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Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods at the end of November 2016. Data is complete up to October 2016. Figures for November 2016 are from automated borders only, constituting about 99 percent of total expected monthly trade in value terms.

Changes in data for corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments as well as data from the only manual border (Phitshane Molopo). The data for transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments would only become available at a later stage after customs duty assessments have been completed.

This Monthly Digest also presents summaries of Total Merchandise Trade from January 2014 to November 2016 as presented in **Table 1**. Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for 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 2016 only. The major trading partner countries by individual commodities for November 2016 appear in **Table 3.1B** and **Table 3.2B** for imports and exports respectively. **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 2012 to November 2016. **Charts 2.1** and **2.2** show Principal Commodity groups for imports and exports respectively, for November 2016 only. **Charts 3.1** and **3.2** show imports and exports by major trading partner countries for the month under review.

Table 1 distinguishes domestic exports from re-exports while other tables show total exports only, which is the sum of the two (domestic exports and re-exports).

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I sincerely thank all stakeholders involved in the formulation of this monthly digest, for their continued support and feedback, as we strive to better serve important users of our products and services.



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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.

1.1 Data Revision

Table A presents revised data from August to October 2016. Imports for August 2016 increased by 0.4 percent (P22.6 million) from P5, 331.7 million as at October 2016 digest to P5, 354.3 million as at November 2016 digest. Similarly September 2016 and October 2016 imports increased by 0.5 percent (P27.5 million) from P5, 295.4 million to P5, 323.0 million and 0.9 percent (P55.2 million) from P6, 156.4 million to P6, 211.6 million respectively.

Total Exports for October 2016 recorded a slight increase of 0.1 percent (P3.7 million) from P3, 647.6 million as at October 2016 digest to P3, 651.3 million as at November 2016 digest.

The increases are as a result of inclusion of new data from manual borders as well as data from transactions that had deferred customs duty assessments.

Table A: Data Revision; August to October 2016 (Million Pula)

	As at October 2016 Digest			As at November 2016 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
Aug_16	5,331.7	5,311.8	(19.9)	5,354.3	5,311.8	(42.5)	22.6	0.0	(22.6)	0.4	0.0	113.4
Sep_16	5,295.4	8,464.5	3,169.1	5,323.0	8,464.6	3,141.6	27.5	0.0	(27.5)	0.5	0.0	(0.9)
Oct_16	6,156.4	3,647.6	(2,508.8)	6,211.6	3,651.3	(2,560.4)	55.2	3.7	(51.5)	0.9	0.1	2.1

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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 on **Table 1**. November 2016 total imports were valued at P5, 783.6 million, showing a decrease of 6.9 percent (P428.1 million) from the revised October 2016 value of P6, 211.6 million. The decrease is mainly influenced by Diamonds with a decrease of 19.0 percent (P362.2 million) from P1, 906.9 million to P1, 544.8 million. Other commodity groups that contributed significantly towards the decrease were Chemicals & Rubber Products with 11.5 percent (P71.9 million) decrease from P623.5 million to P551.6 million and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with 9.8 percent (P42.6 million) decrease from P436.3 million to P393.8 million (refer to **Table 2.1**).

Comparison of import figures for November 2016 and November 2015 shows an increase of 7.1 percent (P381.3 million), from P5, 402.3 million recorded during November 2015 to P5, 783.6 million recorded during the reference month. This increase was largely due to the increase in the values of Diamonds imports, having increased by 25.9 percent (P318.0 million) from P1, 226.7 million during November 2015 to P1, 544.8 million in November 2016 (**Table 2.1**).

1.3 Total Exports

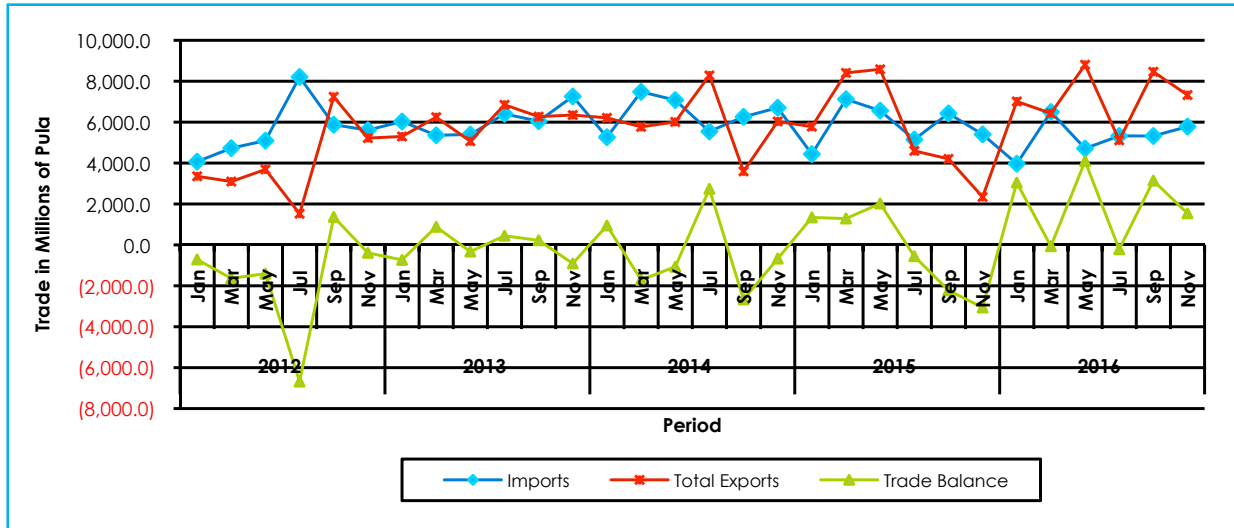
In November 2016, total exports were valued at P7, 324.7 million, presenting an increase of more than 100 percent (P3, 673.4 million) from the October 2016 revised value of P3, 651.3 million. This is mainly due to an increase in exports of Diamonds with a rise of more than 100 percent (P3, 763.4 million) from P2, 964.2 million in October to P6, 727.5 million in November 2016 (**Table 2.2**).

Comparison of November 2016 total exports value to that of November 2015 shows an increase of more than 100 percent (P4, 982.7 million) from P2, 341.9 million recorded during November 2015 to P7, 324.7 million recorded during November 2016. The increase is mainly due to the rise in exports of Diamonds, which rose by more than three folds (P5, 281.3 million), from P1, 446.2 million in November 2015 to P6, 727.5 million during the period under review (**Table 2.2**).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P1, 541.1 million in November 2016. This was influenced by more than 100 percent rise in exports of diamonds while imports of the same commodity declined by 19.0 percent during the month under review.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2012 to November 2016 (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.

