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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 March 2018.

During March 2018, total imports were valued at P4, 950.5 million while total exports were valued at P4, 814.8 million, resulting in a trade deficit of P135.7 million. Total imports values increased by 1.3 percent compared to February 2018. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 34.6 percent followed by Fuel, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 12.7 percent, 12.1 percent and 11.8 percent respectively. Diamonds constituted 91.2 percent (P4, 391.8 million) of total exports during the period under review.

Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports into Botswana during March 2018, with South Africa alone contributing 59.6 percent of total imports during the month. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel dominated imports from South Africa by contributing 18.9 percent each. Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Machinery & Electrical Equipment also contributed significantly to imports from South Africa, at 11.9 percent and 11.7 percent respectively.

During March 2018, total exports increased by 37.5 percent compared to February 2018. Asia as a block, was the major destination for Botswana exports with a share of 56.6 percent, mainly constituted by Diamonds. India, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and Israel received most of exports destined to Asia, respectively receiving 24.8 percent, 13.4 percent and 12.2 percent of total exports during the month.

The current digest presents revised data for October 2017 to February 2018 as presented in **Table A**. Total trade for January 2015 to March 2018 appears in **Table 1**. 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 March 2018. **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.

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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. Discussions for Total Trade are based on data for the current month, March 2018.

1.1 Data Revision

Table A presents revised data from October 2017 to February 2018, comparing figures as at February 2018 digest and the current situation.

The current data revision for October 2017 to February 2018 is mainly associated with transactions related to late tax assessment. Though transactions can be lodged with customs, related duties paid accordingly, further assessment is undertaken to ensure that the duties paid are correct for the imported commodities. These assessments will include any other assessment or examination of goods found necessary by customs.

After all the necessary assessments have been completed, the goods are cleared and records of associated transactions released to Statistics Botswana for compilation of **IMTS**. As compilation of IMTS is based on the date that goods crossed the border and not the date of final assessment, data for records with late assessment will then update trade for the month during which transactions were initially lodged with customs. Date of lodgement of transactions is used as a proxy for the date of crossing the border as per guidelines in **IMTS 2010**.

It has been observed that transactions for October 2017 to February 2018 had late assessments which were finalised in March 2018, hence the need to show data revision for the affected months.

Table A: Data Revision October 2017 to February 2018 (Million Pula)

	As at February 2018 Digest			As at March 2018 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
Oct_17	4,208.6	4,080.8	(127.8)	4,211.0	4,080.8	(130.2)	2.4	0.0	(2.4)	0.1	0.0	1.9
Nov_17	5,882.0	6,352.7	470.7	5,938.3	6,352.8	414.4	56.3	0.0	(56.3)	1.0	0.0	(12.0)
Dec_17	5,726.3	5,020.7	(705.6)	5,745.6	5,020.7	(724.9)	19.3	0.0	(19.3)	0.3	0.0	2.7
Jan_18	3,553.9	5,315.3	1,761.4	3,780.7	5,319.6	1,538.8	226.8	4.2	(222.6)	6.4	0.1	(12.6)
Feb_18	4,535.0	3,480.6	(1,054.3)	4,885.0	3,501.4	(1,383.7)	350.1	20.7	(329.3)	7.7	0.6	31.2

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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 March 2018, total imports were valued at P4, 950.5 million showing an increase of 1.3 percent (P65.5 million) from the February 2018 revised value of P4, 885.0 million. This slight increase was mainly attributed to an increase in imports of Diamonds, Fuel and Salt Ores & Related Products. Diamonds had the highest increase between the two months, having increased by 7.5 percent (P119.3 million) from P1, 594.7 million recorded during February 2018 to P1, 714.0 million in March 2018. Fuel increased by 12.4 percent (P69.1 million) from P559.0 million to P628.2 million while Salt Ores & Related Products increased by 37.9 percent (P12.7 million) from P33.6 million to P46.3 million during the period under review.

Imports value for March 2018, compared to that of the same month in 2017 shows a decrease of 5.8 percent (P302.6 million), from P5, 253.1 million recorded during March 2017 to P4, 950.5 million recorded during March 2018. This decrease was mainly attributed to imports of Fuel which recorded a decrease of 22.3 percent (P180.0 million) from P808.1 million during March 2017 to P628.2 million in March 2018. Machinery & Electrical Equipment also recorded a decrease of 15.4 percent (P109.3 million) from P708.8 million during March 2017 to P599.5 million in the current period.

