1 122	1 088	1 085
February	942	885	999	995	730	1 063
March	973	802	1 064	1 040	1 112	945
April	1 055	844	906	931	912	1 068
May	900	761	937	1 074	907	1 066
June	880	1 002	1 088	1 019	1 009	1 044
July	984	1 089	1 040	1 117	979	903
August	1 045	1 076	1 072	1 109	1 108	465
September	1 026	1 044	920	1 068	974	474
October	1 040	645	1 115	770	911	451
November	796	711	940	1 018	1 073	2/ 654
December	619	1 075	1 112	930	1 087	
Year	**11 348**	**10 572**	**12 295**	**12 193**	**11 890**	

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.
2/ Preliminary.

Table 8 – Total volume of electricity exported: 2007–2012 1/

Month	Gigawatt-hours					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	1 134	1 280	1 096	1 217	1 133	1 247
February	1 060	1 101	979	1 128	1 069	1 212
March	1 231	1 136	1 100	1 252	1 279	1 242
April	1 132	998	1 086	1 170	1 190	1 174
May	1 203	1 120	1 109	1 177	1 241	1 322
June	1 256	1 162	1 175	1 132	1 174	1 335
July	1 301	1 249	1 223	1 206	1 247	1 350
August	1 252	1 220	1 235	1 275	1 298	1 295
September	1 186	1 203	1 285	1 248	1 288	1 165
October	1 252	1 258	1 288	1 338	1 378	1 300
November	1 256	1 252	1 213	1 316	1 381	2/ 1 233
December	1 233	1 189	1 263	1 209	1 286	
Year	**14 496**	**14 168**	**14 052**	**14 668**	**14 964**	

1/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.
2/ Preliminary.

Table 9a – Electricity produced and consumed in power stations, purchased and sold outside South Africa and available for distribution in South Africa (monthly figures)

		Gigawatt-hours				
		November 2011	October 2012	November 2012 1/	% change between November 2011 and November 2012	Difference between November 2011 and November 2012
Total - All producers	Electricity produced	21 665	21 877	21 536	-0,6	-129
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	1 073	451	654	-39,0	-419
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 594	1 615	1 533	-3,8	-61
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 381	1 300	1 233	-10,7	-148
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	**19 763**	**19 413**	**19 426**	**-1,7**	**-337**
ESKOM	Electricity produced	20 769	21 003	20 705	-0,3	-64
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	1 073	451	654	-39,0	-419
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 524	1 547	1 475	-3,2	-49
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 381	1 300	1 233	-10,7	-148
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	**18 937**	**18 607**	**18 652**	**-1,5**	**-285**

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.
3/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Table 9b – Electricity produced and consumed in power stations, purchased and sold outside South Africa and available for distribution in South Africa (cumulative figures)

		Gigawatt-hours			
		January to November 2011	January to November 2012 1/	% change between January to November 2011 and January to November 2012	Difference between January to November 2011 and January to November 2012
Total - All producers	Electricity produced	241 629	237 574	-1,7	-4 055
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	10 803	9 218	-14,7	-1 585
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	17 416	17 200	-1,2	-216
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	13 678	13 875	1,4	197
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	**221 339**	**215 718**	**-2,5**	**-5 621**
ESKOM	Electricity produced	231 757	228 011	-1,6	-3 746
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	10 803	9 218	-14,7	-1 585
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	16 681	16 417	-1,6	-264
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	13 678	13 875	1,4	197
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	**212 204**	**206 940**	**-2,5**	**-5 264**

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.
3/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

Table 10 – Total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to provinces for 2011 and 2012 1/

Period		Gigawatt-hours									
		Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	KwaZulu -Natal	North West	Gauteng	Mpuma-langa	Limpopo	Total South Africa
2011	January	1 962	777	408	721	3 417	2 187	4 738	3 052	1 021	**18 283**
	February	1 881	734	372	665	3 256	2 044	4 394	2 808	937	**17 091**
	March	2 031	773	417	774	3 631	2 292	4 955	3 017	1 063	**18 953**
	April	1 877	726	389	753	3 432	2 159	5 016	2 946	992	**18 290**
	May	1 980	811	406	772	3 624	2 283	5 435	3 106	1 000	**19 417**
	June	1 966	826	417	812	3 527	2 097	5 804	2 945	1 020	**19 414**
	July	2 014	876	428	814	3 639	2 086	5 971	2 852	972	**19 652**
	August	1 985	884	414	783	3 574	2 029	5 727	2 830	960	**19 186**
	September	1 752	840	418	688	3 381	2 172	4 985	2 788	1 028	**18 052**
	October	1 801	840	447	709	3 547	2 268	4 991	2 997	1 051	**18 651**
	November	1 767	840	428	666	3 429	2 248	4 814	2 916	1 035	**18 143**
	December	1 763	783	441	647	3 466	2 107	4 426	2 895	1 050	**17 578**
	Year	**22 779**	**9 710**	**4 985**	**8 804**	**41 923**	**25 972**	**61 256**	**35 152**	**12 129**	**222 710**
	Year to date	**21 016**	**8 927**	**4 544**	**8 157**	**38 457**	**23 865**	**56 830**	**32 257**	**11 079**	**205 132**
2012	January	1 889	844	464	706	3 527	2 237	4 631	2 910	1 038	**18 246**
	February	1 922	816	403	668	3 271	2 034	4 509	2 779	988	**17 390**
	March	2 027	859	436	688	3 282	2 161	4 849	2 900	1 000	**18 202**
	April	1 846	763	391	655	3 154	1 993	4 624	2 800	937	**17 163**
	May	1 943	839	401	709	3 318	2 181	5 159	2 884	991	**18 425**
	June	1 933	802	406	775	3 315	2 205	5 643	2 816	974	**18 869**
	July	1 978	837	432	793	3 441	2 273	5 731	2 922	952	**19 359**
	August	1 993	838	420	776	3 436	2 186	5 540	2 767	937	**18 893**
	September	1 852	788	414	664	3 316	2 097	4 981	2 678	950	**17 740**
	October	1 885	795	418	703	3 458	2 085	4 856	2 884	988	**18 072**
	November 2/	1 840	784	451	717	3 422	2 170	4 701	2 944	975	**18 004**
	Year to date	**21 108**	**8 965**	**4 636**	**7 854**	**36 940**	**23 622**	**55 224**	**31 284**	**10 730**	**200 363**

