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Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during November 2017.

This Monthly Digest follows the July 2017 digest that was published in October 2017. Due to technical challenges production of the monthly digest was suspended during November and December 2017. The current digest presents revised data for January to July 2017 as well as data for August to November 2017 as presented in Table 1. This is the only table that distinguishes domestic exports from re-exports, other tables show total exports, which is the sum of the two (domestic exports and re-exports).

Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for total exports. **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. Direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports), presenting Principal Commodity groups by partner country and region for November 2017. **Tables 3.1B** and **3.2B** give direction of trade for Principal Commodity groups by individual countries and regions as a percentage of total trade for imports and exports respectively during the month under review. **Table B** displays trade by mode of transport for both imports and exports.

Five graphical presentations appear in this digest. **Chart 1.1** shows imports, total exports and trade balance from January 2015 to November 2017. **Charts 2.1** and **2.2** show Principal Commodity groups for imports and exports respectively, for November 2017. **Charts 3.1** and **3.2** show imports and exports by major trading partner countries and regions for the month under review.

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1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade as presented in this section refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Though the digest carries data for four new months that have not previously been reported on, the discussion will be based on the most recent month, November 2017. Data for the other months can be observed on various tables that form the basis for the discussions.

1.1 Data Revision

As stated in the July 2017 IMTS Digest, lower trade values were recorded for January 2017 and the subsequent months, when compared to the same period in the previous year, 2016. Statistics Botswana (SB) worked closely with Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) as the source of raw external trade data, to investigate the observed low trend in trade figures. This thorough investigation involved validation of all the data from January 2017, when the new customs management system was introduced. Consequently, the previously published trade figures for January to July 2017 have been revised. While, the confirmed figures still depict lower figures than those recorded last year, Statistics Botswana is satisfied with the adequacy of the validation of the figures.

Table A gives revision of trade values for January to July 2017, comparing current figures with those reported in the July 2017 digest.

Table A: Data Revision; May 2017 to July 2017 (Million PULA)

	As at July 2017 Digest			As at November 2017 Digest			Difference			Differences as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_17	3,202.0	6,373.6	3,171.6	3,317.8	6,382.3	3,064.5	115.8	8.7	(107.1)	3.6	0.1	(3.4)
Feb_17	4,290.9	6,763.5	2,472.5	4,008.7	6,762.9	2,754.2	(282.2)	(0.5)	281.7	(6.6)	(0.0)	11.4
Mar_17	4,292.0	4,076.8	(215.2)	5,194.8	4,138.1	(1,056.7)	902.8	61.3	(841.5)	21.0	1.5	391.0
Apr_17	5,171.3	3,804.6	(1,366.7)	4,309.2	3,891.5	(417.8)	(862.0)	86.9	948.9	(16.7)	2.3	(69.4)
May_17	4,247.3	5,381.7	1,134.5	4,056.7	5,409.4	1,352.7	(190.6)	27.7	218.3	(4.5)	0.5	19.2
Jun_17	4,489.0	5,635.0	1,146.1	4,125.5	5,628.4	1,502.9	(363.5)	(6.6)	356.9	(8.1)	(0.1)	31.1
Jul_17	5,797.7	4,791.7	(1,006.0)	4,259.6	4,751.5	491.9	(1,538.1)	(40.2)	1,497.9	(26.5)	(0.8)	(148.9)

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Discussions on **Sub-Sections 1.2 to 1.4** are based on **Table 1**.

1.2 Imports

Discussions on imports are based on cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value and associated figures are presented in **Table 1** and **Table 2.1**. During November 2017, total imports were valued at P5, 383.9 million showing an increase of 30.6 percent (P1, 260.5 million) from the October 2017 value of P4, 123.4 million. This increase was mainly attributed to an increase in imports of Diamonds and Fuel. Diamonds had the highest increase between the two months, having increased by P1, 668.1 million from P278.4 million recorded during October 2017 to P1, 946.5 million in November 2017. Fuel increased by 21.0 percent (P123.5 million) from P588.5 million to P712.0 million during the period under review.

Imports value for November 2017, compared to that of the same month in 2016 shows a decrease of 7.9 percent (P463.6 million), from P5, 847.5 million recorded during November 2016 to P5, 383.9 million recorded during the reference month. The decrease was attributed mainly to Machinery & Electrical Equipment; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products. Machinery & Electrical Equipment recorded the highest decrease of 38.4 percent (P354.4 million) from P922.8 million during November 2016 to P568.5 million in November 2017. Food, Beverages & Tobacco recorded a decrease of 18.5 percent (P149.4 million), from P807.4 million during November 2016 to P658.0 million during the month under review. Chemicals & Rubber Products declined by 21.0 percent (P116.6 million), from P556.3 million to P439.7 million during the same period of time.

1.3 Total Exports

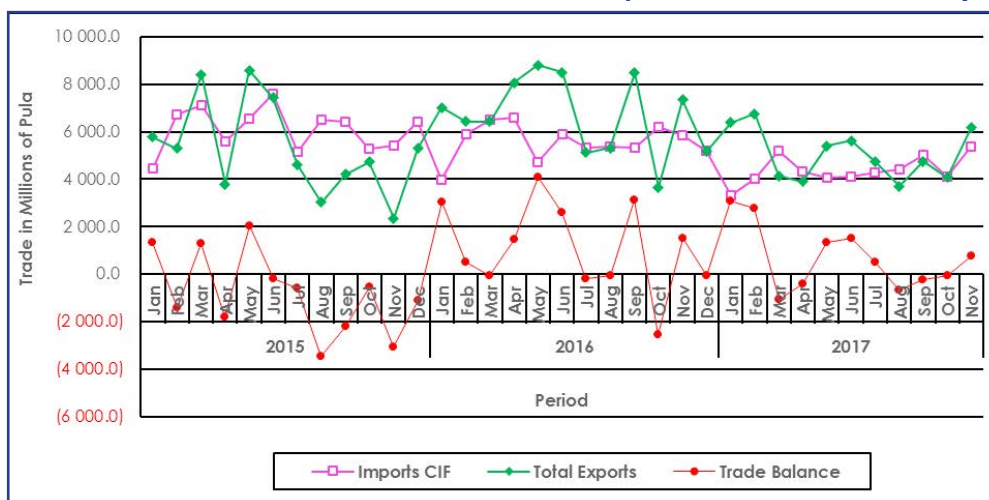
During November 2017, total exports were valued at P6, 163.2 million, showing an increase of 51.6 percent (P2, 097.3 million) from the October 2017 value of P4, 065.9 million. The increase was largely due to Diamonds exports with a rise of 60.0 percent (P2, 051.2 million) from P3, 417.1 million in October 2017 to P5, 468.3 million in November 2017 (**Table 2.2**).