1.3 Total Exports

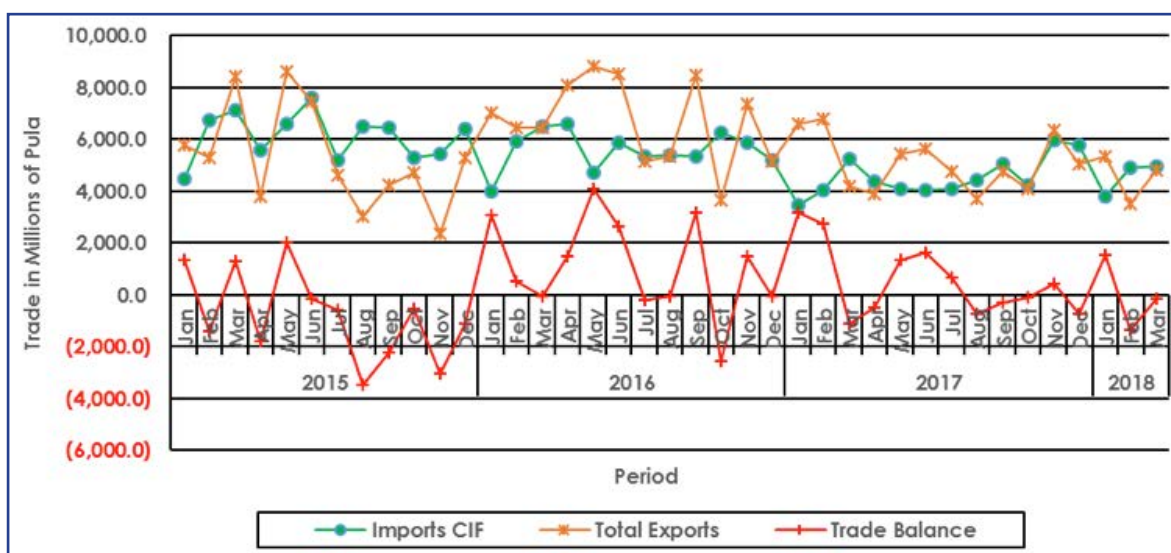
During March 2018, total exports were valued at P4, 814.8 million, showing an increase of 37.5 percent (P1, 313.4 million) from February 2018 revised value of P3, 501.4 million. The increase was mainly due to Diamonds, having recorded the highest increase of 46.7 percent (P1, 398.6 million) from P2, 993.2 million in February 2018 to P4, 391.8 million during the current period (**Table 2.2**).

Comparison of total exports value for March 2018 and March 2017 shows an increase of 15.8 percent (P658.5 million) from P4, 156.2 million to P4, 814.8 million. The increase was mainly due to Diamonds and Salt & Soda Ash. Diamonds recorded the highest increase of 15.2 percent (P580.5 million) from P3, 811.3 million in March 2017 to P4, 391.8 million in March 2018. Salt & Soda Ash recorded an increase of 59.7 percent (P21.4 million) from P35.8 million in March 2017 to P57.2 million in March 2018 (**Table 2.2**).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P135.7 million in March 2018.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to March 2018 (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*”.

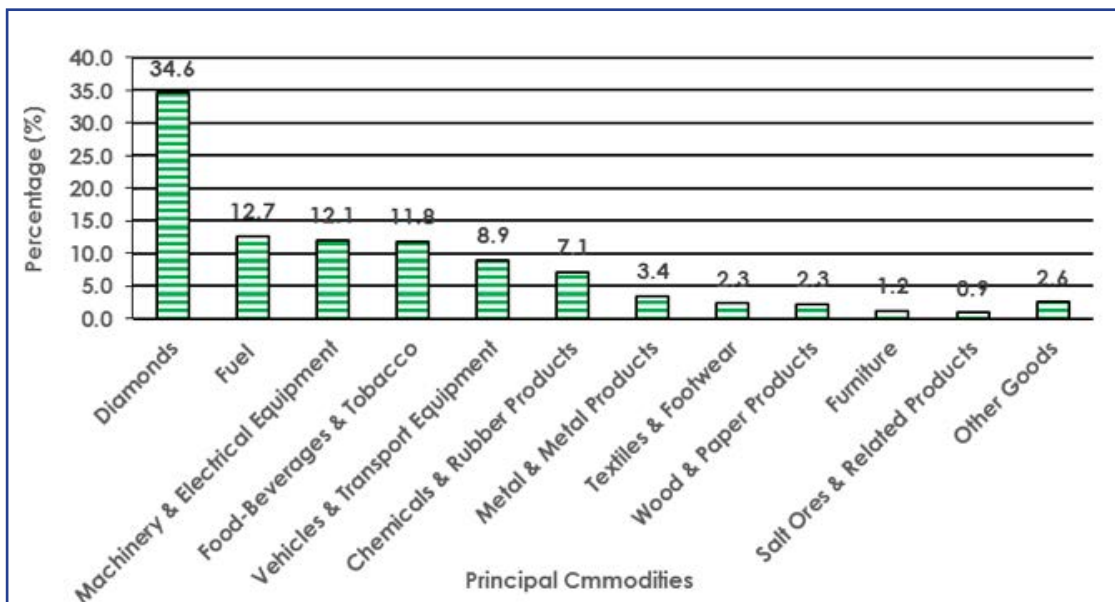
2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear in **Table 2.1**, covering January 2015 to March 2018. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals for 2016, 2017 as well as February 2018 and March 2018. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity Groups for March 2018.