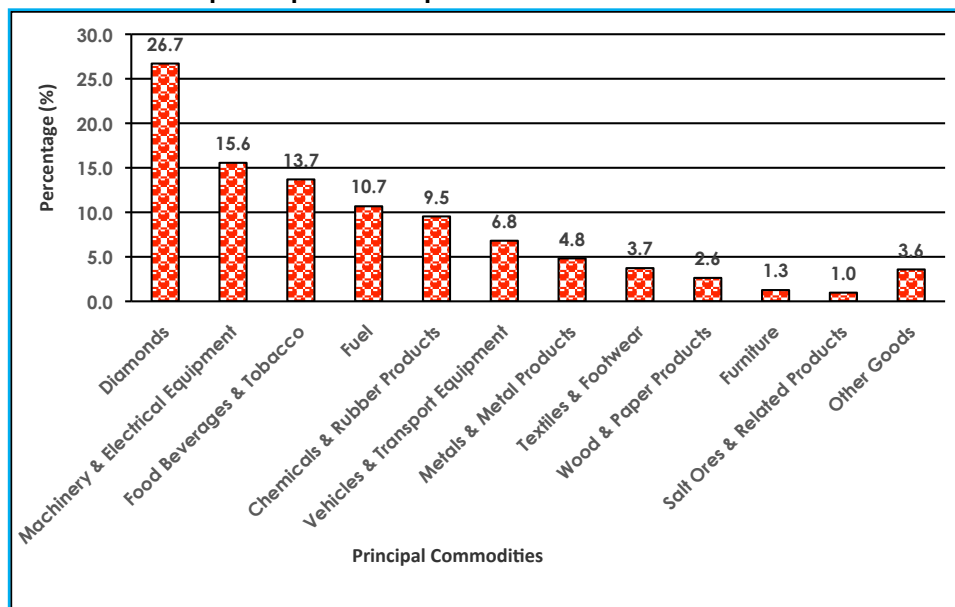
In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups’ contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called “*Other*”.

2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear on **Table 2.1**, covering January 2014 to November 2016. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals of 2014, 2015 as well as for October and November 2016. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity groups for November 2016 only.

Composition of imports by principal commodities for November 2016 shows that *Diamonds* contributed the most to total imports (P5, 783.6 million), with 26.7 percent (P1, 544.8 million), followed by *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* with 15.6 percent (P899.9 million) and *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* with 13.7 percent (P792.0 million). *Fuel* and *Chemicals & Rubber Products* contributed 10.7 percent (P617.6 million) and 9.5 percent (P551.6 million) respectively to total imports during the month under review. Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during November 2016 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – November 2016



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

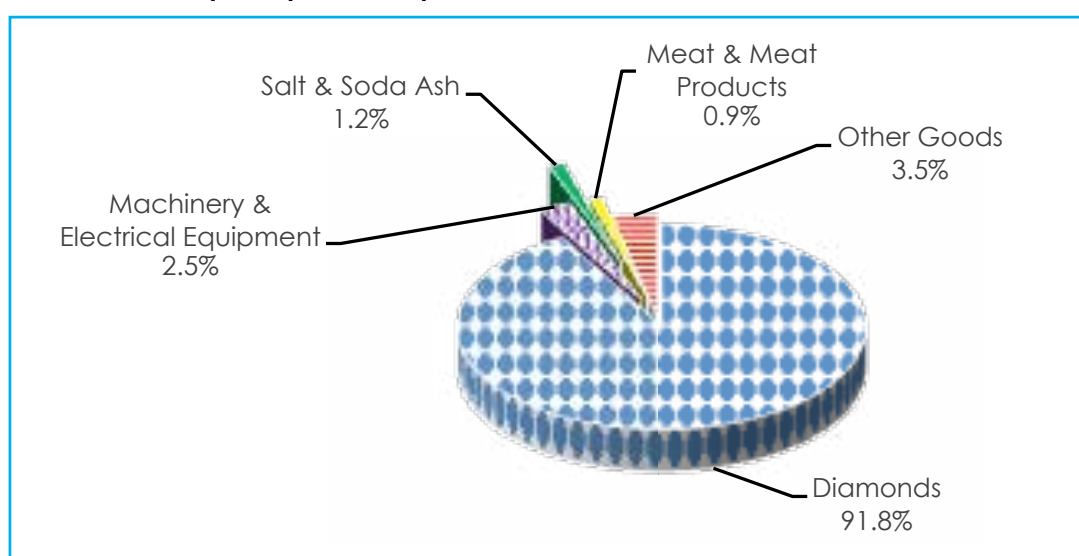
2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for November 2016 were valued at P7, 324.7 million, with 91.8 percent (P6, 727.5 million) attributed to exports of *Diamonds*.

Machinery & Electrical Equipment and *Salt & Soda Ash* contributed 2.5 percent (P180.1 million) and 1.2 percent (P89.4 million) respectively 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 2016 only.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition–November 2016



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, region and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during November 2016 appear on **Table 3.1A** & **Table 3.2A** respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) display the major sources and destinations by individual commodities during the month under review.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Discussions that follow relate to imports at both region and partner country level as displayed in **Chart 3.1** and **Tables 3.1 A** and **B**. Imports for November 2016 were valued at P5, 783.6 million. Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 75.2 percent (P4, 349.7 million) of total imports during November 2016 (**Table 3.1A**). South Africa was the main source within the Union with a contribution of 66.5 percent (P3, 848.0 million), followed by Namibia with 8.4 percent (P487.1 million) contribution, to total imports during November 2016 as shown in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

The major commodities imported from South Africa were; "Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted", "Petrol" and "Distillate fuel" with contributions of 10.6 percent (P408.8 million), 6.6 percent (P255.3 million) and 5.7 percent (P217.8 million) respectively, to total imports from that country as shown in **Table 3.1 B**.

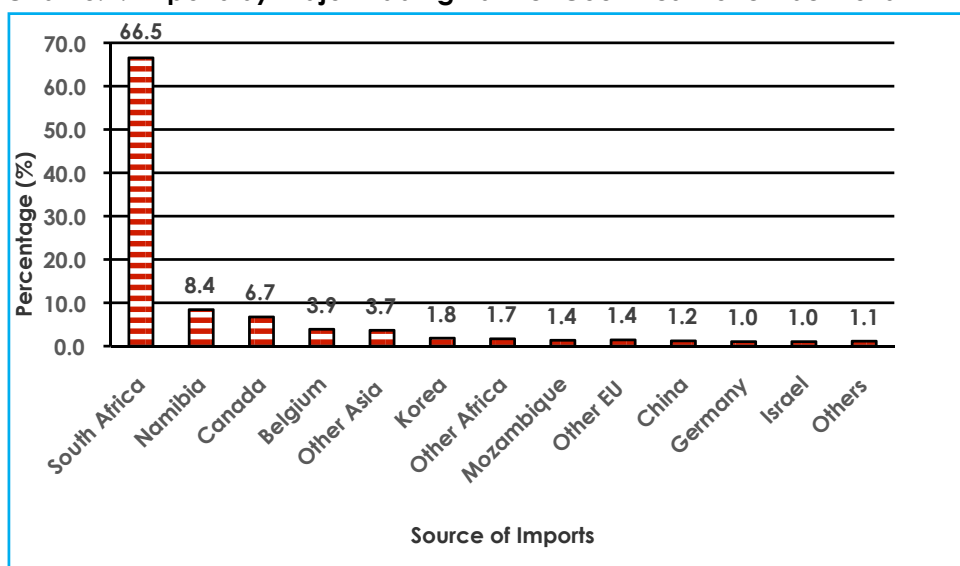
The other region that was a significant source of imports during November 2016 was Asia, having supplied imports valued at P448.4 million, representing 7.8 percent of total imports during the month. Korea, China and Israel were the most contributors to imports sourced from Asia, with 1.8 percent (P106.6 million), 1.2 percent (P70.2 million) and 1.0 percent (P59.9 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review (refer to **Table 3.1A**).