Comparison of total exports value for November 2017 and November 2016 shows a decrease of 16.0 percent (P1, 171.2 million) from P7, 334.4 million to P6, 163.2 million. The decrease is attributed mainly, to the drop in exports of Diamonds. Diamonds exports value dropped by 18.7 percent (P1, 259.2 million) from P6, 727.5 million in November 2016 to P5, 468.3 million during the period under review (**Table 2.2**).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P779.3 million in November 2017. The surplus was influenced by the increase in Diamonds exports during the month.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to November 2017 (Million Pula)



2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters, for example; “Machinery & Electrical Equipment” which combines machines and electrical appliances; “Vehicles & Transport Equipment” which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

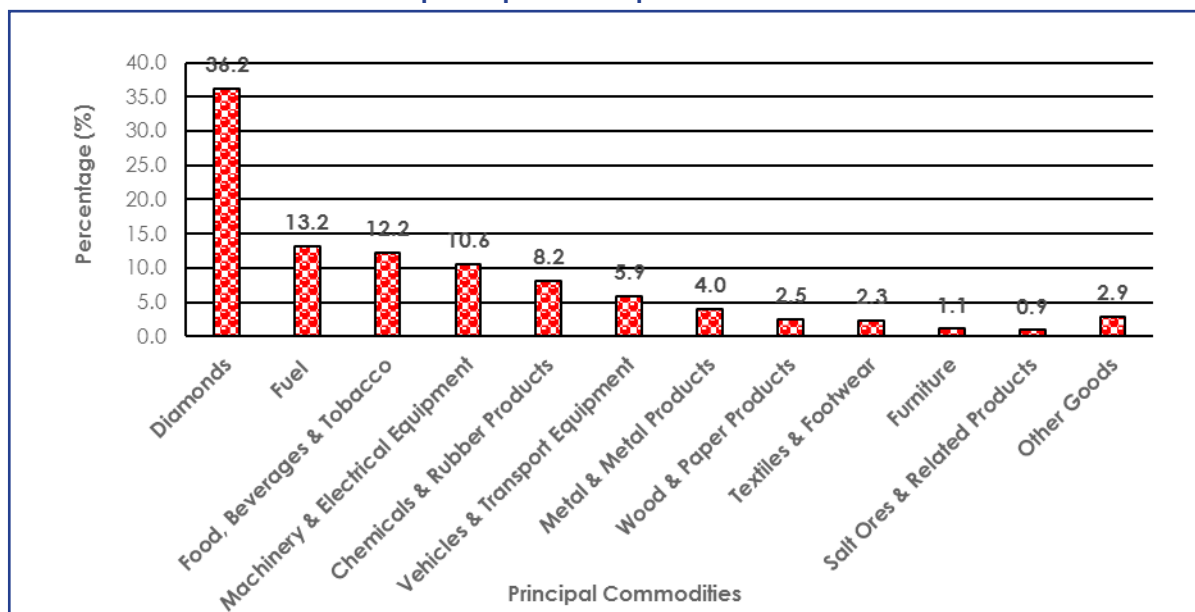
In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups’ contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called “Other”.

2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear in **Table 2.1**, covering January 2015 to November 2017. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals for 2015, 2016 as well as October and November 2017. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity Groups for November 2017.

During November 2017, composition of imports by principal commodities shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P5, 383.9 million), with 36.2 percent (P1, 946.5 million), followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 13.2 percent (P712.0 million) and 12.2 percent (P658.0 million) respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 10.6 percent at P568.5 million and 8.2 percent (P439.7 million) respectively. Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during November 2017 can be viewed on [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

Chart 2.1: **Principal Imports Composition – November 2017**



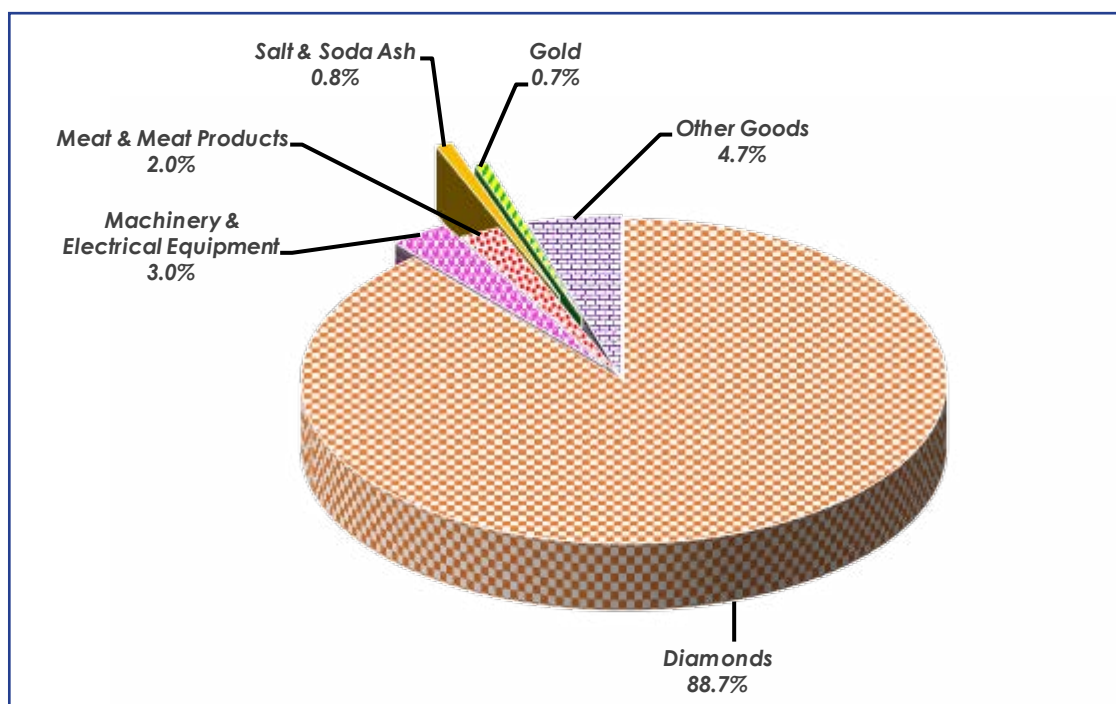
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for November 2017, were valued at P6, 163.2 million, with 88.7 percent (P5, 468.3 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Meat & Meat Products respectively contributed 3.0 percent (P184.8 million) and 2.0 percent (P125.7 million) to total exports during the month under review.

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed on [Table 2.2](#), while [Chart 2.2](#) gives graphical presentation for November 2017.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – November 2017



Note: Other Goods: include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.2

3.0 DIRECTION OF TRADE

Direction of trade gives imports by source while exports are presented by last known destination. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during November 2017 appear on [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.2A](#) respectively. [Table 3.1B](#) (imports) and [Table 3.2B](#) (exports) display percentage distributions for major sources and destinations respectively by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Discussions that follow relate to imports at both regional and partner country level as displayed in [Chart 3.1](#) and [Tables 3.1 A](#) and [B](#).

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 72.4 percent (P3, 898.2 million) of total imports during November 2017. South Africa and Namibia were the main sources of imports within the Union, with contributions of 61.7 percent (P3, 324.5 million) and 10.6 percent (P571.5 million) respectively to total imports during the month under review.

The major commodities imported from South Africa were; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel with contributions of 18.6 percent (P619.1 million) and 17.7 percent (P590.0 million) respectively to total imports from that country. Diamonds contributed 12.3 percent (P407.5 million) to total imports from South Africa during the same month. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with contributions of 12.0 percent each, to total imports from South Africa, at values of P400.5 million and P398.4 million respectively.

