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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 December 2017.

December 2017 total imports were valued at P5, 218.8 million while total exports were valued at P5, 005.7 million, giving a trade deficit of P212.5 million. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 33.3 percent (P1, 738.3 million) followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 14.4 percent (P751.4 million) and 12.4 percent (P649.2 million) respectively. Diamonds constituted 92.2 percent (P4, 615.8 million) of total exports during the month.

Most imports were sourced from South Africa at 64.7 percent (P3, 374.2 million) of total imports. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco dominated imports from South Africa at 19.7 percent (P663.7 million) and 18.0 percent (P606.2 million) respectively.

Exports were mainly destined to Belgium and India at 28.0 percent (P1, 402.8 million) and 26.4 percent (P1, 321.1 million) respectively. Exports to these two countries during December 2017 were Diamonds only.

Table A presents revised figures for January 2017 to November 2017. Total trade for January 2015 to December 2017 is presented 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 December 2017. **Tables 3.1B** and **3.2B** give direction of trade for Principal Commodity groups by individual countries and regions as a percentage of total trade for imports and exports 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 is based on data for the current month, December 2017.

1.1 Data Revision

Table A presents revised data from January to November 2017, comparing figures as at November 2017 digest and the current situation.

The current data revision for January to November 2017 is mainly associated with transactions related to late tax assessment. Though transactions can be lodged with customs, related duties paid accordingly, customs will still need to take further assessment to be sure that the duties paid are the true ones 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, that is then that goods can be 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 go and 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 January 2017, when the new Customs Management System started, up to November 2017 had late assessments which were finalised in December 2017, hence the need to show revision for January to November 2017 trade.

Table A: Data Revision; January 2017 to November 2017 (Million PULA)

	As at November 2017 Digest			As at December 2017 Digest			Difference			Differences as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_17	3,317.8	6,382.3	3,064.5	3,433.5	6,591.0	3,157.5	115.7	208.7	93.1	3.5	3.3	3.0
Feb_17	4,008.7	6,762.9	2,754.2	4,035.5	6,762.9	2,727.5	26.8	0.0	(26.8)	0.7	0.0	(1.0)
Mar_17	5,194.8	4,138.1	(1,056.7)	5,236.5	4,153.5	(1,083.0)	41.7	15.4	(26.3)	0.8	0.4	2.5
Apr_17	4,309.2	3,891.5	(417.8)	4,379.4	3,891.5	(487.9)	70.1	0.0	(70.1)	1.6	0.0	16.8
May_17	4,056.7	5,409.4	1,352.7	4,080.7	5,410.4	1,329.7	24.0	1.0	(23.0)	0.6	0.0	(1.7)
Jun_17	4,125.5	5,628.4	1,502.9	4,024.9	5,629.4	1,604.4	(100.6)	0.9	101.5	(2.4)	0.0	6.8
Jul_17	4,259.6	4,751.5	491.9	4,079.1	4,751.9	672.8	(180.5)	0.4	180.9	(4.2)	0.0	36.8
Aug_17	4,390.2	3,700.3	(689.8)	4,411.6	3,701.0	(710.7)	21.5	0.6	(20.8)	0.5	0.0	3.0
Sep_17	5,001.4	4,744.2	(257.1)	5,018.7	4,747.5	(271.2)	17.3	3.3	(14.1)	0.3	0.1	5.5
Oct_17	4,123.4	4,065.9	(57.6)	4,203.0	4,080.7	(122.3)	79.6	14.8	(64.7)	1.9	0.4	112.5
Nov_17	5,383.9	6,163.2	779.3	5,852.1	6,340.1	488.1	468.1	176.9	(291.2)	8.7	2.9	(37.4)

() Denotes negative numbers

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 December 2017, total imports were valued at P5, 218.2 million showing a decrease of 10.8 percent (P633.9 million) from the November 2017 revised value of P5, 852.1 million. This decrease was mainly attributed to a decrease in imports of Diamonds. Diamonds had the highest decrease between the two months, having decreased by P254.1 million (12.8 percent) from P1, 992.4 million recorded during November 2017 to P1, 738.3 million during the period under review.

Imports value for December 2017, compared to that of the same month in 2016 shows an increase of 0.3 percent (P14.3 million), from P5, 203.9 million recorded during December 2016 to P5, 218.2 million recorded during December 2017. The increase was attributed mainly to Fuel and Diamonds imports. Fuel recorded an increase of 21.0 percent (P130.5 million) from P621.0 million during December 2016 to P751.4 million in December 2017 while Diamonds increased by 5.3 percent (P87.0 million), from P1, 651.4 million during December 2016 to P1, 738.3 million during the month under review.