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P368.3 million, accounting for 6.4 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main suppliers of imports from this region were Belgium and Germany with 3.9 percent (P225.2 million) and 1.0 percent (P60.0 million) respectively, of total imports during November 2016 (**Tables 3.1A and B**). The main commodities imported from Belgium were "Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted", at 77.9 percent (P175.5 million) and "Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES", at 20.7 percent (P46.6 million) of total goods sourced from the country, while from Germany imports comprised mostly "Electrical Machinery and Parts thereof; Sound Recorders and Reproducers, Television image and Sound recorders and reproducers and parts and accessories of such articles." (Chapter 85) (Refer to **Table 3.1B**).

Imports from Canada were valued at P389.5 million, representing 6.7 percent of total imports during November 2016, comprising mainly, of "Unsorted Diamonds", with a contribution of 99.0 percent (P385.4 million) of total imports from the country.

Chart 3.1 gives the graphical presentation of imports by major trading partner countries during November 2016.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries-November 2016



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

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

As presented on **Table 3.2A**, Asia as a block received exports valued at P3, 241.9 million, representing 44.3 percent of total exports (P7, 324.7 million) during November 2016. Exports destined to India and Singapore respectively accounted for 13.6 percent (P996.5 million) and 10.5 percent (P770.7 million) of total exports during the month under review. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), Hong Kong and Israel, received 9.7 percent (P710.8 million), 4.9 percent (P360.6 million) and 4.3 percent (P317.0 million) respectively, of total exports during the period under review.

Table 3.2B shows that the major commodity exported to India, Singapore and the **UAE** was “Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted”, accounting for 99.5 percent (P991.9 million) of all exports to India, 98.9 percent (P762.3 million) of all exports to Singapore and 93.5 percent (P664.3 million) of all exports to the **UAE** during the November 2016.

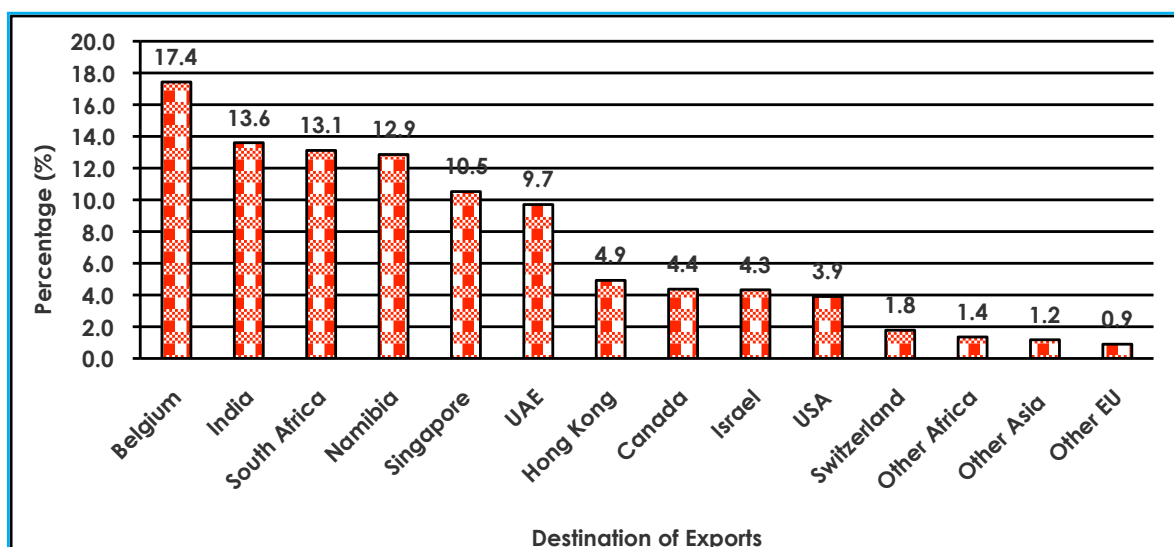
Table 3.2A also shows that exports destined to SACU constituted 26.0 percent (P1, 903.8 million) of total exports during November 2016 (P7, 324.7 million). Exports destined to South Africa were valued at P960.7 million, representing 13.1 percent of total exports, followed by Namibia with a value of P941.9 million, representing 12.9 percent of total exports during the month under review. The major commodity exported to both South Africa and Namibia was “Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted”, accounting for 62.4 percent (P599.7 million) and 97.0 percent (P914.1 million) of total exports to South Africa (P960.7 million) and Namibia (P941.9 million) respectively (refer to **Table 3.2B**).

Exports destined to the **EU** were valued at P1, 342.7 million, representing 18.3 percent of total exports during the period under review, with Belgium as the main destination having received 17.4 percent (P1, 276.8 million) of total exports during the month (**Table 3.2A**). The major commodity exported to Belgium was “Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted” accounting for 95.9 percent (P1, 223.9 million) of all exports destined to that country (**Table 3.2B**).

Canada, the United States of America (**USA**) and Switzerland were also significant destinations for Botswana exports during November 2016, having respectively received 4.4 percent (P320.0 million), 3.9 percent (P286.2 million) and 1.8 percent (P130.3 million) respectively, of total exports during that month (**Table 3.2A**).

Other destinations for exports can be observed on **Table 3.2 A** and **B**. **Chart 3.2** gives the graphical presentation of exports by major trading partner countries for November 2016.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries–November 2016



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The main modes of transport for Botswana international merchandise trade are namely: Road, Air and Rail. The mode of transport here refers to means of transporting goods in and out of Botswana. The mode of transport is heavily dependent on the type of goods. Statistics relating to mode of transport is presented in **Table B**. During November 2016, Road transport accounted for more than half of commodities imported into Botswana in value terms. Imports valued at P3, 382.9 million, representing 58.5 percent of total imports during the month under review, reached Botswana borders by road. The goods imported were mainly from Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) region. Air and Rail accounted for 26.4 percent (P1, 527.4 million) and 15.1 percent (P873.3 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Botswana Exports mainly use Air as means of transport when looking at the value of exported commodities. This is because air transport is the quickest and safest way to ensure delivery and distribution of goods. The value of exports is highly dependent on diamonds, which are transported by air. During the same period, Air Transport accounted for 93.7 percent (P6, 860.2 million) of total exports out of Botswana. Road transport accounted for 5.7 percent (P418.1 million) while goods transported by rail represented 0.6 percent (P46.0 million) of total exports during the month under review.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport, Value and Percentage Distribution- November 2016 (Million Pula)

Period	Nov-16			
	Imports		Total Exports	
Trans type \ Flow Type	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	873.3	15.1	46.0	0.6
Road Transport	3,382.9	58.5	418.1	5.7
Air Transport	1,527.4	26.4	6,860.2	93.7
Others	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Total	5,783.6	100.0	7,324.7	100.0

Note: Others; Other modes not specified in Table 4

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2014 to November 2016 (Million Pula)