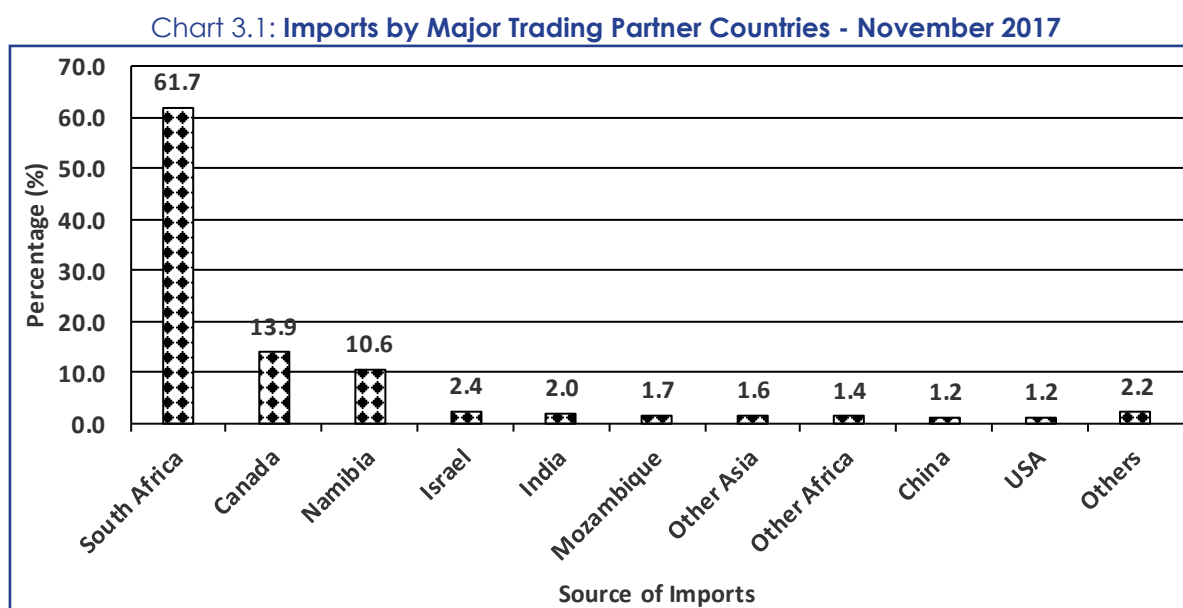
During November 2017, Asia supplied imports valued at P387.9 million, representing 7.2 percent of total imports. Israel and India, were the main sources of imports from Asia, with 2.4 percent (P127.1 million) and 2.0 percent (P108.3 million) respectively. China also contributed significantly to total imports with 1.2 percent

(P65.3 million) during the current period. Generally, Diamonds was the major commodity imported from Asia, at 48.0 percent (P437.2 million) of total imports from that regional block.

The European Union (EU) supplied imports valued at P129.3 million, accounting for 2.4 percent of total imports during November 2017.

Imports from Canada were valued at P749.7 million, representing 13.9 percent of total imports during November 2017, comprising mainly, of "Unsorted Diamonds", with a contribution of 99.7 percent (P747.3 million) of total imports from the country. The United States of America (USA) also contributed significantly with 1.2 percent (P63.1 million) to total imports.

Chart 3.1 gives the graphical presentation of imports by major trading partner countries and regions during November 2017.



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

Discussions under this sub-section are based on **Tables 3.2 A** and **3.2 B**.

During November 2017, total exports destined to Asia were valued at P3, 848.2 million, representing 62.4 percent of total exports (P6, 163.2 million). India, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Singapore received 19.1 percent (P1, 175.6 million), 16.4 percent (P1, 013.7 million) and 15.8 percent (P974.8 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Israel and Hong Kong followed with 4.9 percent (P304.5 million) and 4.6 percent (P282.1 million) respectively, of total exports during November 2017. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia during the current period, at 98.8 percent (P3, 801.4 million) of all goods destined to Asia

The EU region received exports valued at P1, 203.7 million, representing 19.5 percent of total exports during the month under review. Belgium and the United Kingdom (UK) were the main destinations for exports to the EU, having received 17.9 percent (P1, 105.8 million) and 1.2 percent (P74.4 million) respectively, of total exports during November 2017, mainly attributed to Diamonds.

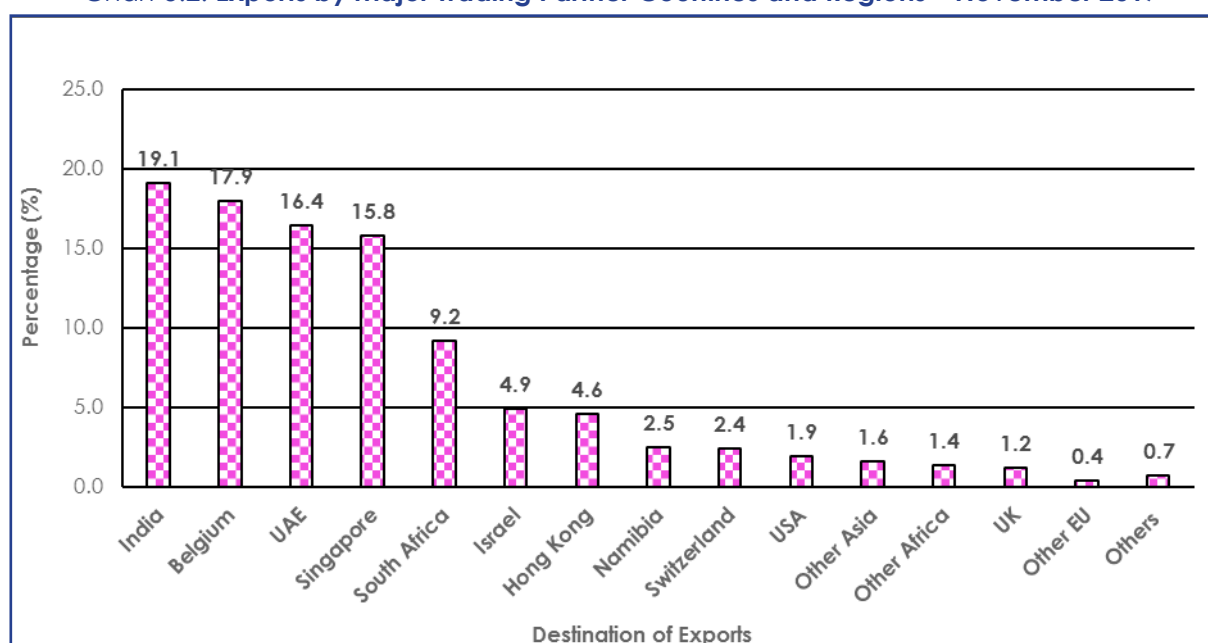
Exports destined to the SACU region were valued at P719.1 million, representing 11.7 percent of total exports during November 2017. South Africa and Namibia received exports accounting to 9.2 percent (P565.7 million)

and 2.5 percent (P153.1 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. The major commodity exported to South Africa was Diamonds, at 50.5 percent (P285.6 million) of total exports destined to that country. Machinery & Electrical Equipment was the only commodity group that can be singled out as having contributed significantly to total exports to Namibia during the current month, having made a contribution of 5.8 percent (P8.9 million) to total exports to the country.

Switzerland received 2.4 percent (P147.0 million) of total exports during the month under review, majority of these, at 72.0 percent (P105.8 million) of total exports to the country, being Diamonds (Table 3.2A).

Other destinations for exports can be observed in Tables 3.2 A and 3.2 B. Chart 3.2 gives the graphical presentation of exports by major destinations for November 2017.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – November 2017



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The mode of transport here refers to the means of transporting goods in and out of the country. The main modes of transport for Botswana international merchandise trade are Road, Air and Rail. Statistics relating to mode of transport is presented in Table B.

During November 2017, imports valued at P2, 893.8 million, representing 53.7 percent of total imports, reached Botswana borders by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 35.3 percent (P1, 900.2 million) and 10.9 percent (P587.6 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Botswana Exports mainly use Air as means of transport when considering the value of exported commodities. The value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by Air. Air Transport accounted for 93.9 percent (P5, 786.8 million) of total exports out of Botswana during November 2017. Road transport accounted for 5.9 percent (P360.9 million) of total exports during the month under review (Table B).