1.3 Total Exports

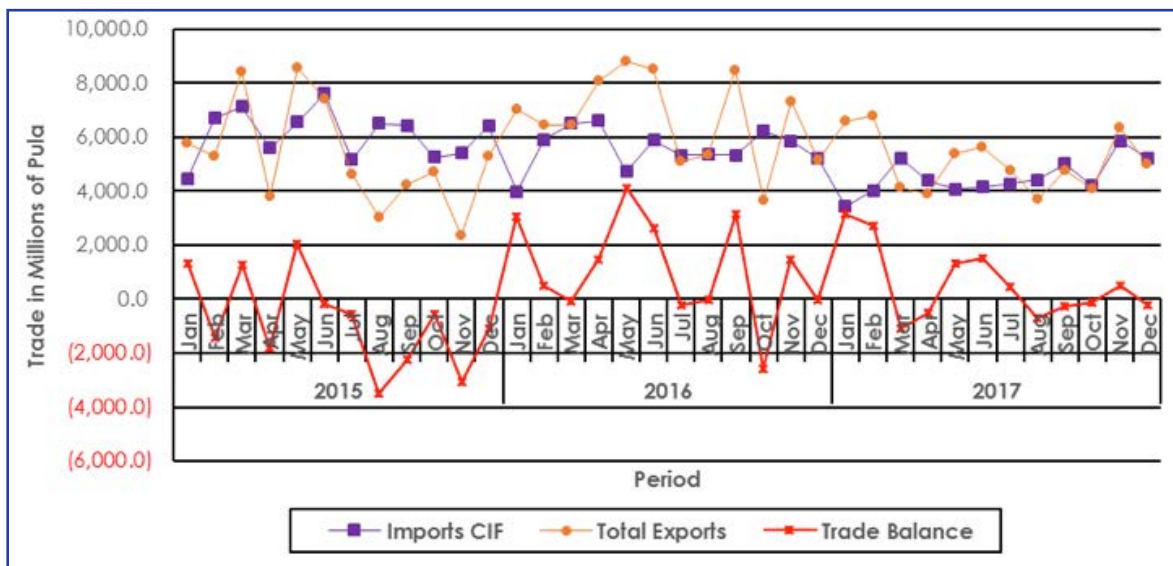
During December 2017, total exports were valued at P5, 005.7 million, showing a decrease of 21.0 percent (P1, 334.4 million) from November 2017 value of P6, 340.1 million. The decrease was mainly due to Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Diamonds recorded the highest drop of 17.9 percent (P1, 004.9 million) from P5, 620.7 million in November 2017 to P4, 615.8 million in December 2017. Machinery & Electrical Equipment recorded a decrease of 52.6 percent (P102.6 million) from P195.1 million in November 2017 to P92.4 million during the period under review. (Table 2.2).

Comparison of total exports value for December 2017 and December 2016 shows a decrease of 2.9 percent (P151.8 million) from P5, 157.5 million to P5, 005.7 million. The decrease is attributed mainly, to the drop in exports of Diamonds. Diamonds exports value dropped by 3.1 percent (P148.9 million) from P4, 764.8 million in December 2016 to P4, 615.8 million in December 2017 (Table 2.2).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P212.5 million in December 2017. The deficit was influenced by a drop in exports of Diamonds during the period under review.

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



2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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