Period/ Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2014	5,264.8	4,989.6	274.3	0.9	6,127.2	83.4	6,210.6	945.8
Feb	5,400.5	5,196.8	202.4	1.3	5,002.0	197.2	5,199.2	(201.3)
Mar	7,481.2	7,282.7	197.6	0.9	5,648.6	121.2	5,769.8	(1,711.4)
Q1	18,146.5	17,469.0	674.2	3.2	16,777.8	401.8	17,179.6	(966.9)
Apr	5,611.7	5,387.0	223.3	1.4	6,736.5	151.2	6,887.6	1,275.9
May	7,079.5	6,846.1	232.5	0.9	5,896.8	114.5	6,011.3	(1,068.2)
Jun	5,841.3	5,629.8	210.6	0.9	7,918.0	226.2	8,144.1	2,302.8
Q2	18,532.5	17,862.8	666.5	3.2	20,551.2	491.8	21,043.0	2,510.6
Jul	5,545.1	5,311.0	232.1	1.9	8,158.2	124.7	8,282.8	2,737.8
Aug	6,099.8	5,864.5	234.3	0.9	7,829.5	124.5	7,953.9	1,854.2
Sep	6,259.3	6,026.7	231.4	1.3	3,417.3	175.8	3,593.0	(2,666.3)
Q3	17,904.1	17,202.2	697.8	4.1	19,404.9	424.9	19,829.8	1,925.7
Oct	6,707.5	6,454.5	251.5	1.5	6,417.5	130.5	6,548.0	(159.6)
Nov	6,703.4	6,454.4	248.0	1.0	5,784.9	247.7	6,032.6	(670.8)
Dec	4,426.9	4,176.7	249.4	0.9	5,346.5	254.5	5,601.0	1,174.0
Q4	17,837.9	17,085.6	748.9	3.4	17,548.9	632.6	18,181.6	343.7
Total 2014	72,421.0	69,619.6	2,787.4	13.9	74,282.9	1,951.1	76,234.0	3,813.0
Jan_2015	4,438.3	4,224.1	212.9	1.2	4,253.6	1,525.9	5,779.4	1,341.1
Feb	6,708.1	6,490.7	216.6	0.7	5,098.1	195.7	5,293.8	(1,414.3)
Mar	7,119.6	6,860.2	258.5	1.0	8,145.6	261.2	8,406.8	1,287.2
Q1	18,266.0	17,575.0	688.1	2.9	17,497.2	1,982.8	19,480.0	1,214.0
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,058.4	726.8	3,785.2	(1,794.8)
May	6,563.8	6,327.6	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.4
Jun	7,616.2	7,352.5	262.2	1.4	7,152.4	272.7	7,425.1	(191.1)
Q2	19,760.0	19,036.1	721.1	2.8	18,640.2	1,154.3	19,794.5	34.5
Jul	5,150.6	4,904.6	245.1	0.9	4,350.6	244.2	4,594.8	(555.8)
Aug	6,502.6	6,254.4	247.1	1.1	2,754.2	277.1	3,031.3	(3,471.3)
Sep	6,427.7	6,190.1	236.9	0.8	3,952.4	253.3	4,205.7	(2,222.1)
Q3	18,080.9	17,349.1	729.1	2.7	11,057.2	774.6	11,831.7	(6,249.2)
Oct	5,265.7	5,003.3	261.2	1.1	4,578.4	144.6	4,723.0	(542.7)
Nov	5,402.3	5,143.3	257.6	1.4	2,172.3	169.7	2,341.9	(3,060.3)
Dec	6,404.8	6,151.4	252.6	0.9	4,899.6	396.6	5,296.2	(1,108.6)
Q4	17,072.8	16,298.0	771.4	3.4	11,650.3	710.8	12,361.1	(4,711.7)
Total 2015	73,179.7	70,258.2	2,909.6	11.9	58,844.8	4,622.5	63,467.4	(9,712.3)
Jan_2016	3,966.6	3,771.8	194.0	0.8	6,894.2	118.0	7,012.2	3,045.6
Feb	5,913.0	5,697.2	215.1	0.7	6,285.2	149.5	6,434.7	521.7
Mar	6,497.1	6,236.2	260.0	0.9	6,267.9	162.0	6,429.9	(67.2)
Q1	16,376.7	15,705.2	669.1	2.4	19,447.2	429.5	19,876.8	3,500.1
Apr	6,596.9	6,350.7	244.6	1.6	7,853.4	221.6	8,075.0	1,478.1
May	4,712.3	4,473.5	237.9	0.8	8,627.0	178.2	8,805.2	4,092.9
Jun	5,878.8	5,633.5	243.3	2.0	8,167.7	331.3	8,499.0	2,620.2
Q2	17,187.9	16,457.7	725.8	4.4	24,648.1	731.0	25,379.1	8,191.2
Jul	5,327.4	5,104.9	220.9	1.7	4,872.6	238.4	5,111.0	(216.4)
Aug	5,354.3	5,107.8	245.5	0.9	5,100.7	211.1	5,311.8	(42.5)
Sep	5,323.0	5,081.3	240.7	1.0	8,244.1	220.4	8,464.6	3,141.6
Q3	16,004.7	15,294.0	707.1	3.6	18,217.4	669.9	18,887.3	2,882.6
Oct	6,211.6	5,958.7	252.0	1.0	3,363.5	287.8	3,651.3	(2,560.4)
Nov	5,783.6	5,537.4	244.9	1.2	7,116.5	208.1	7,324.7	1,541.1