Table B: **Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport, Value and Percentage Distribution – November 2017 (Million Pula)**

Trans Type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	587.6	10.9	14.9	0.2
Road Transport	2,893.8	53.7	360.9	5.9
Air Transport	1,900.2	35.3	5,786.8	93.9
Others	2.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
Total	5,383.9	100.0	6,163.2	100.0

Note: Others; Comprises Unknown, Multi modal and water transport

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to November 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2015	4,440.2	4,225.9	213.1	1.2	5,782.1	0.2	5,782.3	1,342.1
Feb	6,708.4	6,491.0	216.6	0.7	5,099.8	195.7	5,295.4	(1,412.9)
Mar	7,119.7	6,860.2	258.6	1.0	8,147.4	261.2	8,408.6	1,288.9
Q1	18,268.2	17,577.1	688.2	2.9	19,029.2	457.1	19,486.3	1,218.1
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,780.4	5.5	3,785.9	(1,794.1)
May	6,563.9	6,327.7	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.3
Jun	7,607.3	7,344.2	261.7	1.4	7,154.9	272.7	7,427.5	(179.8)
Q2	19,751.2	19,027.8	720.6	2.8	19,364.6	433.1	19,797.6	46.4
Jul	5,164.9	4,917.8	246.3	0.9	4,351.3	244.1	4,595.5	(569.4)
Aug	6,505.4	6,256.1	248.2	1.1	2,752.7	277.1	3,029.8	(3,475.6)
Sep	6,426.7	6,189.1	236.8	0.8	3,954.3	253.3	4,207.6	(2,219.1)
Q3	18,097.0	17,363.0	731.3	2.7	11,058.4	774.6	11,832.9	(6,264.1)
Oct	5,265.7	5,003.3	261.2	1.1	4,582.5	144.6	4,727.1	(538.6)
Nov	5,402.9	5,148.9	252.7	1.4	2,172.4	169.7	2,342.1	(3,060.8)
Dec	6,406.8	6,161.1	244.9	0.9	4,901.7	396.6	5,298.3	(1,108.6)
Q4	17,075.4	16,313.3	758.8	3.4	11,656.6	710.8	12,367.4	(4,708.0)
Total_2015	73,191.9	70,281.1	2,898.9	11.9	61,108.7	2,375.6	63,484.3	(9,707.5)
Jan_2016	3,967.3	3,772.5	194.0	0.8	6,896.3	118.0	7,014.3	3,047.0
Feb	5,914.1	5,698.3	215.2	0.7	6,289.0	149.5	6,438.6	524.5
Mar	6,498.9	6,237.7	260.2	0.9	6,270.4	162.0	6,432.4	(66.4)
Q1	16,380.3	15,708.5	669.4	2.4	19,455.8	429.5	19,885.3	3,505.0
Apr	6,600.9	6,354.5	244.8	1.6	7,854.2	221.6	8,075.8	1,474.9
May	4,713.4	4,474.5	238.1	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,099.0
Jun	5,880.4	5,635.0	243.4	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.4
Q2	17,194.7	16,464.0	726.2	4.4	24,657.9	731.0	25,389.0	8,194.3
Jul	5,330.2	5,107.5	221.1	1.7	4,881.9	238.4	5,120.3	(209.9)
Aug	5,357.4	5,110.8	245.7	0.9	5,104.5	211.1	5,315.7	(41.8)
Sep	5,330.6	5,088.4	241.1	1.0	8,254.3	220.4	8,474.8	3,144.2
Q3	16,018.2	15,306.8	707.8	3.6	18,240.8	669.9	18,910.7	2,892.5
Oct	6,220.4	5,966.9	252.5	1.0	3,371.8	287.8	3,659.6	(2,560.8)
Nov	5,847.5	5,597.3	249.0	1.2	7,125.9	208.5	7,334.4	1,486.9
Dec	5,203.9	4,954.7	216.2	33.0	4,967.4	190.1	5,157.5	(46.4)
Q4	17,271.7	16,518.9	717.6	35.2	15,465.1	686.4	16,151.5	(1,120.2)
Total_2016	66,864.8	63,998.2	2,821.0	45.6	77,819.6	2,516.9	80,336.5	13,471.6
Jan_2017	3,317.8	3,158.8	157.6	1.4	6,179.5	202.8	6,382.3	3,064.5
Feb	4,008.7	3,835.1	172.6	1.0	6,751.7	11.2	6,762.9	2,754.2
Mar	5,194.8	4,971.5	220.6	2.6	4,020.7	117.4	4,138.1	(1,056.7)
Q1	12,521.3	11,965.5	550.8	5.0	16,951.9	331.3	17,283.3	4,761.9
Apr	4,309.2	4,155.8	152.2	1.3	3,891.4	0.0	3,891.5	(417.8)
May	4,056.7	3,895.6	159.7	1.3	5,408.9	0.5	5,409.4	1,352.7
Jun	4,125.5	3,963.5	160.9	1.1	5,628.2	0.2	5,628.4	1,502.9
Q2	12,491.4	12,014.8	472.9	3.7	14,928.6	0.7	14,929.3	2,437.9
Jul	4,259.6	4,077.5	181.1	1.1	4,751.2	0.4	4,751.5	491.9
Aug	4,390.2	4,212.3	176.9	1.0	3,698.5	1.9	3,700.3	(689.8)
Sep	5,001.4	4,805.7	194.7	0.9	4,742.4	1.8	4,744.2	(257.1)
Q3	13,651.2	13,095.5	552.7	3.0	13,192.0	4.0	13,196.1	(455.1)
Oct	4,123.4	3,918.0	203.9	1.6	4,060.8	5.1	4,065.9	(57.6)
Nov	5,383.9	5,189.9	193.3	0.7	6,158.5	4.7	6,163.2	779.3