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

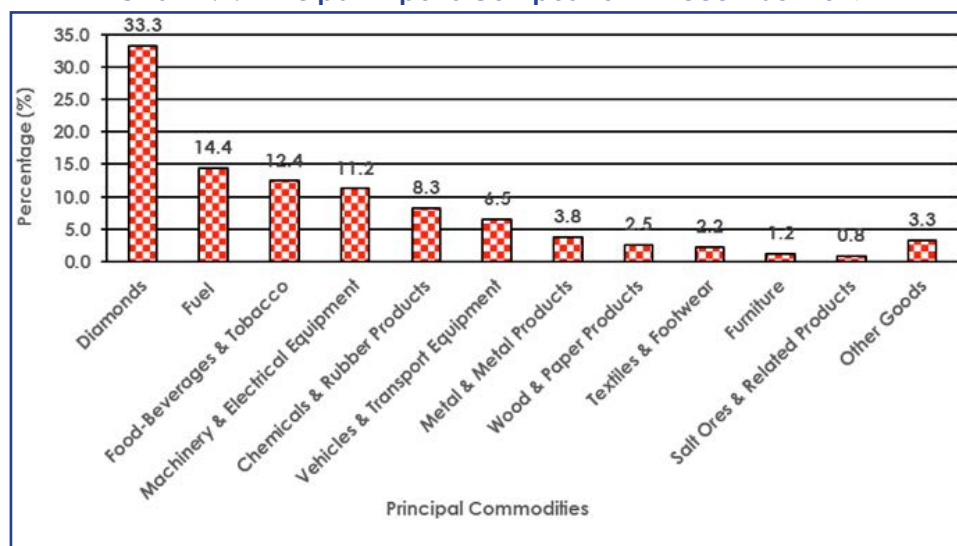
2.1 Principal Imports

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

During December 2017, composition of imports by principal commodities shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P5, 218.2 million), with 33.3 percent (P1, 738.3 million), followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 14.4 percent (P751.4 million) and 12.4 percent (P649.2 million) respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 11.2 percent at P586.6 million and 8.3 percent (P432.1 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during December 2017 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – December 2017



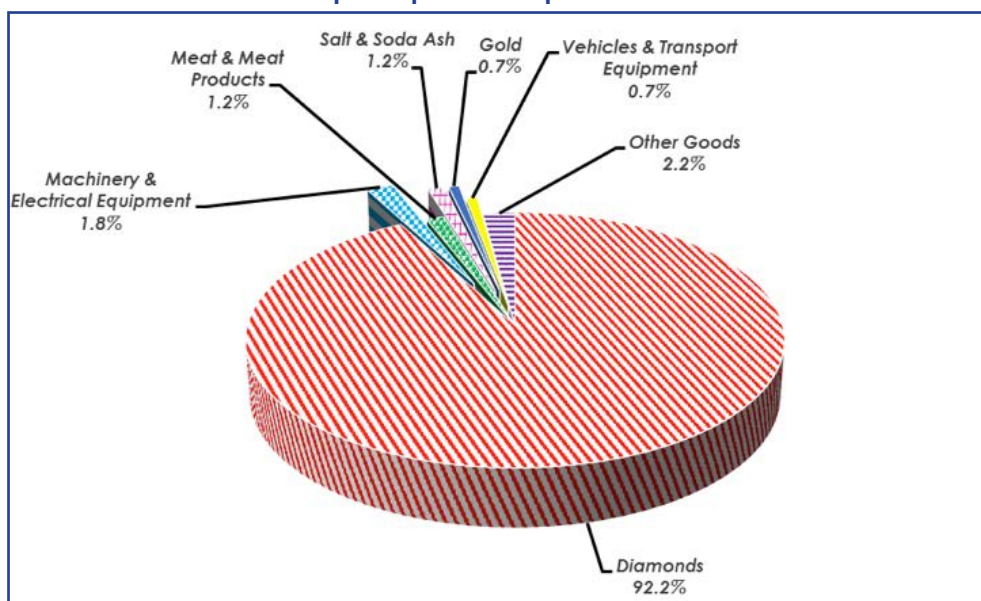
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for December 2017, were valued at P5, 005.7 million, with 92.2 percent (P4, 615.8 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with 1.8 percent (P92.4 million), while Meat & Meat Products and Salt & Soda Ash each contributed 1.2 percent with values of P58.4 million and P58.1 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 December 2017.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – December 2017



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

3.0 DIRECTION OF TRADE

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

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

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

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 75.9 percent (P3, 961.6 million) of total imports during December 2017. South Africa and Namibia were the main sources of imports within the Union, with contributions of 64.7 percent (P3, 374.2 million) and 11.2 percent (P585.2 million) respectively to total imports during the month under review.

The major commodities imported from South Africa were; Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 19.7 percent (P663.7 million) and 18.0 percent (P606.2 million) respectively to total imports from that country ([Table 3.1 B](#)). Diamonds contributed 13.9 percent (P470.5 million) to total imports from South Africa during the same month. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 11.7 percent (P393.7 million) and 10.3 percent (P348.8 million) respectively, to total imports during the period under review.