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Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2014 to November 2016 (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_2014	454.2	1,922.2	503.5	724.7	30.0	610.9	180.2	68.5	105.5	452.0	92.2	121.1	5,264.8
Feb	528.7	1,807.5	514.6	748.7	46.2	721.9	211.2	47.8	132.1	390.4	119.3	132.2	5,400.5
Mar	423.2	3,739.5	489.2	1,045.4	48.5	613.7	212.8	44.1	158.0	471.5	109.5	125.8	7,481.2
Q1	1,406.0	7,469.1	1,507.4	2,518.8	124.7	1,946.4	604.1	160.3	395.6	1,313.9	321.1	379.1	18,146.5
Apr	420.9	1,796.8	476.4	1,183.2	39.6	611.3	206.4	47.9	198.0	403.7	99.4	128.0	5,611.7
May	460.1	3,196.8	502.1	822.6	47.8	613.3	225.6	58.1	174.0	653.9	124.3	200.9	7,079.5
Jun	435.7	2,389.1	439.2	795.7	58.3	580.6	240.4	59.5	132.5	471.3	108.0	131.2	5,841.3
Q2	1,316.8	7,382.7	1,417.6	2,801.5	145.7	1,805.1	672.4	165.4	504.5	1,528.9	331.7	460.1	18,532.5
Jul	471.4	1,543.9	558.4	1,067.7	59.3	700.7	194.9	78.7	184.3	424.1	138.0	123.8	5,545.1
Aug	508.2	2,229.6	532.3	756.4	55.9	694.7	267.7	67.5	168.8	532.7	143.6	142.3	6,099.8
Sep	518.1	2,186.8	540.9	885.5	58.3	782.3	276.5	61.4	204.5	445.4	141.2	158.5	6,259.3
Q3	1,497.6	5,960.3	1,631.6	2,709.6	173.5	2,177.7	739.0	207.5	557.6	1,402.2	422.8	424.6	17,904.1
Oct	548.8	2,394.8	619.2	810.9	84.3	867.1	298.1	49.1	229.8	478.3	149.8	177.5	6,707.5
Nov	588.3	2,421.8	587.4	942.6	71.9	734.6	277.1	64.6	204.0	482.2	147.8	181.1	6,703.4
Dec	513.1	350.7	523.5	1,111.5	61.2	720.5	211.0	80.9	155.2	432.4	125.4	141.5	4,426.9
Q4	1,650.2	5,167.2	1,730.1	2,865.0	217.3	2,322.2	786.2	194.5	589.0	1,392.9	423.0	500.1	17,837.9
Total_2014	5,870.6	25,979.3	6,286.7	10,894.9	661.3	8,251.5	2,801.8	727.8	2,046.7	5,638.0	1,498.6	1,764.0	72,421.0
Jan_2015	446.9	855.2	600.7	728.7	41.8	601.4	171.1	302.6	117.8	351.6	110.0	110.5	4,438.3
Feb	485.0	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	354.6	153.8	346.4	115.4	114.5	6,708.1
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	734.0	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.3	7,119.6
Q1	1,410.3	6,618.6	1,625.3	2,581.2	162.2	1,992.4	703.2	717.6	478.5	1,228.5	355.9	392.3	18,266.0
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.6	112.3	124.4	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.6	517.7	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.1	112.6	144.7	6,563.8
Jun	632.4	3,399.6	539.0	761.7	67.1	945.2	268.7	199.2	132.7	384.7	116.3	169.6	7,616.2
Q2	1,705.6	7,920.4	1,564.4	2,107.7	162.9	2,359.4	734.5	580.6	513.2	1,331.4	341.2	438.8	19,760.0
Jul	485.3	1,100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	59.0	166.3	455.2	126.0	162.9	5,150.6
Aug	538.1	2,273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	824.3	226.2	51.1	179.1	461.1	130.6	171.8	6,502.6
Sep	617.8	2,638.5	573.2	600.6	57.9	788.4	213.3	42.4	185.4	416.8	130.9	162.4	6,427.7
Q3	1,641.2	6,012.9	1,762.5	2,331.9	178.5	2,524.2	728.6	152.5	530.8	1,333.2	387.5	497.2	18,080.9
Oct	537.5	1,098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	821.9	241.6	59.0	216.8	388.6	133.0	179.8	5,265.7
Nov	580.5	1,226.7	687.4	628.8	65.1	754.1	260.4	81.4	268.5	534.0	132.7	182.5	5,402.3
Dec	503.9	2,354.5	715.5	617.0	50.4	753.9	238.7	206.2	165.5	510.2	125.1	163.6	6,404.8
Q4	1,622.0	4,679.9	2,069.4	2,095.7	188.0	2,330.0	740.7	346.6	650.8	1,432.9	390.9	526.0	17,072.8
Total_2015	6,379.1	25,231.7	7,021.7	9,116.4	691.5	9,206.1	2,907.1	1,797.2	2,173.3	5,326.0	1,475.4	1,854.3	73,179.7
Jan_2016	343.1	955.8	516.7	542.3	29.1	566.1	203.3	158.7	102.0	311.2	111.4	126.9	3,966.6
Feb	468.2	2,430.1	584.4	549.5	47.7	663.9	253.3	168.6	156.2	341.7	108.1	141.3	5,913.0
Mar	466.5	2,259.2	580.6	1,002.6	50.4	716.5	292.0	156.6	178.6	421.4	116.2	256.6	6,497.1
Q1	1,277.9	5,645.1	1,681.7	2,094.4	127.1	1,946.5	748.7	483.9	436.7	1,074.3	335.7	524.7	16,376.7
Apr	769.7	2,323.0	536.0	618.1	57.1	836.1	290.6	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.6	6,596.9
May	479.5	638.4	556.6	1,025.2	64.2	761.4	246.9	153.5	156.8	343.5	124.7	161.5	4,712.3
Jun	554.5	1,542.8	605.1	1,133.0	70.6	761.1	226.4	140.9	139.2	404.3	140.5	160.3	5,878.8
Q2	1,803.7	4,504.2	1,697.8	2,776.3	191.9	2,358.6	763.9	500.1	477.8	1,250.6	410.7	452.3	17,187.9
Jul	799.1	1,379.7	571.7	671.0	56.7	709.8	236.1	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.0	178.0	5,327.4
Aug	525.1	1,117.0	680.6	622.4	58.1	843.2	261.6	130.9	207.4	495.4	140.3	272.3	5,354.3
Sep	505.1	1,155.9	675.4	610.3	69.9	778.2	263.3	127.0	190.7	642.7	136.2	168.2	5,323.0
Q3	1,829.2	3,652.6	1,927.6	1,903.7	184.8	2,331.2	761.0	330.0	554.7	1,515.9	395.5	618.6	16,004.7
Oct	623.5	1,906.9	719.3	631.3	78.8	895.2	279.1	86.0	198.7	436.3	158.4	198.1	6,211.6
Nov	551.6	1,544.8	792.0	617.6	73.2	899.9	278.9	56.5	215.9	393.8	152.3	207.3	5,783.6
% Distribution													
2014	8.1	35.9	8.7	15.0	0.9	11.4	3.9	1.0	2.8	7.8	2.1	2.4	100.0
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
Oct_2016	10.0	30.7	11.6	10.2	1.3	14.4	4.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	2.6	3.2	100.0
Nov_2016	9.5	26.7	13.7	10.7	1.3	15.6	4.8	1.0	3.7	6.8	2.6	3.6	100.0