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to November 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	447.2	855.2	600.7	728.9	41.8	602.9	171.1	302.6	117.7	351.6	110.0	110.5	4 440.2
Feb	485.3	3 069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	354.6	153.8	346.4	115.4	114.5	6 708.4
Mar	478.4	2 693.5	516.4	1 233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.4	7 119.7
Q1	1 410.9	6 618.6	1 625.3	2 581.3	162.2	1 993.9	703.2	717.6	478.5	1 228.5	355.9	392.3	18 268.2
Apr	538.9	1 901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.5	112.3	124.4	5 580.0
May	534.3	2 619.6	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.0	112.6	144.7	6 563.9
Jun	622.2	3 399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.7	199.2	133.8	384.7	116.4	169.7	7 607.3
Q2	1 695.4	7 920.4	1 564.5	2 107.8	162.9	2 359.5	734.5	580.6	514.3	1 331.3	341.2	438.8	19 751.2
Jul	501.8	1 100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	59.0	163.8	455.3	126.2	162.9	5 164.9
Aug	538.2	2 273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	825.3	226.2	51.1	180.6	461.1	130.7	172.0	6 505.4
Sep	617.8	2 638.5	573.3	600.6	57.9	788.5	213.3	42.4	185.4	415.7	130.9	162.4	6 426.7
Q3	1 657.8	6 012.9	1 762.7	2 331.9	178.5	2 525.3	728.7	152.5	529.9	1 332.0	387.7	497.3	18 097.0
Oct	537.6	1 098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	822.0	241.6	59.0	216.8	388.5	133.0	179.9	5 265.7
Nov	580.5	1 226.7	688.0	628.8	65.1	754.2	260.5	81.4	268.5	534.0	132.7	182.5	5 402.9
Dec	503.9	2 354.5	715.8	617.0	51.0	754.8	239.0	206.2	165.5	510.1	125.1	163.6	6 406.8
Q4	1 622.0	4 679.9	2 070.2	2 095.7	188.6	2 331.0	741.1	346.6	650.8	1 432.6	390.9	526.0	17 075.4
Total_2015	6 386.2	25 231.7	7 022.7	9 116.7	692.1	9 209.7	2 907.5	1 797.2	2 173.5	5 324.4	1 475.6	1 854.5	73 191.9
Jan_2016	343.8	955.8	516.7	542.3	29.1	566.2	203.3	158.7	102.0	311.2	111.4	126.9	3 967.3
Feb	468.7	2 430.1	584.4	549.5	47.8	664.0	253.5	168.6	156.2	341.9	108.1	141.3	5 914.1
Mar	466.6	2 259.2	580.7	1 002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	156.6	178.6	421.4	116.3	256.9	6 498.9
Q1	1 279.1	5 645.1	1 681.9	2 094.4	127.2	1 947.1	749.4	483.9	436.8	1 074.5	335.8	525.1	16 380.3
Apr	770.9	2 323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.4	292.7	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.8	6 600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1 025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	153.5	156.8	343.9	124.9	161.5	4 713.4
Jun	554.6	1 542.8	605.5	1 133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	139.2	404.3	140.5	160.8	5 880.4
Q2	1 805.2	4 504.2	1 698.4	2 776.3	191.9	2 359.2	766.1	500.5	477.8	1 251.0	410.8	453.1	17 194.7
Jul	799.7	1 379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	178.0	5 330.2
Aug	525.2	1 117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	207.7	496.2	140.5	272.6	5 357.4
Sep	505.4	1 155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	191.0	642.7	136.4	168.3	5 330.6
Q3	1 830.3	3 652.6	1 928.3	1 905.1	184.8	2 336.7	762.8	330.7	555.3	1 516.7	396.0	619.0	16 018.2
Oct	623.7	1 906.9	725.0	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	198.8	436.8	158.5	199.0	6 220.4
Nov	556.3	1 544.8	807.4	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	222.7	399.7	151.6	209.3	5 847.5
Dec	464.8	1 651.4	636.5	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	148.6	354.3	137.5	152.9	5 203.9
Q4	1 644.9	5 103.0	2 168.9	1 872.8	211.5	2 543.4	766.3	191.2	570.1	1 190.8	447.6	561.2	17 271.7
Total_2016	6 559.4	18 905.0	7 477.5	8 648.6	715.5	9 186.4	3 044.7	1 506.3	2 040.0	5 032.9	1 590.1	2 158.4	66 864.8
Jan_2017	322.3	707.2	541.0	539.4	33.8	489.6	155.4	28.9	101.8	210.3	97.5	90.6	3 317.8
Feb	399.6	885.6	550.1	534.9	56.1	600.9	238.3	46.8	156.9	276.8	115.7	147.1	4 008.7
Mar	329.1	1 727.2	578.2	765.7	48.1	700.1	167.2	33.0	180.1	411.2	102.0	152.9	5 194.8
Q1	1 050.9	3 320.0	1 669.3	1 840.0	137.9	1 790.6	561.0	108.6	438.8	898.3	315.2	390.6	12 521.3
Apr	321.9	1 079.1	464.8	548.8	41.2	528.8	171.3	42.0	108.2	287.5	89.3	626.5	4 309.2
May	423.2	1 139.3	527.6	535.7	53.3	487.1	189.1	39.9	137.5	284.6	104.2	135.1	4 056.7
Jun	350.5	1 256.3	515.9	628.0	48.1	465.6	185.3	37.4	88.7	275.3	97.5	176.8	4 125.5
Q2	1 095.6	3 474.7	1 508.3	1 712.5	142.6	1 481.4	545.7	119.3	334.4	847.4	291.0	938.4	12 491.4
Jul	392.8	1 000.4	530.2	751.9	50.6	554.5	220.1	49.2	134.4	289.9	112.6	173.0	4 259.6
Aug	1 081.4	514.1	572.5	608.3	65.1	592.0	207.1	43.5	157.3	265.3	131.1	152.4	4 390.2
Sep	487.2	1 500.2	601.4	575.3	52.1	712.7	214.6	45.3	140.6	387.0	124.3	160.5	5 001.4
Q3	1 961.3	3 014.8	1 704.1	1 935.5	167.8	1 859.2	641.9	138.1	432.3	942.2	368.0	485.9	13 651.2
Oct	526.8	278.4	623.8	588.5	59.5	673.0	236.7	38.8	174.8	614.3	133.4	175.5	4 123.4
Nov	439.7	1 946.5	658.0	712.0	59.7	568.5	214.9	51.0	123.5	318.1	137.2	154.9	5 383.9
2015	8.7	34.5	9.6	12.5	0.9	12.6	4.0	2.5	3.0	7.3	2.0	2.5	100.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	3.1	7.5	2.4	3.2	100.0
Oct_2017	12.8	6.8	15.1	14.3	1.4	16.3	5.7	0.9	4.2	14.9	3.2	4.3	100.0
Nov_2017	8.2	36.2	12.2	13.2	1.1	10.6	4.0	0.9	2.3	5.9	2.5	2.9	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to November 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	428.9	4 860.4	20.5	7.7	18.1	123.2	46.2	20.4	70.1	18.7	84.3	83.7	5 782.3
Feb	486.1	4 231.5	19.1	6.9	22.8	165.9	67.2	26.7	53.3	26.8	47.6	141.5	5 295.4
Mar	428.7	7 385.2	22.4	8.0	25.8	170.0	90.2	33.2	11.5	40.4	85.6	107.6	8 408.6
Q1	1 343.8	16 477.1	62.0	22.7	66.7	459.1	203.5	80.3	134.9	85.9	217.4	332.9	19 486.3
Apr	448.2	2 722.8	21.1	9.8	16.9	166.6	138.0	23.3	34.1	30.1	98.7	76.4	3 785.9
May	402.1	7 530.6	36.4	8.3	20.5	221.6	111.8	24.9	42.3	39.9	57.6	88.2	8 584.2
Jun	458.3	6 365.0	21.2	9.9	24.2	164.4	117.7	29.3	54.2	34.4	58.0	90.8	7 427.5
Q2	1 308.5	16 618.5	78.7	28.0	61.6	552.5	367.6	77.5	130.6	104.4	214.3	255.4	19 797.6
Jul	320.7	3 687.1	24.7	10.0	17.2	169.0	138.8	28.9	57.1	30.4	27.6	84.1	4 595.5
Aug	40.2	2 362.2	30.3	2.6	15.6	184.7	108.8	25.9	56.1	33.7	71.9	97.8	3 029.8
Sep	13.9	3 559.6	31.2	5.9	25.3	220.3	91.8	28.6	56.0	22.9	45.5	106.8	4 207.6
Q3	374.8	9 608.9	86.2	18.5	58.0	574.0	339.3	83.4	169.1	87.0	145.0	288.7	11 832.9
Oct	53.0	4 123.2	13.8	7.9	15.5	179.3	82.7	22.2	53.3	27.0	34.6	114.5	4 727.1
Nov	302.3	1 446.2	36.8	9.1	20.5	187.5	75.6	27.1	52.1	33.5	58.2	93.3	2 342.1
Dec	407.5	4 456.5	11.4	4.5	20.0	69.1	104.3	15.5	53.6	34.1	31.1	90.7	5 298.3
Q4	762.8	10 025.9	61.9	21.4	55.9	435.9	262.6	64.8	159.0	94.6	124.0	298.5	12 367.4
Total_2015	3 789.9	52 730.4	288.8	90.6	242.3	2 021.5	1 173.0	306.0	593.7	371.8	700.7	1 175.5	63 484.3
Jan_2016	436.3	6 092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7 014.3
Feb	448.5	5 453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	166.0	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6 438.6
Mar	323.8	5 456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	217.6	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6 432.4
Q1	1 208.6	17 003.1	147.8	16.0	46.4	555.3	263.4	66.9	144.1	60.5	119.8	253.5	19 885.3
Apr	264.7	7 251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	179.2	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8 075.8