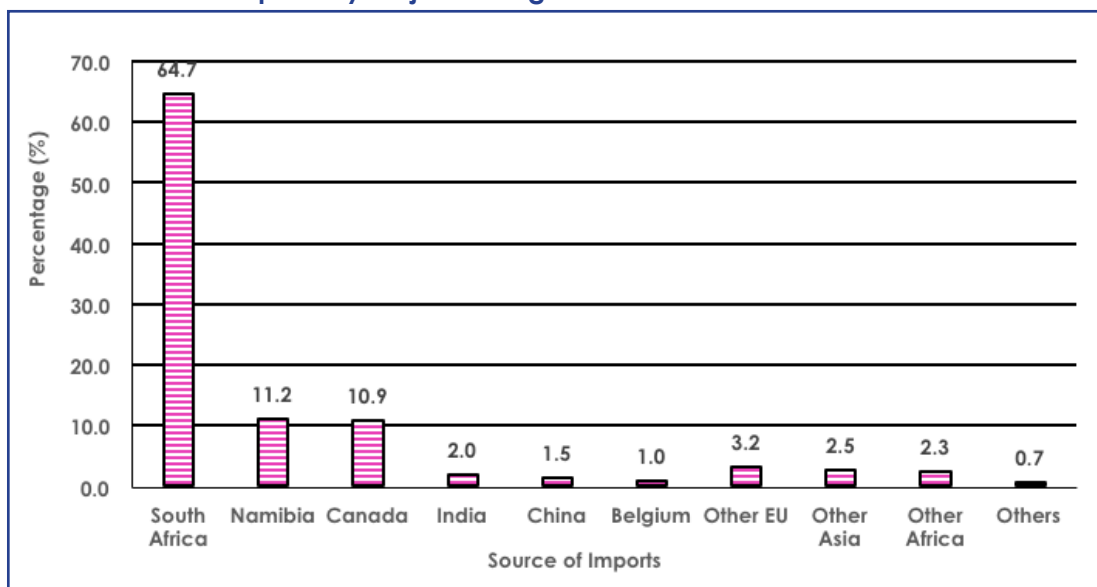
During December 2017, Asia supplied imports valued at P313.3 million, representing 6.0 percent of total imports. India and China were the main sources of imports from Asia, with 2.0 percent (P104.7 million) and 1.5 percent (P75.7 million) respectively, of total imports during the month.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P216.7 million, accounting for 4.2 percent of total imports during December 2017. Belgium was the main sources of imports within the Union, having supplied 1.0 percent (P52.0 million) of total imports during the month under review.

Imports from Canada were valued at P567.7 million, representing 10.9 percent of total imports during December 2017, comprising mainly, of "Unsorted Diamonds", with a contribution of 99.9 percent (P567.2 million) of total imports from the country.

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

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries - December 2017



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

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

During December 2017, total exports destined to Asia were valued at P3, 017.5 million, representing 60.3 percent of total exports (P5, 005.7 million). India and the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) received 26.4 percent (P1, 321.7 million) and 16.4 percent (P823.3 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Israel and Hong Kong followed with 8.7 percent (P436.5 million) and 8.2 percent (P411.0 million) respectively, of total exports during December 2017. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia during the current period, at 99.8 percent (P3, 010.2 million) of all goods destined to Asia.