During March 2018, composition of imports by principal commodities shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P4, 950.5 million), with 34.6 percent (P1, 714.0 million), followed by Fuel; Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 12.7 percent (P628.2 million), 12.1 percent (P599.5 million) and 11.8 percent (P584.8 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during March 2018 can be viewed on [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#)

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – March 2018



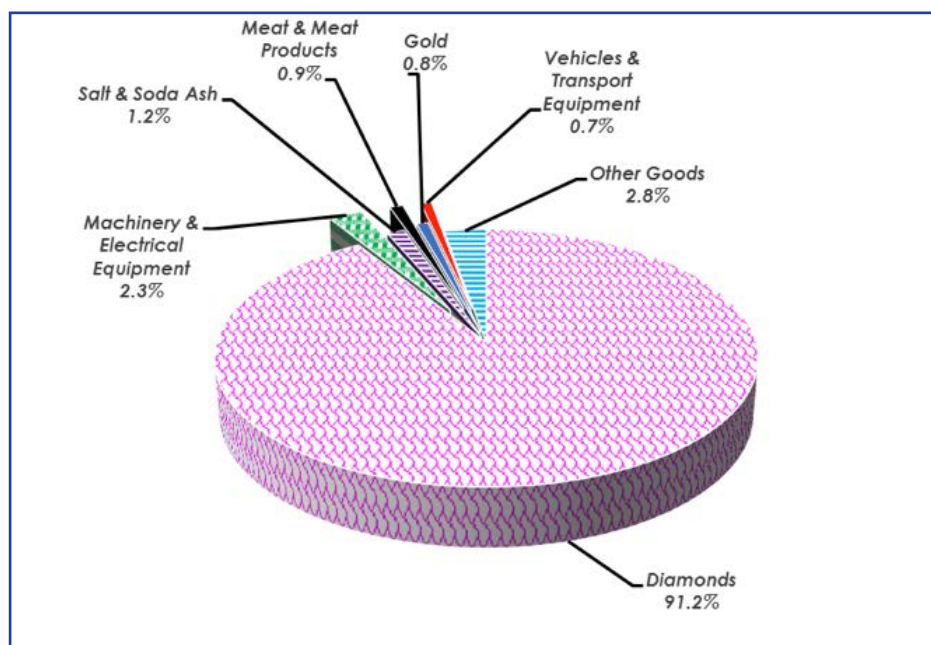
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for March 2018, were valued at P4, 814.8 million, with 91.2 percent (P4, 391.8 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash followed with 2.3 percent (P113.1 million) and 1.2 percent (P57.2 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed on [Table 2.2](#), while [Chart 2.2](#) gives graphical presentation for March 2018.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – March 2018



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 March 2018 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 & B**.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 78.9 percent (P3, 903.5 million) of total imports during March 2018. Imports from SACU were primarily coming from South Africa, with a contribution of 59.6 percent (P2, 951.7 million) to total imports during the month under review. Namibia contributed 19.0 percent (P942.6 million) during the same period.

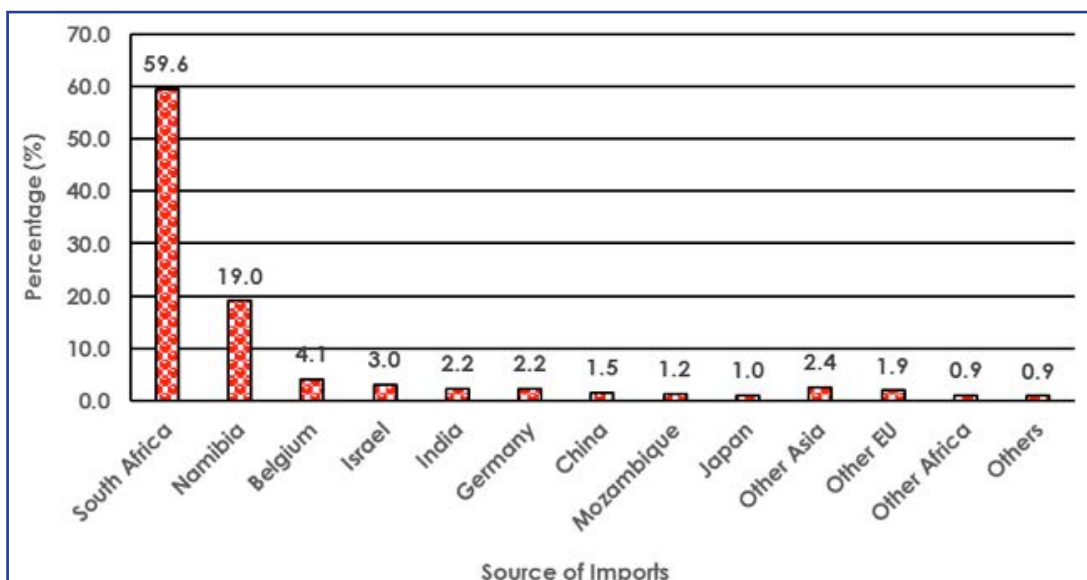
Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the major commodities imported from South Africa with contributions of 18.9 percent each, at values of P559.0 million and P558.1 million respectively (**Table 3.1 B**). Vehicles & Transport Equipment, Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds followed with contributions of 11.9 percent (P351.2 million), 11.7 percent (P344.9 million), 10.3 percent (P302.9 million) and 10.0 percent (P294.7 million) respectively, to total imports from South Africa during March 2018.