May	265.7	7 950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.1	8 812.4
Jun	302.8	7 539.0	56.6	7.8	24.2	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.9	8 500.8
Q2	833.1	22 740.6	105.0	17.9	55.7	585.5	293.8	74.7	129.7	69.8	171.0	312.2	25 389.0
Jul	171.0	4 373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5 120.3
Aug	181.5	4 547.6	30.4	6.9	16.7	170.1	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.6	5 315.7
Sep	183.2	7 660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	178.9	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.3	8 474.8
Q3	535.7	16 580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	524.1	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.5	281.9	18 910.7
Oct	51.9	2 964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	136.6	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.6	3 659.6
Nov	1.1	6 727.5	30.7	6.8	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7 334.4
Dec	0.6	4 764.8	23.4	4.4	11.8	54.3	61.5	17.0	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.5	5 157.5
Q4	53.7	14 456.5	82.2	15.6	78.7	401.1	266.8	81.6	237.8	85.7	94.7	297.2	16 151.5
Total_2016	2 631.1	70 780.7	424.4	68.3	243.1	2 066.0	1 147.8	302.1	719.0	280.2	529.0	1 144.8	80 336.5
Jan_2017	1.1	5 924.3	30.1	2.6	8.4	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	16.8	51.2	6 382.3
Feb	1.1	6 348.5	7.8	2.8	17.1	181.6	17.8	17.4	64.8	17.8	34.1	52.1	6 762.9
Mar	0.2	3 811.3	34.1	4.3	9.2	106.7	34.3	19.5	35.8	11.0	24.3	47.3	4 138.1
Q1	2.4	16 084.1	72.0	9.7	34.7	498.3	84.0	50.8	180.1	41.4	75.2	150.6	17 283.3
Apr	3.4	3 556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.8	45.0	9.4	41.1	14.4	25.8	56.1	3 891.5
May	6.5	4 711.8	29.6	3.9	9.1	118.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	12.6	87.6	319.4	5 409.4
Jun	5.1	4 977.8	28.3	3.8	12.7	192.5	88.6	26.5	32.4	13.0	14.2	233.5	5 628.4
Q2	15.0	13 245.7	86.1	9.9	35.9	406.8	194.8	55.2	103.5	39.9	127.5	609.0	14 929.3
Jul	9.2	4 056.6	45.3	4.0	15.8	134.2	105.8	27.4	64.5	14.5	22.9	251.3	4 751.5
Aug	1.6	3 119.4	36.4	3.1	11.7	119.3	103.4	15.5	56.8	13.7	32.2	187.3	3 700.3
Sep	3.5	4 224.2	39.1	1.5	13.8	131.9	121.1	20.2	78.8	17.7	20.5	71.9	4 744.2
Q3	14.3	11 400.2	120.8	8.6	41.3	385.4	330.3	63.2	200.1	45.9	75.6	510.5	13 196.1
Oct	4.6	3 417.1	16.0	2.9	13.4	148.4	91.7	19.6	47.6	16.8	26.0	261.8	4 065.9
Nov	3.2	5 468.3	41.1	2.1	16.6	184.8	125.7	20.3	51.4	17.3	19.1	213.1	6 163.2
% Distribution													
2015	6.0	83.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.9	100.0
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
Oct_2017	0.1	84.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	3.7	2.3	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.6	6.4	100.0
Nov_2017	0.1	88.7	0.7	0.0	0.3	3.0	2.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	3.5	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to November 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2015	200.4	0.3	0.0	584.7	69.8	855.2	21.7	19.5	0.0	4 639.2	180.0	4 860.4
Feb	649.9	0.4	0.0	2 315.6	104.0	3 069.9	0.8	17.5	0.0	3 647.6	565.6	4 231.5
Mar	285.5	0.4	0.2	2 328.7	78.7	2 693.5	0.0	30.4	0.3	6 908.0	446.5	7 385.2
Q1	1 135.8	1.0	0.2	5 229.0	252.6	6 618.6	22.5	67.3	0.3	15 194.8	1 192.1	16 477.1
Apr	437.0	0.2	0.0	1 419.4	44.5	1 901.2	0.0	20.1	0.0	2 385.3	317.4	2 722.8
May	240.3	0.4	0.0	2 281.6	97.3	2 619.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	7 001.3	498.4	7 530.6
Jun	263.0	1 203.8	0.1	1 838.8	93.9	3 399.6	0.0	125.9	0.0	5 796.5	442.6	6 365.0
Q2	940.3	1 204.4	0.1	5 539.8	235.8	7 920.4	0.0	176.9	0.0	15 183.1	1 258.5	16 618.5
Jul	661.0	0.0	0.0	292.9	146.6	1 100.6	49.0	18.9	0.0	3 271.9	347.4	3 687.1
Aug	245.9	0.4	0.2	2 007.4	20.0	2 273.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	1 946.0	412.0	2 362.2
Sep	616.5	0.0	0.1	1 969.6	52.2	2 638.5	0.0	15.5	0.0	3 181.0	363.1	3 559.6
Q3	1 523.4	0.4	0.3	4 269.9	218.8	6 012.9	49.0	38.6	0.0	8 398.9	1 122.4	9 608.9
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	1 034.5	64.0	1 098.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	3 781.2	311.0	4 123.2
Nov	0.0	0.0	0.0	1 159.6	67.2	1 226.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	1 172.2	266.6	1 446.2
Dec	0.0	0.6	0.1	2 324.2	29.7	2 354.5	83.6	5.0	0.0	4 074.4	293.4	4 456.5
Q4	0.0	0.6	0.1	4 518.2	160.9	4 679.9	83.6	43.4	0.0	9 027.8	871.1	10 025.9
Total_2015	3 599.5	1 206.5	0.7	19 557.0	868.1	25 231.7	155.2	326.2	0.3	47 804.6	4 444.0	52 730.4
Jan_2016	134.1	0.3	0.0	790.8	30.6	955.8	0.0	29.8	0.0	5 951.7	110.8	6 092.3
Feb	653.3	0.4	0.0	1 675.7	100.7	2 430.1	0.1	29.8	0.1	5 226.9	197.0	5 453.9
Mar	237.9	0.3	0.0	1 984.0	37.1	2 259.2	0.0	27.4	0.0	5 166.3	263.2	5 456.9
Q1	1 025.3	0.9	0.0	4 450.5	168.5	5 645.1	0.1	87.0	0.1	16 344.9	571.0	17 003.1
Apr	299.7	0.2	0.0	2 001.1	22.1	2 323.0	25.0	27.2	0.0	6 774.4	424.5	7 251.1
May	362.7	0.0	0.0	239.0	36.7	638.4	0.0	23.7	0.0	7 644.1	282.6	7 950.4
Jun	296.2	0.2	0.0	1 187.6	58.7	1 542.8	27.5	34.4	0.0	7 089.8	387.3	7 539.0
Q2	958.6	0.5	0.0	3 427.7	117.5	4 504.2	52.5	85.3	0.0	21 508.3	1 094.4	22 740.6
Jul	0.0	2.5	0.0	1 352.2	25.0	1 379.7	0.0	15.9	0.0	3 965.8	391.2	4 373.0
Aug	0.0	1.3	0.0	1 105.8	9.9	1 117.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	4 065.0	476.2	4 547.6
Sep	537.3	0.0	0.0	604.8	13.7	1 155.9	4.6	29.3	0.0	7 128.1	498.0	7 660.0
Q3	537.4	3.9	0.0	3 062.8	48.6	3 652.6	4.6	51.5	0.0	15 158.9	1 365.5	16 580.6
Oct	325.5	0.2	0.0	1 543.4	37.8	1 906.9	0.0	19.0	0.0	2 603.6	341.6	2 964.2
Nov	385.4	0.2	0.0	1 085.2	73.9	1 544.8	0.0	29.5	0.0	6 193.0	505.1	6 727.5
Dec	285.2	3.7	0.0	1 343.2	19.3	1 651.4	30.9	10.3	0.0	4 206.3	517.2	4 764.8
Q4	996.1	4.1	0.0	3 971.9	131.0	5 103.0	30.9	58.8	0.0	13 002.9	1 364.0	14 456.5
Total_2016	3 517.2	9.3	0.0	14 912.8	465.6	18 905.0	88.1	282.6	0.1	66 015.0	4 394.9	70 780.7
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5 778.2	121.9	5 924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5 997.4	323.9	6 348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1 348.2	78.4	1 727.2	3.9	12.7	0.0	3 227.3	567.3	3 811.3
Q1	834.4	4.5	0.0	2 358.1	123.1	3 320.0	10.5	57.6	0.0	15 002.9	1 013.1	16 084.1
Apr	654.5	0.1	0.0	314.8	109.7	1 079.1	0.0	29.2	0.0	3 131.2	395.8	3 556.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1 139.3	20.4	16.2	0.0	4 215.8	459.4	4 711.8
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1 256.3	0.0	26.0	0.0	4 582.9	368.9	4 977.8
Q2	1 628.8	0.2	0.0	1 339.3	506.3	3 474.7	20.4	71.4	0.0	11 929.9	1 224.1	13 245.7
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1 000.4	0.0	10.4	0.0	3 365.1	681.0	4 056.6
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	2 621.9	496.0	3 119.4
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1 395.2	103.4	1 500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3 718.4	492.1	4 224.2
Q3	645.8	1.5	0.0	1 981.6	385.9	3 014.8	0.0	25.6	0.0	9 705.4	1 669.2	11 400.2
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.1	218.3	278.4	0.0	6.1	0.0	2 936.3	474.7	3 417.1
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1 042.2	155.8	1 946.5	0.0	7.6	0.0	4 969.5	491.2	5 468.3