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Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to November 2016 (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_2014	412.9	5,455.0	33.2	7.4	25.6	56.2	22.3	19.6	41.9	25.8	38.9	71.9	6,210.6
Feb	276.4	4,458.8	42.2	5.5	39.8	71.5	48.0	17.8	46.0	33.0	64.1	96.0	5,199.2
Mar	216.7	5,127.8	32.7	3.0	45.2	70.3	30.1	19.6	48.9	23.7	50.1	101.7	5,769.8
Q1	906.0	15,041.6	108.1	15.9	110.7	198.0	100.4	56.9	136.8	82.5	153.0	269.6	17,179.6
Apr	257.1	6,105.8	36.6	4.7	37.9	103.7	40.8	16.6	40.5	30.9	118.7	94.3	6,887.6
May	468.7	4,965.4	49.1	8.4	28.6	127.4	96.8	22.8	51.7	34.6	35.9	121.5	6,011.3
Jun	405.7	7,194.9	23.6	10.6	25.3	125.0	120.0	24.4	53.3	24.4	41.7	95.3	8,144.1
Q2	1,131.5	18,266.1	109.3	23.8	91.9	356.1	257.6	63.9	145.5	89.9	196.3	311.1	21,043.0
Jul	133.3	7,486.4	41.0	8.7	24.1	137.0	135.3	26.5	47.2	38.6	42.4	162.2	8,282.8
Aug	250.7	7,132.4	34.3	5.9	32.9	106.8	105.5	27.6	43.6	45.3	39.9	129.1	7,953.9
Sep	569.2	2,347.9	28.7	9.0	27.9	189.5	139.7	31.7	51.4	25.6	47.3	125.0	3,593.0
Q3	953.2	16,966.6	104.1	23.5	85.0	433.4	380.5	85.9	142.1	109.5	129.7	416.3	19,829.8
Oct	585.0	5,299.9	21.0	11.6	26.4	202.3	125.2	29.0	57.5	35.8	49.7	104.6	6,548.0
Nov	458.9	4,974.1	24.5	4.5	22.4	175.5	105.2	34.5	59.6	30.6	29.4	113.4	6,032.6
Dec	357.2	4,779.7	26.9	6.3	21.0	78.8	80.5	20.7	53.7	27.7	42.0	106.5	5,601.0
Q4	1,401.0	15,053.8	72.3	22.4	69.7	456.7	310.9	84.1	170.8	94.0	121.1	324.6	18,181.6
Total_2014	4,391.7	65,328.2	393.8	85.7	357.2	1,444.1	1,049.4	290.8	595.3	376.0	600.1	1,321.6	76,234.0
Jan_2015	428.9	4,860.4	20.5	7.7	18.1	120.3	46.2	20.4	70.1	18.7	84.3	83.7	5,779.4
Feb	486.1	4,231.5	19.1	6.9	22.8	164.3	67.2	26.7	53.3	26.8	47.6	141.5	5,293.8
Mar	428.7	7,385.2	22.4	8.0	25.8	168.2	90.2	33.2	11.5	40.4	85.6	107.6	8,406.8
Q1	1,343.8	16,477.1	62.0	22.7	66.7	452.7	203.5	80.3	134.9	85.9	217.5	332.9	19,480.0
Apr	448.2	2,722.8	21.1	9.8	16.9	165.9	138.0	23.3	34.1	30.1	98.7	76.4	3,785.2
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	162.0	118.3	29.3	54.2	34.4	58.1	90.3	7,425.1
Q2	1,308.5	16,618.5	78.7	28.0	61.6	549.4	368.1	77.5	130.6	104.4	214.4	254.8	19,794.5
Jul	320.7	3,687.1	24.7	10.0	17.2	168.1	138.8	28.9	57.1	30.4	27.6	84.2	4,594.8
Aug	40.2	2,362.2	30.3	2.6	15.6	184.7	108.8	25.9	56.1	35.3	71.9	97.7	3,031.3
Sep	13.9	3,559.6	31.2	5.9	25.3	218.4	91.8	28.6	56.0	22.9	45.5	106.8	4,205.7
Q3	374.8	9,608.9	86.2	18.5	58.0	571.2	339.3	83.4	169.1	88.6	145.0	288.7	11,831.7
Oct	53.0	4,123.2	13.8	7.9	15.5	175.2	82.7	22.2	53.3	27.0	34.6	114.5	4,723.0
Nov	302.2	1,446.2	36.8	9.1	20.5	187.5	75.6	27.1	52.1	33.5	58.2	93.3	2,341.9
Dec	407.5	4,456.5	11.4	4.5	20.0	67.0	104.3	15.5	53.6	34.1	31.2	90.7	5,296.2
Q4	762.7	10,025.9	61.9	21.4	55.9	429.7	262.6	64.8	159.0	94.6	124.0	298.4	12,361.1
Total_2015	3,789.8	52,730.4	288.8	90.6	242.3	2,003.2	1,173.6	305.9	593.7	373.4	700.9	1,174.8	63,467.4
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	169.5	42.4	21.0	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7,012.2
Feb	448.5	5,453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	162.2	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6,434.7
Mar	323.8	5,456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	215.1	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6,429.9
Q1	1,208.6	17,003.1	147.8	16.0	46.4	546.7	263.4	66.8	144.1	60.5	119.8	253.5	19,876.8
Apr	264.7	7,251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	178.5	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8,075.0
May	258.6	7,950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.0	8,805.2
Jun	301.2	7,539.0	56.6	7.8	23.9	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.8	8,499.0
Q2	824.5	22,740.6	105.0	17.9	55.4	584.7	293.8	74.7	129.7	69.8	171.0	312.1	25,379.1
Jul	164.2	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	173.2	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.7	97.7	5,111.0
Aug	179.8	4,547.6	30.4	6.9	16.6	168.3	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.2	5,311.8
Sep	178.2	7,660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	173.8	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.2	8,464.6

Table 2.2 Continued: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to November 2016 (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
Q3	522.2	16,580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	515.3	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.3	281.1	18,887.3
Oct	45.2	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.0	165.2	135.8	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.2	3,651.3
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.2	16.8	180.1	68.8	32.0	89.4	30.8	32.5	108.7	7,324.7
% Distribution													
2014	5.8	85.7	0.5	0.1	0.5	1.9	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.7	100.0
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
Oct_2016	1.2	81.2	0.8	0.1	1.3	4.5	3.7	0.9	2.1	0.7	1.0	2.4	100.0
Nov_2016	0.0	91.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	2.5	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.5	100.0

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Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2014 to November 2016 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2014	0.0	0.4	0.0	1,881.6	40.2	1,922.2	0.0	10.1	0.0	5,290.5	154.4	5,455.0
Feb	0.0	0.6	0.0	1,703.7	103.2	1,807.5	2.9	18.0	0.0	3,828.5	609.4	4,458.8
Mar	306.5	0.7	0.0	3,286.8	145.5	3,739.5	0.0	20.7	0.0	4,623.3	483.8	5,127.8
Q1	306.5	1.7	0.0	6,872.1	288.8	7,469.1	2.9	48.7	0.0	13,742.4	1,247.6	15,041.6
Apr	0.5	0.0	0.0	1,723.4	73.0	1,796.8	0.0	22.1	0.0	5,567.2	516.5	6,105.8
May	0.0	5.5	0.0	3,074.7	116.6	3,196.8	0.0	37.6	0.0	4,254.0	673.9	4,965.4
Jun	226.9	0.4	0.0	2,128.0	33.8	2,389.1	0.0	52.0	0.0	6,374.9	768.0	7,194.9
Q2	227.4	5.9	0.0	6,926.0	223.4	7,382.7	0.0	111.7	0.0	16,196.0	1,958.4	18,266.1
Jul	330.7	0.5	0.0	1,178.9	33.8	1,543.9	18.2	39.1	0.0	6,908.5	520.5	7,486.4
Aug	761.0	0.1	0.0	1,355.0	113.6	2,229.6	0.0	53.4	0.3	6,330.7	748.0	7,132.4
Sep	392.7	0.6	0.0	1,713.1	80.4	2,186.8	5.9	6.1	0.0	1,420.4	915.5	2,347.9
Q3	1,484.3	1.1	0.0	4,247.0	227.8	5,960.3	24.2	98.6	0.3	14,659.6	2,184.0	16,966.6
Oct	694.2	0.3	0.0	1,517.4	182.9	2,394.8	0.0	20.4	0.0	4,535.9	743.7	5,299.9
Nov	556.3	1.8	0.0	1,727.9	135.7	2,421.8	0.0	36.3	0.0	4,293.2	644.6	4,974.1
Dec	216.2	0.0	0.0	101.6	32.8	350.7	0.0	44.6	0.0	4,138.5	596.6	4,779.7
Q4	1,466.7	2.1	0.0	3,347.0	351.4	5,167.2	0.0	101.3	0.0	12,967.6	1,984.9	15,053.8
Total_2014	3,484.9	10.8	0.0	21,392.1	1,091.4	25,979.3	27.1	360.3	0.3	57,565.6	7,374.9	65,328.2
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