Asia supplied imports valued at P500.7 million, representing 10.1 percent of total imports during the same month. Israel and India were the main sources of imports from Asia, having contributed 3.0 percent (P149.6 million) and 2.2 percent (P110.4 million) respectively. China and Japan also contributed significantly to total imports with 1.5 percent (P73.5 million) and 1.0 percent (P47.1 million) respectively, of total imports during the reference period.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P406.1 million, accounting for 8.2 percent of total imports during March 2018. Belgium and Germany, were the main sources of imports within the Union having supplied 4.1 percent (P204.8 million) and 2.2 percent (P109.3 million) respectively, to total imports during March 2018.

Chart 3.1 gives the graphical presentation of imports by major trading partner countries and regions during March 2018.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries - March 2018



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

Discussions under this sub-section are based on [Chart 3.2](#) and [Tables 3.2 A & 3.2 B](#).

During March 2018, total exports destined to Asia were valued at P2, 725.7 million, representing 56.6 percent of total exports (P4, 814.8 million). India and the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) received 24.8 percent (P1, 193.2 million) and 13.4 percent (P645.7 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Israel and Hong Kong followed with 12.2 percent (P585.6 million) and 5.1 percent (P245.3 million) respectively. The Diamonds group was the major commodity group exported to Asia during the current period, at almost 100 percent (P2, 718.4 million) of all goods destined to the regional block.

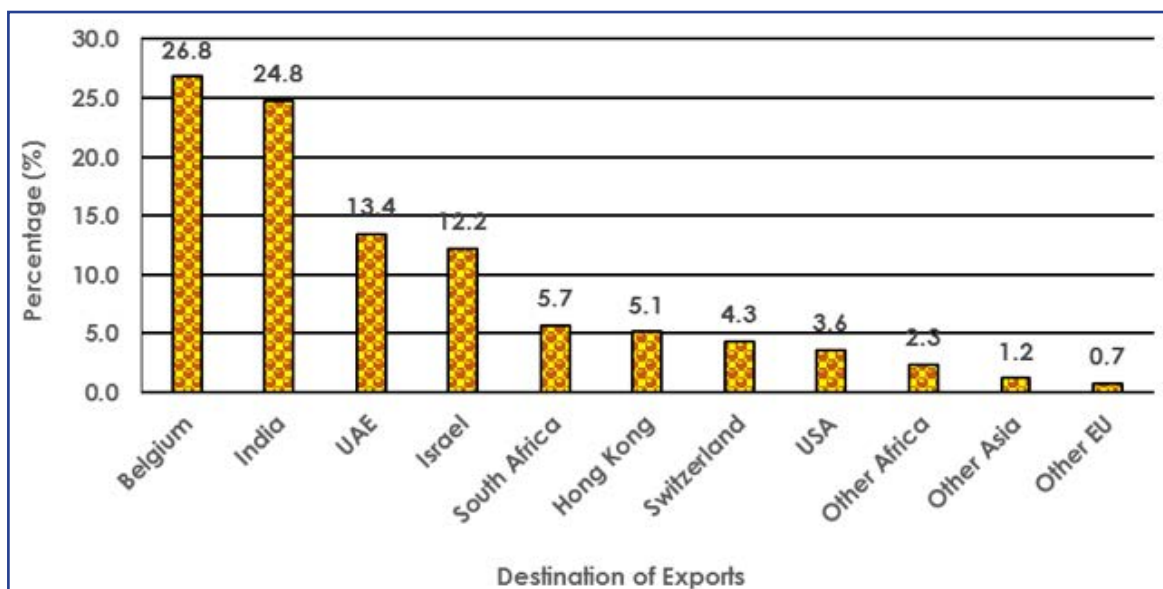
The **EU** region received exports valued at P1, 324.5 million, representing 27.5 percent of total exports during March 2018. Belgium was the main destination for exports to the **EU**, having received 26.8 percent (P1, 290.5 million) of total exports during the period under review, mainly attributed to Diamonds.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region were valued at P301.9 million, representing 6.3 percent of total exports during March 2018. South Africa was the main destination of exports to the **SACU** region, having received exports accounting to 5.7 percent (P273.6 million) of total exports during the month under review. The major commodity group exported to South Africa was Machinery & Electrical Equipment, accounting for 32.8 percent (P89.7 million) of total exports to the country.