Note: 71021000:Unsorted diamonds
71022100:Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruited
71022900:Industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES
71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruited
71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set NES

Table 3.1 A: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – November 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner\HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	400.5	407.5	619.1	590.0	56.6	398.4	185.2	49.0	111.4	258.1	126.6	122.1	3,324.5
Namibia	0.4	532.0	5.9	24.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.8	0.2	0.1	571.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
SACU	400.9	939.5	625.0	614.0	56.6	403.1	185.2	50.3	113.4	261.0	126.8	122.3	3,898.2
Zambia	0.2	0.0	16.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	14.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	32.5
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.7
Zimbabwe	0.2	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.2	0.8	18.1
Other SADC	0.4	0.0	9.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.2	0.9	19.7
SADC	401.4	939.5	651.0	706.7	56.7	403.6	202.3	50.8	113.5	261.1	132.0	124.4	4,043.1
Other Africa	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.6
Africa	401.8	939.5	651.0	706.7	56.7	404.5	202.3	50.8	113.6	261.1	132.1	124.6	4,044.7
Israel	0.1	125.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	127.1
India	6.2	83.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.8	0.1	2.4	0.5	0.1	2.0	108.3
China	7.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.2	30.7	5.9	0.1	4.1	6.2	1.8	6.8	65.3
Singapore	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.2	3.6
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	0.0	0.2	33.8
Hong Kong	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	19.4
Turkey	0.0	0.0	0.8	3.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	5.8
UAE	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.7	0.0	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.4	8.1
Korea (South)	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.9
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.1	5.4
Other Asia	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	5.4
Asia	15.5	209.7	3.2	5.2	2.9	74.4	7.3	0.2	7.8	47.0	2.1	12.7	387.9
Belgium	6.9	32.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	40.1
Germany	4.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	12.6	3.1	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.1	6.5	28.3
UK	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.0	1.2	1.2	19.0
France	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.5	9.1
Netherlands	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Portugal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5
Austria	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	3.9
Italy	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.9
Romania	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Other EU	2.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	9.6
EU	20.0	33.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	51.2	3.6	0.0	1.7	5.6	1.4	11.3	129.3
Canada	0.2	747.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	749.7
USA	1.2	17.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	32.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	4.3	1.0	5.6	63.1
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.9
Australia	1.1	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.6
Others	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.6
Total	439.7	1,946.5	658.0	712.0	59.7	568.5	214.9	51.0	123.5	318.1	137.2	154.9	5,383.9

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level- November 2017

Partner\HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	12.0	12.3	18.6	17.7	1.7	12.0	5.6	1.5	3.4	7.8	3.8	3.7	100.0
Namibia	0.1	93.1	1.0	4.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.4	4.6	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.7	0.0	0.0	12.2	100.0
SACU	10.3	24.1	16.0	15.8	1.5	10.3	4.8	1.3	2.9	6.7	3.3	3.1	100.0
Zambia	0.5	0.0	50.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	43.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	1.0	0.0	47.1	0.0	0.2	1.6	15.7	0.3	0.0	0.5	29.0	4.7	100.0
Other SADC	2.1	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.4	1.9	14.8	0.3	0.1	0.4	26.6	4.7	100.0
SADC	9.9	23.2	16.1	17.5	1.4	10.0	5.0	1.3	2.8	6.5	3.3	3.1	100.0
Other Africa	20.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.6	55.7	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.1	1.4	12.1	100.0
Africa	9.9	23.2	16.1	17.5	1.4	10.0	5.0	1.3	2.8	6.5	3.3	3.1	100.0
Israel	0.1	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	100.0
India	5.7	77.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.7	0.1	2.2	0.4	0.1	1.9	100.0
China	11.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	47.0	9.1	0.1	6.3	9.5	2.8	10.5	100.0
Singapore	0.1	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	63.0	0.0	5.2	100.0
Japan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.0	0.1	0.5	100.0
Hong Kong	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.0	0.3	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.1	10.4	100.0
Turkey	0.5	0.0	14.7	60.7	0.4	10.8	0.1	0.0	5.8	0.1	0.0	6.8	100.0
UAE	3.1	0.0	0.9	21.7	0.0	57.5	0.8	0.7	1.8	7.9	0.3	5.2	100.0
Korea (South)	3.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.2	80.7	1.2	0.0	4.9	2.1	1.4	0.9	100.0
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.2	0.0	2.2	100.0
Other Asia	26.2	0.0	3.6	0.0	12.0	24.8	8.0	0.0	2.7	18.1	0.5	3.9	100.0
Asia	4.0	54.1	0.8	1.4	0.7	19.2	1.9	0.1	2.0	12.1	0.6	3.3	100.0
Belgium	17.2	82.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Germany	16.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	44.6	11.0	0.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	22.9	100.0
UK	10.0	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	58.7	0.3	0.0	1.1	15.5	6.5	6.1	100.0
France	12.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	46.3	1.7	0.0	0.1	11.8	0.1	27.4	100.0
Netherlands	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.8	0.0	0.0	6.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	100.0
Portugal	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Austria	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.3	0.0	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.0	19.1	100.0
Italy	28.6	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	63.2	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	3.3	100.0
Romania	26.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	25.1	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.0	50.8	1.0	0.0	0.5	10.5	0.3	1.9	100.0
EU	15.4	25.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	39.6	2.8	0.0	1.3	4.3	1.1	8.8	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
USA	1.9	27.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	50.8	2.4	0.0	0.5	6.7	1.6	8.8	100.0
Switzerland	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.7	0.1	100.0
Australia	29.4	0.0	56.6	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	7.9	100.0
Others	0.6	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.0	52.9	6.9	0.0	10.2	0.2	8.0	14.3	100.0
Total	8.2	36.2	12.2	13.2	1.1	10.6	4.0	0.9	2.3	5.9	2.5	2.9	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups –November 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner\HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.3	285.6	0.0	2.0	14.3	116.4	37.4	16.4	36.7	16.0	3.4	37.1	565.7
Namibia	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.8	8.9	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.5	8.1	133.3	153.1
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
SACU	0.3	286.2	0.0	2.1	15.2	125.5	37.4	17.1	36.7	16.6	11.6	170.6	719.1
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	13.1	0.0	2.2	6.5	0.3	2.6	14.9	40.1
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.5	7.8	0.1	4.5	19.6	36.7
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.7	1.9
Other SADC	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	4.8
SADC	3.2	286.2	0.0	2.1	15.8	143.0	37.8	19.7	51.4	17.3	18.9	207.1	802.6
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6
Africa	3.2	286.2	0.0	2.1	15.8	143.4	37.8	19.7	51.4	17.3	19.0	207.2	803.1
India	0.0	1,175.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,175.6
UAE	0.0	967.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	40.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.9	1,013.7
Singapore	0.0	974.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	974.8
Israel	0.0	304.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	304.5
Hong Kong	0.0	282.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	282.1
Japan	0.0	40.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.1
Viet Nam	0.0	31.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.6
China	0.0	22.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.1
Sri Lanka	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asia	0.0	3,801.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	40.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.9	3,848.2
Belgium	0.0	1,105.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,105.8
UK	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	65.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	74.4
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.1
EU	0.0	1,114.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	87.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1,203.7
Switzerland	0.0	105.8	41.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	147.0
USA	0.0	117.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	118.3
Canada	0.0	42.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.7
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Total	3.2	5,468.3	41.1	2.1	16.6	184.8	125.7	20.3	51.4	17.3	19.1	213.1	6,163.2