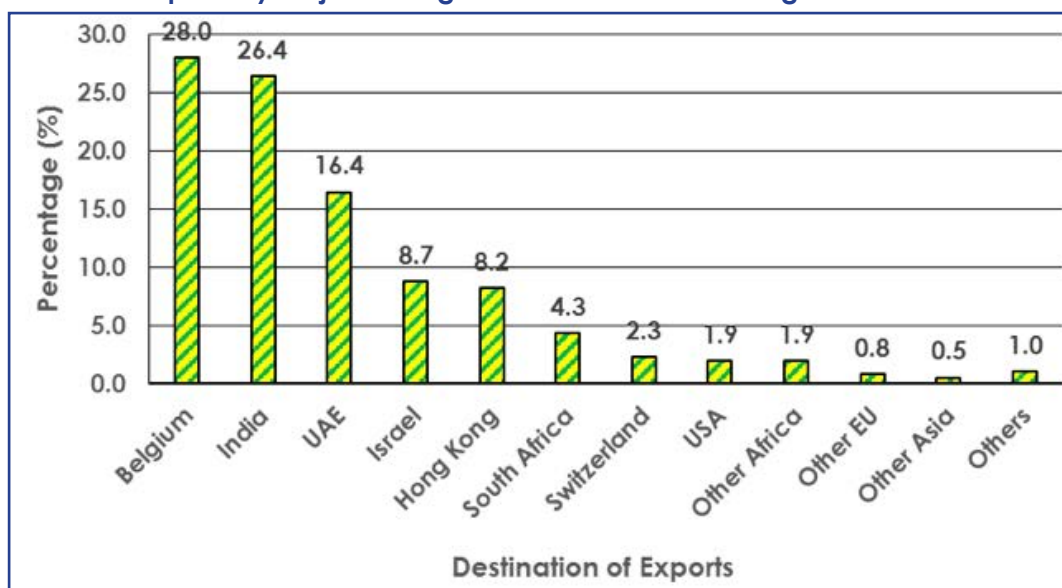
The **EU** region received exports valued at P1, 441.2 million, representing 28.8 percent of total exports during December 2017. Belgium was the main destination for exports to the **EU**, having received 28.0 percent (P1, 402.8 million) during the period under review, all attributed to Diamonds.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region were valued at P236.5 million, representing 4.7 percent of total exports during December 2017. South Africa was the main destination of exports to the **SACU** region, having received exports accounting to 4.3 percent (P216.2 million) of total exports during the month under review.

Switzerland and the United States of America (**USA**) respectively received 2.3 percent (P112.6 million) and 1.9 percent (P96.8 million) of total exports during the month under review. Exports to Switzerland consisted of Diamonds at 68.0 percent (P76.5 million) and Gold at 32.0 percent (P36.1 million). Exports to the **USA** were mainly Diamonds at 99.9 percent (P96.7 million) of total exports to that country (**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 December 2017.

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



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

During December 2017, imports valued at P2, 832.9 million, representing 54.3 percent of total imports, reached Botswana by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 33.7 percent (P1, 758.9 million) and 12.0 percent (P624.7 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Botswana Exports mainly use Air as means of transport when considering the value of exported commodities. The value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by Air. Air Transport accounted for 94.3 percent (P4, 717.9 million) of total exports out of Botswana during December 2017. Road transport accounted for 5.2 percent (P262.6 million) of total exports during the month under review (**Table B**).

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

Trans Type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	624.7	12.0	24.6	0.5
Road Transport	2,832.9	54.3	262.6	5.2
Air Transport	1,758.9	33.7	4,717.9	94.3
Others	1.7	0.0	0.6	0.0
Total	5,218.2	100.0	5,005.7	100.0