Switzerland and the **USA** received 4.3 percent (P207.3 million) and 3.6 percent (P172.2 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Exports to Switzerland consisted of two groups only, these being Diamonds at 81.7 percent (P169.4 million) and Gold at 18.3 percent (P37.9 million). Exports to the **USA** were mainly Diamonds at 99.9 percent (P172.0 million) of total exports to that country (P172.2 million), refer to [Tables 3.2 A](#) and [B](#).

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 March 2018.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – March 2018



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 March 2018, over half of total imports, 52.3 percent, were mainly transported by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 34.2 percent (P1, 691.3 million) and 13.5 percent (P668.0 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. This is because the value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by Air. Air Transport accounted for 93.3 percent (P4, 491.6 million) of total exports out of Botswana during March 2018. Road transport accounted for 6.0 percent (P290.6 million) of total exports during the month under review (**Table B**).

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport - March 2018; Value in Million Pula

Trans Type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	668.0	13.5	31.9	0.7
Road Transport	2,589.8	52.3	290.6	6.0
Air Transport	1,691.3	34.2	4,491.6	93.3
Others	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.0
Total	4,950.5	100.0	4,814.8	100.0

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

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to March 2018 (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	17,363.1	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	(9,707.6)
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	66,864.9	63,998.2	2,821.1	45.6	77,819.6	2,516.9	80,336.5	13,471.6
Jan_2017	3,451.0	3,292.1	157.6	1.4	6,388.2	202.8	6,591.0	3,140.0
Feb	4,041.3	3,867.7	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,762.9	2,721.6
Mar	5,253.1	5,029.7	220.7	2.6	4,038.8	117.4	4,156.2	(1,096.9)
Q1	12,745.4	12,189.5	550.9	5.0	17,178.8	331.3	17,510.2	4,764.7
Apr	4,386.0	4,232.3	152.4	1.3	3,891.5	0.1	3,891.5	(494.4)
May	4,081.7	3,920.6	159.9	1.3	5,409.9	0.5	5,410.4	1,328.7
Jun	4,025.2	3,868.5	155.5	1.1	5,629.2	0.2	5,629.4	1,604.2
Q2	12,492.9	12,021.3	467.8	3.7	14,930.6	0.7	14,931.3	2,438.5
Jul	4,079.8	3,907.0	171.8	1.1	4,751.5	0.4	4,751.9	672.1
Aug	4,415.1	4,236.9	177.2	1.0	3,699.8	1.9	3,701.7	(713.4)
Sep	5,029.3	4,832.9	195.5	1.0	4,746.0	1.8	4,747.8	(281.5)
Q3	13,524.3	12,976.8	544.4	3.0	13,197.4	4.0	13,201.4	(322.9)
Oct	4,211.0	4,003.0	206.4	1.6	4,075.7	5.1	4,080.8	(130.2)
Nov	5,938.3	5,719.5	217.9	0.9	6,348.1	4.7	6,352.8	414.4
Dec	5,745.6	5,544.2	200.0	1.4	5,019.5	1.2	5,020.7	(724.9)
Q4	15,894.9	15,266.7	624.3	3.9	15,443.2	11.0	15,454.2	(440.7)
Total_2017	54,657.5	52,454.3	2,187.4	15.7	60,750.0	347.1	61,097.1	6,439.6
Jan_2018	3,780.7	3,607.0	172.9	0.8	5,319.5	0.1	5,319.6	1,538.8
Feb	4,885.0	4,705.4	178.5	1.1	3,500.0	1.3	3,501.4	(1,383.7)
Mar	4,950.5	4,771.8	177.6	1.1	4,812.2	2.6	4,814.8	(135.7)
Q1	13,616.3	13,084.2	529.1	3.0	13,631.7	4.0	13,635.7	19.5

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to March 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & 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	268.6	199.2	133.8	384.8	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	566.1	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	836.5	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	725.6	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	198.8	436.8	158.5	198.4	6,220.4
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.7	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	222.7	399.7	151.6	209.0	5,847.5
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.7	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	148.6	354.3	137.5	152.8	5,203.9
Q4	1,644.9	5,103.0	2,169.9	1,872.8	211.5	2,543.4	766.3	191.2	570.1	1,190.8	447.6	560.2	17,271.7
Total_2016	6,559.4	18,905.0	7,478.4	8,648.6	715.5	9,186.4	3,044.7	1,506.3	2,040.0	5,033.0	1,590.1	2,157.4	66,864.9