1/ Wholesale energy (Gigawatt-hours) as delivered by Eskom to the various provinces.
2/ Preliminary.

Explanatory notes

Introduction

1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly sample survey of the electricity industry covering electricity undertakings and establishments (branches). This statistical release contains information regarding the volume of electricity units generated and available for distribution in South Africa, the volume of units purchased and sold outside South Africa and the volume of units distributed by Eskom by province on a monthly basis. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are published.

2 This statistical release reflects indices of the physical volume of electricity production on the basis of 2010=100. In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be rebased every five years to a new base year.

3 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month may have been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.

Purpose of the survey

4 The results of the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey are used to compile estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy.

Scope of the survey

5 This survey covers electricity undertakings and establishments conducting activities concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity. It includes electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.

Classification

6 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. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry, which reflects the predominant activity of the electricity undertaking or establishment.

Collection rate

7 The collection rate for the survey on electricity generated and available for distribution for November 2012 was 99%.

Statistical unit

8 The basic statistical unit for the collection of information is the electricity undertaking or establishment. The electricity undertaking or establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry (see paragraph 5).

Survey methodology and design

9 All statistical units are stratified by type of economic activity according to the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (SIC) and measure of size, where measure of size is the volume of electricity generated by the electricity undertaking or establishment. All large undertakings or establishments (size category one cases) are completely enumerated. A sample is drawn from medium and small size undertakings and establishments by systematically selecting undertakings or establishments within each size category. An electricity undertaking or establishment with a total generating capacity of less than 500 kilowatt is excluded from the sample.

10 The survey is conducted by mail, email and telephone. Information is collected from a sample of 25 electricity undertakings or establishments.

Monthly production indices

11 The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the volume of electricity units produced.

Benchmarking

12 The index of physical volume of electricity production should provide an accurate reflection of the trend of activities of the relevant industry. The level of activities, as measured by the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey, is based on information received from a sample of electricity undertakings and establishments. These levels are weighted according to the original sample and designed to represent the population of electricity undertakings and establishments. It is necessary to adjust the level of activities as measured by the monthly sample survey to the level of activities as measured periodically by the Census of electricity, gas and steam. This procedure, whereby the latest results of an economic census are used to compile more accurate level estimates for a certain year, is known as benchmarking.

13 The results of the 1995 Census of electricity, gas and steam served as a benchmark to verify or adjust the level of the monthly physical volume of electricity production indices collected through the monthly sample survey. The level adjustments were done on the volume indices for August of the relevant census year (the 1995 census year covered the period 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995 and therefore, the benchmarking was done using the index of August 1995 as reference point).

Seasonal adjustment

14 Seasonally adjusted estimates of all items are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA 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 recognized. 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. The X12-ARIMA procedure for electricity generated and available for distribution is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P4141/electricity_seasonal_adjustment_note_2012.pdf

Trend cycle

15 The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates.

Related publications

16 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA :

- *Bulletin of Statistics;* and
- *SA Statistics.*

Rounding-off of figures

17 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have 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

Consumption of electricity

For purposes of this release the term 'consumption of electricity' is used interchangeably with the term 'electricity available for distribution'.

Electricity undertaking

An electricity undertaking is an undertaking concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity, including electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.

Index of physical volume of electricity production

A statistical measure of the change in the volume of production of electricity in a given period and the volume of production of electricity in the base period. The base period is 2010. The production in the base period is set at 100.

Industry

An industry consists of a group of undertakings or establishments engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the 1993 *System of National Accounts (1993 SNA)* in the same way as in the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (SIC*)*, Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02.

Unit of electricity

One gigawatt-hour of electricity is equal to one million kilowatt-hours. A kilowatt-hour is the basic unit of electrical energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to or taken from an electric circuit steadily for one hour. One kilowatt-hour equals one thousand watt-hours.

Symbols and abbreviations

GDP	Gross domestic product
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
*	Revised figures

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General information

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