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

Table 3.1A: Imports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – November 2016 (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	444.7	408.9	716.1	524.7	64.7	592.3	246.6	54.8	193.6	324.3	134.7	142.5	3,848.0
Namibia	0.3	460.9	4.9	14.3	0.1	1.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.1	487.1
Swaziland	5.2	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	12.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
SACU	450.2	869.8	726.4	539.1	64.8	593.6	246.7	56.5	197.3	328.0	134.8	142.6	4,349.7
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.1	78.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	78.3
Zambia	0.2	0.0	23.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	8.8	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.8	34.8
Zimbabwe	0.1	0.0	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.5	27.7
Malawi	0.0	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9
Mauritius	2.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
SADC	452.6	869.8	780.6	617.1	64.8	599.6	256.8	56.5	197.6	329.5	139.8	143.9	4,508.7
Kenya	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.2
Other Africa	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
Africa	454.5	869.8	780.6	617.1	64.8	599.7	256.8	56.5	197.7	329.5	139.8	144.3	4,511.2
Belgium	1.8	222.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	225.2
Germany	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	45.7	1.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.5	2.9	60.0
Netherlands	20.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.8	31.3
UK	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.1	0.0	0.4	2.1	5.5	2.0	20.5
Sweden	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.2
France	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.6	8.7
Italy	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.6
Cyprus	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.5
Spain	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.7
Denmark	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4
EU	37.9	222.0	1.4	0.0	3.5	77.0	2.3	0.0	1.9	4.1	7.4	10.9	368.3
Korea	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.7	3.9	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	5.0	106.6
China	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	25.9	8.3	0.0	6.0	2.5	2.0	16.9	70.2
Israel	0.0	48.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	59.9
India	30.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	6.6	4.2	0.0	0.6	1.1	1.9	1.8	47.2
Hong Kong	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	35.2	1.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.2	1.8	41.9
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	39.4	0.0	0.0	41.2
UAE	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	33.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.0	1.0	37.8
Russian federation	0.0	15.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6
Malaysia	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	13.1
Singapore	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.1	0.0	5.7
Taiwan	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.6	0.0	0.9	4.3
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.1	1.7
Turkey	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.5
Other Asia	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.6
Asia	52.7	65.3	3.7	0.3	3.3	208.8	18.4	0.0	12.7	50.5	4.2	28.5	448.4
Canada	1.6	385.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	389.5
USA	4.9	2.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	6.2	1.0	0.0	0.8	9.4	0.6	3.7	29.9
Brazil	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	16.9	17.6
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	9.3
Australia	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	3.9
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.5
Total	551.6	1,544.8	792.0	617.6	73.2	899.9	278.9	56.5	215.9	393.8	152.3	207.3	5,783.6

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Table 3.1B: Major Import Sources by Commodity–November 2016 (Million Pula)

Commodity Code	Partner \ Commodity Description	Nov_2016	
		Value	%
South Africa			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	408.8	10.6
27101202	Petrol	255.3	6.6
27101230	Distillate fuel	217.8	5.7
87032390	Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb NES	62.4	1.6
87043190	Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods with G.V.M. not exceeding 5t NES	62.3	1.6
22029090	Other non-alcoholic beverages NES	49.3	1.3
25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	46.7	1.2
10059010	Dried kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed	38.7	1.0
Total Major Imports		1,141.2	29.7
Other Imports		2,706.7	70.3
Total South Africa		3,848.0	100.0
Total South Africa as a Percentage of Total Imports			66.5
Namibia			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	460.9	94.6
27101202	Petrol	9.1	1.9
Total Major Imports		469.9	96.5
Other Imports		17.2	3.5
Total Namibia		487.1	100.0
Total Namibia as a Percentage of Total Imports			8.4
Canada			
71021000	Unsorted diamonds	385.4	99.0
Other Imports		4.1	1.0
Total Canada		389.5	100.0
Total Canada as a Percentage of Total Imports			6.7
Belgium			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	175.5	77.9
71023900	Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	46.6	20.7
30039000	Other medicaments with >=2 constituents, not for retail sale, NES	1.7	0.8
Total Major Imports		223.8	99.3
Other Imports		1.5	0.7
Total Belgium		225.2	100.0
Total Belgium as a Percentage of Total Imports			3.9
Korea			
84813090	Other check valves NES	26.0	24.4
84162000	Furnace burners for solid fuel or gas (incl. combination burners)	19.7	18.5
84219990	Other parts of centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers	13.6	12.7
84139100	Parts of pumps for liquids	10.0	9.4
84178000	Industrial or laboratory furnaces (incl. incinerators)	6.3	6.0
85044000	Static converters	4.4	4.1
84193900	Non-domestic dryers, NES	2.8	2.7
84799000	Parts of machines having individual functions, NES	2.3	2.2
68159900	Articles of stone or other mineral substances, NES	2.3	2.1
73269090	Other articles of iron or steel wire NES	2.1	2.0
84388000	Machinery for the preparation or manufacture of food or drink, NES	1.9	1.8
84241000	Fire extinguishers	1.6	1.5
84313900	Parts of machinery of 84.28 (excl. lift, skip hoists or escalators)	1.4	1.3
28371100	Cyanides and cyanide oxides of sodium	1.3	1.2
84819090	Other parts of goods of sub-heading 8481.	1.3	1.2
Total Major Imports		97.1	91.0
Other Imports		9.6	9.0
Total Korea		106.6	100.0
Total Korea as a Percentage of Total Imports			1.8

Table 3.1B Continued: Major Import Sources by Commodity–November 2016 (Million Pula)