Table 2.1 Cont'd: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to March 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2017	322.5	707.2	541.0	671.8	33.8	489.4	155.4	28.9	101.8	211.0	97.5	90.6	3,451.0
Feb	399.6	885.6	552.4	563.0	56.1	602.6	238.3	46.8	156.9	277.2	115.7	147.1	4,041.3
Mar	332.3	1,727.2	579.1	808.1	48.2	708.8	167.4	33.0	180.2	413.2	102.2	153.4	5,253.1
Q1	1,054.5	3,320.0	1,672.6	2,042.9	138.0	1,800.8	561.2	108.6	438.9	901.4	315.4	391.1	12,745.4
Apr	322.6	1,079.1	465.6	592.9	41.4	528.8	171.3	42.0	108.2	318.3	89.3	626.5	4,386.0
May	423.3	1,139.3	528.2	559.6	53.3	487.1	189.1	39.9	137.6	285.0	104.2	135.2	4,081.7
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	515.9	527.2	48.1	465.6	185.3	37.4	88.7	275.4	97.7	176.9	4,025.2
Q2	1,096.4	3,474.7	1,509.8	1,679.7	142.9	1,481.5	545.7	119.3	334.5	878.6	291.2	938.6	12,492.9
Jul	392.7	1,000.4	530.1	571.3	50.6	554.4	220.2	49.2	134.4	290.5	112.7	173.1	4,079.8
Aug	1,081.4	514.1	573.1	627.0	65.1	593.6	209.1	43.5	157.4	266.9	131.4	152.4	4,415.1
Sep	489.6	1,500.2	602.4	589.2	52.1	716.2	215.0	45.3	141.1	388.9	125.1	164.2	5,029.3
Q3	1,963.8	3,014.8	1,705.6	1,787.5	167.8	1,864.1	644.3	138.1	432.9	946.3	369.2	489.8	13,524.3
Oct	534.8	303.9	628.3	607.4	60.9	689.1	240.6	39.1	178.7	616.7	134.8	176.5	4,211.0
Nov	509.7	1,992.4	707.3	771.4	68.4	680.6	250.8	52.4	163.6	405.7	152.0	184.0	5,938.3
Dec	446.2	1,738.9	666.0	1,164.7	62.4	608.9	202.6	43.1	122.4	379.1	133.2	178.1	5,745.6
Q4	1,490.8	4,035.2	2,001.6	2,543.5	191.8	1,978.7	694.0	134.6	464.7	1,401.5	420.1	538.5	15,894.9
Total_2017	5,605.4	13,844.7	6,889.6	8,053.6	640.5	7,125.1	2,445.2	500.6	1,671.0	4,127.8	1,395.9	2,358.1	54,657.5
Jan_2018	377.5	779.0	605.7	621.2	33.2	586.2	149.0	41.6	76.5	268.4	107.1	135.4	3,780.7
Feb	380.8	1,594.7	588.0	559.0	53.8	626.8	197.6	33.6	111.7	462.3	116.5	160.2	4,885.0
Mar	351.9	1,714.0	584.8	628.2	58.1	599.5	169.8	46.3	115.8	441.6	113.9	126.6	4,950.5
Q1	1,110.2	4,087.8	1,778.6	1,808.4	145.1	1,812.5	516.3	121.5	304.0	1,172.3	337.5	422.2	13,616.3
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
2017	10.3	25.3	12.6	14.7	1.2	13.0	4.5	0.9	3.1	7.6	2.6	4.3	100.0
Feb_2018	7.8	32.6	12.0	11.4	1.1	12.8	4.0	0.7	2.3	9.5	2.4	3.3	100.0
Mar_2018	7.1	34.6	11.8	12.7	1.2	12.1	3.4	0.9	2.3	8.9	2.3	2.6	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to March 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Re-lated 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

Table 2.2 Cont'd: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to March 2018 (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_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.4	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.0
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	9.8	119.9	34.3	20.0	35.8	11.6	24.5	50.6	4,156.2
Q1	2.4	16,084.1	72.0	9.7	35.3	511.5	84.0	51.3	180.1	41.9	284.1	153.9	17,510.2
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	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	12.6	87.6	319.4	5,410.4
Jun	5.1	4,977.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.4	13.0	14.3	233.9	5,629.4
Q2	15.0	13,245.7	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.5	39.9	127.6	609.4	14,931.3
Jul	9.2	4,056.6	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.5	14.6	22.9	251.4	4,751.9
Aug	1.6	3,119.4	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.3	104.0	15.5	56.8	13.7	32.5	187.5	3,701.7
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	13.8	134.4	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	20.5	72.5	4,747.8
Q3	14.3	11,400.2	120.8	9.0	41.4	388.0	330.9	63.4	200.1	46.0	76.0	511.4	13,201.4
Oct	4.6	3,417.1	16.0	3.0	14.4	159.5	91.7	19.9	47.6	17.5	26.2	263.3	4,080.8
Nov	3.2	5,620.7	41.1	2.9	27.7	195.3	127.6	23.9	51.5	17.4	20.9	220.5	6,352.8
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	9.4	97.6	58.5	12.4	58.2	16.0	38.7	73.5	5,020.7
Q4	9.2	13,653.7	93.2	8.7	51.5	452.4	277.8	56.2	157.3	51.0	85.8	557.4	15,454.2
Total 2017	40.9	54,383.7	372.2	37.4	164.2	1,759.9	887.4	226.2	640.9	178.8	573.5	1,832.1	61,097.1
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.1	9.5	86.4	54.9	21.8	67.0	13.5	27.1	58.9	5,319.6
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	13.2	153.8	88.0	16.0	65.6	15.7	53.5	66.0	3,501.4
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	1.8	16.5	113.1	44.4	14.2	57.2	19.1	35.0	82.8	4,814.8
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	6.8	39.3	353.3	187.3	51.9	189.8	48.3	115.6	207.8	13,635.7
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
2017	0.1	89.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	2.9	1.5	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	3.0	100.0
Feb_2018	0.1	85.5	0.8	0.1	0.4	4.4	2.5	0.5	1.9	0.4	1.5	1.9	100.0
Mar_2018	0.0	91.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.3	0.9	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.7	1.7	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to March 2018 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
	Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900
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	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	6.1	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,417.1
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	7.6	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,620.7
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,244.3	475.3	4,035.2	0.0	19.3	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,653.7
Total_2017	4,423.9	6.9	0.0	7,923.3	1,490.6	13,844.7	30.9	173.9	0.0	48,597.0	5,581.9	54,383.7
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,115.9	163.1	1,594.7	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
March	0.0	0.5	0.0	1,613.4	100.1	1,714.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
Q1	809.4	1.9	0.0	2,904.4	372.0	4,087.8	117.8	10.5	0.0	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.7