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level - November 2017

Partner\HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.1	50.5	0.0	0.4	2.5	20.6	6.6	2.9	6.5	2.8	0.6	6.6	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.6	5.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	5.3	87.1	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	100.0
SACU	0.0	39.8	0.0	0.3	2.1	17.4	5.2	2.4	5.1	2.3	1.6	23.7	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	32.6	0.0	5.4	16.3	0.7	6.4	37.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.4	0.0	1.4	21.4	0.1	12.2	53.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	87.1	100.0
Other SADC	59.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.1	8.0	0.2	8.5	9.2	4.0	8.1	100.0
SADC	0.4	35.7	0.0	0.3	2.0	17.8	4.7	2.5	6.4	2.2	2.4	25.8	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	8.4	100.0
Africa	0.4	35.6	0.0	0.3	2.0	17.9	4.7	2.5	6.4	2.2	2.4	25.8	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	95.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Japan	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Viet Nam	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Sri Lanka	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	0.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	87.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	66.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.0	100.0
EU	0.0	92.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	72.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Canada	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Total	0.1	88.7	0.7	0.0	0.3	3.0	2.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	3.5	100.0

6.0 TECHNICAL NOTES

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana. International Merchandise Trade refers to external trade in goods only. International Service Trade Statistics (ISTS) are however not compiled by this section. The primary source of international merchandise trade data is the Customs & Excise Division at the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). The Customs & Excise Division is responsible for data capture for both computerized and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Until the April 2009 Monthly Digest, Botswana was practicing Relaxed Special Trade Type. The Relaxed Special Trade Type takes into account goods that are exported or imported for inward or outward customs processing while the Strict Special Trade Type does not include the same. Strict Special Trade Type comprises imports for home consumption, permanent exports, re-exports and goods cleared out of warehouse (ex-warehouse) only.

In June 2009, the Botswana External Trade Database was revised to cater for General Trade Type as per the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) recommendations. The General Trade Type gives complete coverage of external trade as compared to the Special Trade Type. As a result of this, trade reported in the monthly digests for May 2009 onwards is based on the General Trade Type.

Imports are valued CIF (cost, insurance & freight) while exports are valued FOB (free on board). The value of imports includes transport and insurance costs to the importing country. The Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country.

6.1 Time of Recording of Trade

IMTS is compiled using date of recording of trade as opposed to date of assessment of goods by customs. This means that as goods cross the border, trade is recorded and this is the reference month for compilation of IMTS. Some of these goods may however be held by customs for some time pending final assessment for tax or duty purposes.

If the final assessment is done later, for example two or three months, or even more, after the goods had crossed the border, the affected trade will then update trade for the particular month when the goods crossed the border, therefore it does not form part of trade for the month during which the final assessment was done. This is mostly common with imports. Revision of data for the month preceding the one under review will normally show high values as compared to revisions for other months due to more goods (from the previous month) being released after final assessment.

6.2 Concepts and Definitions

Domestic Exports: These are goods originating from the compiling country, being permanently exported out of the country for consumption in the outside world. This includes products from customs inwards processing; for example, if a country imports wheat, processes the wheat into bread flour and exports the bread flour and bye products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.

Re - Exports: These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.

Total exports: This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports

Imports: These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.

Trade Balance (Net Export): This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

6.3 Treatment of Diamonds from Aggregation Process

In July 2012, the Diamond Trading Company International which was undertaking aggregation of diamonds relocated from the United Kingdom to Botswana. This meant that the process of aggregation of diamonds was now to be done in Botswana. Following the relocation, initially it was not clear how this trade was to be recorded as there was no prior common understanding of the processes involved between all the relevant parties. After thorough discussions with key stakeholders, Statistics Botswana decided to record this trade as imports for processing and that export of the same after aggregation be recorded as direct permanent exports. This was based on **IMTS 2010 Compilers' Manual (Page 225)** and **IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions; Page 16; Paragraph 1.20** concept that mixing of goods of different qualities to produce goods of a new quality is part of processing in compilation of IMTS.

6.3.1 Sorting out Diamonds imports

These imports will mainly be from Canada, Namibia and South Africa. Some of these may include diamonds that were originally bought from Botswana and are now being sold back to Botswana. The original declaration will not indicate whether the consignment is a mixture of diamonds from various countries. However, a follow-up document, referred to as "**attached document**" will show a disaggregation of these imports according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment.

- I. In case the consignment was from one country, this will be recorded as imports into Botswana from that particular country
- II. In case the consignment was from various countries, the recording of these imports will be according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment
- III. If part of the consignment was originally from Botswana, that part is recorded as re-import and will form part of total imports.

6.3.2 Sorting out Diamonds exports

These exports will be from the aggregation process and will consist of exports of Botswana origin and exports of diamonds that were originally imported. The original declaration will give an aggregated export which will be a consignment bought by an individual trader. This consignment will consist of diamonds of the same colour, shape and size but originating from various countries. The "**attached document**", giving a disaggregation of the consignment in value and carats by countries that contributed, will be used to record trade accordingly. As per IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions, goods resulting from processing are to be included in merchandise trade at their full value and as direct permanent exports (Domestic exports) in case they are exported (**IMTS Concepts & Definitions; page 16, paragraph 1.20**). As a result of this, diamonds that originated from outside Botswana as well as those originating from Botswana are recorded as direct permanent exports or domestic exports.

Both diamonds originating from Botswana and those that originated from elsewhere have always been recorded under Domestic Exports.

Values for diamonds that originated from elsewhere can be provided separately if needed.

6.4 Exclusions from IMTS

• Goods in Transit

This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country

• Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched

These are goods that at the time of admission/dispatch, are intended to stay in the receiving country temporarily and that after their stay they will be returned in the same state. These goods include display equipment for trade fairs and exhibitions, commercial samples, means of transport, containers, equipment for working etc.

- **Monetary Gold**

This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.

- **Issued banknotes and securities and coins in circulation**

These goods represent evidence of financial claims and are excluded from IMTS

The above list of exclusions from IMTS is however not exhaustive and only a few that are common, simple, straightforward and easy to understand have been picked as examples.