Commodity Code	Partner \ Commodity Description	Nov_2016	
		Value	%
	Mozambique		
27101230	Distillate fuel	60.9	77.7
27101202	Petrol	15.3	19.5
27101207	Aviation, kerosene	1.9	2.5
	Total Major Imports	78.1	99.7
	Other Imports	0.3	0.3
	Total Mozambique	78.3	100.0
	Total Mozambique as a Percentage of Total Imports		1.4
	China		
90283000	Electricity meters	7.8	11.1
85171210	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	3.2	4.6
72230000	Wire of stainless steel	2.4	3.4
73259100	Grinding balls and similar articles for mills of cast steel	2.1	2.9
84151010	Of a kind used for buildings,compressor operated,having a rated cooling capacity<8.8kW	1.8	2.6
85421200	Cards incorporating electronic integrated circuits (smart cards)	1.7	2.4
69089000	Glazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, etc, NES	0.9	1.3
84314990	Other parts of boring or sinking machinery of subheading no.8430.41 or 8430.49 NES	0.7	1.0
40111005	Having a rim size of 38cm (15 inches)	0.7	1.0
90328900	Automatic regulating or controlling instruments and apparatus, NES	0.7	1.0
	Total Major Imports	32.2	45.8
	Other Imports	38.1	54.2
	Total China	70.2	100.0
	Total China as a Percentage of Total Imports		1.2
	Germany		
85472000	Insulating fittings of plastics for electrical machines...	8.3	13.9
85369020	Identifiable for use or principally with motor vehicles	7.6	12.7
85389090	Other parts suitable for use with the apparatus of heading no.85.35,85.36 or 85.37 NES	7.4	12.4
85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V fitted with connectors	6.3	10.5
85444990	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V	3.6	6.0
85442090	Other co-axial cable & other co-axial electric conductors NES	3.5	5.9
84799000	Parts of machines having individual functions, NES	2.9	4.9
48043900	Kraft paper... (excl. unbleached), weighing =<150g/m2	1.3	2.2
94032000	Metal furniture, NES (excl. seats)	1.3	2.1
94042900	Mattresses of materials, NES	1.2	2.0
85364190	Other relays for a voltage not exceeding 60v NES	1.1	1.8
90319000	Parts and accessories of measuring instruments... NES, of 90.31	1.1	1.8
40169990	Other articles of vulcanised rubber excluding hard rubber NES	1.0	1.7
90189000	Instruments and apparatus, nes, for medical, surgical... sciences	1.0	1.6
82079000	Interchangeable tools for hand or machine-tools, NES	0.8	1.4
94029000	Medical, surgical or veterinary furniture, and parts thereof	0.8	1.4
84241000	Fire extinguishers	0.8	1.3
85175000	Apparatus for carrier-current line systems or for digital line systems, NES	0.8	1.3
39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of hdng 39.01 to 39.14 NES	0.7	1.1
59061090	Other adhesive tape (Excluding electrical insulatig tape & other fabrics with cellular rubber	0.6	1.0
39191090	Other floor coverings of plastics	0.6	1.0
	Total Major Imports	52.8	88.0
	Other Imports	7.2	12.0
	Total Germany	60.0	100.0
	Total Germany as a Percentage of Total Imports		1.0

Table 3.1B Continued: Major Import Sources by Commodity–November 2016 (Million Pula)

Commodity Code	Partner \ Commodity Description	Nov_2016	
		Value	%
	Israel		
71023900	Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	24.6	41.1
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	23.9	39.8
85299090	Other parts suitable for use solely with the apparatus of heading nos.85.25 to 85.28 NES	4.8	8.0
85256000	Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus	2.9	4.9
84718000	Units of automatic data processing machines NES	1.3	2.3
90062000	Cameras for recording documents on microfilm, microfiche, etc	0.7	1.2
85178000	Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy, NES	0.7	1.2
84717000	Automatic data processing machine storage units	0.6	1.1
	Total Major Imports	59.6	99.5
	Other Imports	0.3	0.5
	Total Israel	59.9	100.0
	Total Israel as a Percentage of Total Imports		1.0
	Other Partners	458.7	7.9
	Total Imports	5,783.6	100.0

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 NES = Not Elsewhere Specified

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – November 2016 (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	1.1	602.2	0.0	4.4	13.1	141.4	21.7	24.9	64.0	24.7	8.8	54.3	960.7
Namibia	0.0	916.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	10.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.2	7.9	4.7	941.9
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.9
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
SACU	1.1	1,519.2	0.0	4.4	13.3	152.2	22.2	25.7	64.0	24.9	16.9	59.8	1,903.8
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	3.2	0.0	1.6	13.8	1.1	2.9	24.7	50.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.7	0.0	3.6	9.3	0.1	5.2	6.9	30.1
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.1	7.8
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	2.8
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.0
Tanzania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	1.6
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	1.1	1,519.2	0.0	4.4	16.2	164.1	23.1	31.6	89.4	26.2	26.4	96.2	1,998.1
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.6	3.7
Africa	1.1	1,519.2	0.0	4.4	16.2	164.1	23.1	31.6	89.4	26.2	26.6	99.8	2,001.8
Belgium	0.0	1,276.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,276.8
UK	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	26.4
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7
France	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.1	9.3
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	7.4
Cyprus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9
EU	0.0	1,286.4	0.0	0.2	0.6	6.3	44.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.0	1,342.7
India	0.0	995.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	996.5
Singapore	0.0	762.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	770.7
UAE	0.0	710.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	710.8
Hong Kong	0.0	356.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.5	360.6
Israel	0.0	317.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	317.0
China	0.0	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	36.2
Viet-Nam	0.0	25.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.2
Thailand	0.0	15.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5
Japan	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
Asia	0.0	3,225.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.2	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.8	3,241.9
Canada	0.0	319.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	320.0
USA	0.0	280.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.2	286.2
Switzerland	0.0	96.1	30.7	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	130.3
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.1	1.8
Total	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.2	16.8	180.1	68.8	32.0	89.4	30.8	32.5	108.7	7,324.7

Data for November 2016 is from automated borders only, representing about 99 percent of total expected monthly trade in value terms.

Table 3.2B: Major Export Destinations by Commodity–November 2016 (Million Pula)

Commodity Code	Partner \ Commodity Description	Nov_2016	
		Value	%
Belgium			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,223.9	95.9
71023900	Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	40.8	3.2
71022100	Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	12.1	0.9
Total Belgium		1,276.8	100.0
Total Belgium as a Percentage of Total Exports			17.4
India			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	991.9	99.5
71022100	Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	2.1	0.2
71023900	Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	1.4	0.1
Total Major Exports		995.4	99.9
Other Exports		1.1	0.1
Total India		996.5	100.0
Total India as a Percentage of Total Exports			13.6
South Africa			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	599.7	62.4
85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft...	102.6	10.7
28362000	Disodium carbonate	64.0	6.7
39173990	Other tubes, pipes, hoses of plastic NES	16.0	1.7
63026090	Toilet linen	11.4	1.2
02023090	Other boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen	10.7	1.1
02013090	Other boneless meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	10.4	1.1
84305000	Self-propelled earth moving, grading, excavating... machinery, NES	10.1	1.0
Total Major Exports		824.8	85.9
Other Exports		135.9	14.1
Total South Africa		960.7	100.0
Total South Africa as a Percentage of Total Exports			13.1
Namibia			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	914.1	97.0
87032390	Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb NES	4.5	0.5
85442090	Other co-axial cable & other co-axial electric conductors NES	3.8	0.4
71022100	Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	2.9	0.3
Total Major Exports		925.3	98.2
Other Exports		16.6	1.8
Total Namibia		941.9	100.0
Total Namibia as a Percentage of Total Exports			12.9
Singapore			
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	762.3	98.9
84071000	Aircraft spark-ignition piston engines	8.3	1.1
Total Major Exports		770.6	100.0
Other Exports		0.2	0.0
Total Singapore		770.7	100.0
Total Singapore as a Percentage of Total Exports			10.5

Table 3.2B Continued: Major Export Destinations by Commodity–November 2016 (Million Pula)

Commodity Code	Partner \ Commodity Description	Nov_2016	
		Value	%
	UAE		
71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	664.3	93.5
71023900	Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	46.4	6.5
	Total Major Exports	710.7	100.0
	Other Exports	0.1	0.0
	Total UAE	710.8	100.0
	Total UAE as a Percentage of Total Exports		9.7
	Other Partners	1,667.2	22.8
	Total Exports	7,324.7	100.0

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NES = Not Elsewhere Specified*

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.