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 – March 2018 (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	302.9	294.7	559.0	558.1	43.3	344.9	153.3	44.9	100.0	351.2	105.6	93.9	2,951.7
Namibia	0.0	924.7	5.2	9.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	942.6
Swaziland	4.8	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	7.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.1
SACU	307.7	1,219.4	565.5	567.5	43.3	345.4	153.4	45.8	102.5	352.5	106.5	94.0	3,903.5
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.8
Zambia	0.1	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	16.1
Zimbabwe	1.6	0.0	4.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.3	3.8	0.1	14.1
Malawi	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Other SADC	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
SADC	309.3	1,219.4	578.8	626.5	43.4	346.3	163.5	46.3	103.3	352.8	110.3	95.1	3,995.0
Morocco	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Ghana	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Other Africa	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Africa	310.0	1,219.4	578.8	628.1	43.4	349.4	163.5	46.3	103.3	352.8	110.3	95.2	4,000.4
Israel	0.0	146.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	149.6
India	12.4	94.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	110.4
China	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	29.6	3.4	0.0	6.5	16.5	1.1	9.3	73.5
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.7	0.0	0.1	47.1
Singapore	7.3	19.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	4.7	34.7
Hong Kong	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	0.2	0.0	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	26.8
Korea	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.9	18.6
Russian federation	0.0	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.3
UAE	0.2	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	11.7
Turkey	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.7
Malaysia	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	2.1
Other Asia	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	1.3
Asia	27.5	284.4	0.1	0.0	3.6	70.1	4.5	0.0	10.9	79.5	1.7	18.4	500.7
Belgium	0.4	201.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	204.8
Germany	2.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	10.6	91.8	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.1	1.9	109.3
UK	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	38.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	1.4	1.3	2.8	46.6
Austria	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	8.9
France	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.6	5.7
Spain	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.7	4.2
Latvia	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
Romania	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Portugal	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.3
Italy	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.2	3.0
Netherlands	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.9
Cyprus	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Slovakia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	2.8
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Other EU	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.5
EU	12.4	201.0	5.5	0.0	11.0	156.5	0.6	0.0	1.2	7.3	1.5	9.1	406.1
USA	1.7	9.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	10.4	1.2	0.0	0.2	2.0	0.3	3.4	29.1
Switzerland	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	9.9
Canada	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.1
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Total	351.9	1,714.0	584.8	628.2	58.1	599.5	169.8	46.3	115.8	441.6	113.9	126.6	4,950.5

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level- March 2018

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	10.3	10.0	18.9	18.9	1.5	11.7	5.2	1.5	3.4	11.9	3.6	3.2	100.0
Namibia	0.0	98.1	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	68.6	0.0	18.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.8	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	88.5	10.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	7.9	31.2	14.5	14.5	1.1	8.8	3.9	1.2	2.6	9.0	2.7	2.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.3	0.0	48.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	42.0	3.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	5.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	11.3	0.0	28.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	23.5	0.1	5.2	2.0	26.9	0.9	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.2	4.8	0.0	42.5	9.3	0.0	33.2	100.0
SADC	7.7	30.5	14.5	15.7	1.1	8.7	4.1	1.2	2.6	8.8	2.8	2.4	100.0
Morocco	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Ghana	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	21.3	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	23.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	1.2	0.0	36.9	100.0
Africa	7.7	30.5	14.5	15.7	1.1	8.7	4.1	1.2	2.6	8.8	2.8	2.4	100.0
Israel	0.0	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	100.0
India	11.2	85.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.3	100.0
China	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	40.3	4.6	0.0	8.8	22.4	1.6	12.7	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.1	100.0
Singapore	20.9	57.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	7.9	0.0	13.5	100.0
Hong Kong	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	0.6	0.0	11.6	0.5	0.1	1.5	100.0
Korea	9.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	27.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	56.3	0.1	4.9	100.0
Russian federation	0.0	90.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	1.5	65.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.8	100.0
Turkey	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.7	2.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Pakistan	1.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	85.2	0.0	0.1	100.0
Malaysia	44.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	20.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	16.8	0.1	14.1	100.0
Other Asia	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.4	0.7	0.0	2.1	0.6	41.0	8.7	100.0
Asia	5.5	56.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	14.0	0.9	0.0	2.2	15.9	0.3	3.7	100.0
Belgium	0.2	98.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Germany	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.7	84.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.1	1.8	100.0
UK	3.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	82.5	0.2	0.0	0.6	3.0	2.8	6.1	100.0
Austria	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.2	100.0
France	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	40.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	17.9	1.4	10.9	100.0
Spain	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	49.0	0.0	16.7	100.0
Latvia	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Romania	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
Portugal	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	7.9	100.0
Italy	2.7	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	2.1	46.8	0.0	7.8	100.0
Netherlands	15.2	0.0	25.4	0.0	0.1	45.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	12.7	100.0
Cyprus	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Slovakia	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	17.8	0.0	1.8	100.0
Hungary	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other EU	22.2	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	56.1	2.2	0.0	1.6	1.2	0.4	6.8	100.0
EU	3.0	49.5	1.4	0.0	2.7	38.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.4	2.2	100.0
USA	6.0	32.0	1.2	0.0	0.4	35.9	4.3	0.0	0.8	6.9	1.0	11.7	100.0
Switzerland	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	100.0
Canada	8.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	87.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.0	2.1	100.0
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	61.2	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.6	0.2	34.1	100.0
Others	0.1	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.1	89.3	1.5	0.0	3.4	0.0	1.1	1.6	100.0
Total	7.1	34.6	11.8	12.7	1.2	12.1	3.4	0.9	2.3	8.9	2.3	2.6	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – March 2018 (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	21.7	0.0	1.6	10.9	89.7	30.2	10.9	42.0	17.6	8.0	40.6	273.6
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	12.5	11.3	28.3
SACU	0.3	21.7	0.0	1.6	11.8	92.9	30.3	11.0	42.0	17.7	20.5	51.9	301.9
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	5.5	0.1	2.7	5.0	1.1	4.7	15.9	37.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	7.6	0.0	0.2	8.6	0.2	4.5	4.0	26.5
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.2	2.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	3.0	7.9
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	5.2
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.1
Other SADC	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.4
SADC	0.8	21.7	0.0	1.6	15.6	110.3	32.4	14.2	57.2	19.1	30.3	78.7	382.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.7
Africa	0.8	21.7	0.0	1.6	15.6	110.3	32.4	14.2	57.2	19.1	30.4	81.4	384.7
India	0.0	1,192.8	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,193.2
UAE	0.0	645.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	645.7
Israel	0.0	583.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	585.6
Hong Kong	0.0	245.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	245.3
Viet Nam	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.2
Japan	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7
Sri Lanka	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	8.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Asia	0.0	2,718.4	0.0	0.1	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.2	2,725.7
Belgium	0.0	1,290.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,290.5
UK	0.0	19.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	23.9
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.2
EU	0.0	1,310.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.3	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1,324.5
Switzerland	0.0	169.4	37.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	207.3
USA	0.0	172.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	172.2
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Total	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	1.8	16.5	113.1	44.4	14.2	57.2	19.1	35.0	82.8	4,814.8

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level - March 2018

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	7.9	0.0	0.6	4.0	32.8	11.0	4.0	15.3	6.4	2.9	14.8	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	11.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.6	44.3	40.2	100.0
SACU	0.1	7.2	0.0	0.5	3.9	30.8	10.0	3.7	13.9	5.9	6.8	17.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	14.8	0.3	7.2	13.4	3.0	12.7	43.0	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	28.7	0.0	0.9	32.6	0.9	16.8	15.2	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	15.4	25.6	0.0	13.7	0.0	1.8	37.6	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	69.4	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	1.3	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.8	0.0	25.8	0.0	0.0	4.7	15.7	100.0
Other SADC	36.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.7	2.3	20.7	5.7	100.0
SADC	0.2	5.7	0.0	0.4	4.1	28.9	8.5	3.7	15.0	5.0	7.9	20.6	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	98.5	100.0
Africa	0.2	5.7	0.0	0.4	4.1	28.7	8.4	3.7	14.9	5.0	7.9	21.2	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	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	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
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
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
Sri Lanka	0.0	42.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	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	82.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	92.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Malta	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	47.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	50.8	100.0
EU	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	81.7	18.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.9	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	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.3	100.0
Total	0.0	91.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.3	0.9	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.7	1.7	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 by-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.