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

5.0 ANNEXURE

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

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2015	4,440.2	4,225.9	213.1	1.2	5,782.1	0.2	5,782.3	1,342.1
Feb	6,708.4	6,491.0	216.6	0.7	5,099.8	195.7	5,295.4	(1,412.9)
Mar	7,119.7	6,860.2	258.6	1.0	8,147.4	261.2	8,408.6	1,288.9
Q1	18,268.2	17,577.1	688.2	2.9	19,029.2	457.1	19,486.3	1,218.1
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,780.4	5.5	3,785.9	(1,794.1)
May	6,563.9	6,327.7	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.3
Jun	7,607.3	7,344.2	261.7	1.4	7,154.9	272.7	7,427.5	(179.8)
Q2	19,751.2	19,027.8	720.6	2.8	19,364.6	433.1	19,797.6	46.4
Jul	5,164.9	4,917.8	246.3	0.9	4,351.3	244.1	4,595.5	(569.4)
Aug	6,505.4	6,256.1	248.2	1.1	2,752.7	277.1	3,029.8	(3,475.6)
Sep	6,426.7	6,189.1	236.8	0.8	3,954.3	253.3	4,207.6	(2,219.1)
Q3	18,097.0	17,363.0	731.3	2.7	11,058.4	774.6	11,832.9	(6,264.1)
Oct	5,265.7	5,003.3	261.2	1.1	4,582.5	144.6	4,727.1	(538.6)
Nov	5,402.9	5,148.9	252.7	1.4	2,172.4	169.7	2,342.1	(3,060.8)
Dec	6,406.8	6,161.1	244.9	0.9	4,901.7	396.6	5,298.3	(1,108.6)
Q4	17,075.4	16,313.3	758.8	3.4	11,656.6	710.8	12,367.4	(4,708.0)
Total_2015	73,191.9	70,281.1	2,898.9	11.9	61,108.7	2,375.6	63,484.3	(9,707.5)
Jan_2016	3,967.3	3,772.5	194.0	0.8	6,896.3	118.0	7,014.3	3,047.0
Feb	5,914.1	5,698.3	215.2	0.7	6,289.0	149.5	6,438.6	524.5
Mar	6,498.9	6,237.7	260.2	0.9	6,270.4	162.0	6,432.4	(66.4)
Q1	16,380.3	15,708.5	669.4	2.4	19,455.8	429.5	19,885.3	3,505.0
Apr	6,600.9	6,354.5	244.8	1.6	7,854.2	221.6	8,075.8	1,474.9
May	4,713.4	4,474.5	238.1	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,099.0
Jun	5,880.4	5,635.0	243.4	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.4
Q2	17,194.7	16,464.0	726.2	4.4	24,657.9	731.0	25,389.0	8,194.3
Jul	5,330.2	5,107.5	221.1	1.7	4,881.9	238.4	5,120.3	(209.9)
Aug	5,357.4	5,110.8	245.7	0.9	5,104.5	211.1	5,315.7	(41.8)
Sep	5,330.6	5,088.4	241.1	1.0	8,254.3	220.4	8,474.8	3,144.2
Q3	16,018.2	15,306.8	707.8	3.6	18,240.8	669.9	18,910.7	2,892.5
Oct	6,220.4	5,966.9	252.5	1.0	3,371.8	287.8	3,659.6	(2,560.8)
Nov	5,847.5	5,597.3	249.0	1.2	7,125.9	208.5	7,334.4	1,486.9
Dec	5,203.9	4,954.7	216.2	33.0	4,967.4	190.1	5,157.5	(46.4)
Q4	17,271.7	16,518.9	717.6	35.2	15,465.1	686.4	16,151.5	(1,120.2)
Total_2016	66,864.8	63,998.2	2,821.0	45.6	77,819.6	2,516.9	80,336.5	13,471.6
Jan_2017	3,433.5	3,274.5	157.6	1.4	6,388.2	202.8	6,591.0	3,157.5
Feb	4,035.5	3,861.8	172.6	1.0	6,751.7	11.2	6,762.9	2,727.5
Mar	5,236.5	5,013.2	220.7	2.6	4,036.1	117.4	4,153.5	(1,083.0)
Q1	12,705.5	12,149.6	550.8	5.0	17,176.1	331.3	17,507.4	4,802.0
Apr	4,379.4	4,225.7	152.4	1.3	3,891.4	0.0	3,891.5	(487.9)
May	4,080.7	3,919.6	159.8	1.3	5,409.9	0.5	5,410.4	1,329.7
Jun	4,024.9	3,868.3	155.5	1.1	5,629.2	0.2	5,629.4	1,604.4
Q2	12,485.0	12,013.6	467.7	3.7	14,930.5	0.7	14,931.3	2,446.2
Jul	4,079.1	3,906.3	171.7	1.1	4,751.5	0.4	4,751.9	672.8
Aug	4,411.6	4,233.6	177.0	1.0	3,699.1	1.9	3,701.0	(710.7)
Sep	5,018.7	4,822.7	195.1	0.9	4,745.7	1.8	4,747.5	(271.2)
Q3	13,509.4	12,962.6	543.8	3.0	13,196.3	4.0	13,200.3	(309.1)
Oct	4,203.0	3,995.4	206.1	1.6	4,075.6	5.1	4,080.7	(122.3)
Nov	5,852.1	5,636.5	214.7	0.9	6,335.4	4.7	6,340.1	488.1
Dec	5,218.2	5,026.4	190.5	1.3	5,005.6	0.1	5,005.7	(212.5)
Q4	15,273.2	14,658.2	611.3	3.8	15,416.6	9.9	15,426.5	153.3
Total_2017	53,973.1	51,783.9	2,173.7	15.6	60,719.5	346.0	61,065.5	7,092.4

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	447.2	855.2	600.7	728.9	41.8	602.9	171.1	302.6	117.7	351.6	110.0	110.5	4,440.2
Feb	485.3	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	354.6	153.8	346.4	115.4	114.5	6,708.4
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.4	7,119.7
Q1	1,410.9	6,618.6	1,625.3	2,581.3	162.2	1,993.9	703.2	717.6	478.5	1,228.5	355.9	392.3	18,268.2
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.5	112.3	124.4	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.6	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.0	112.6	144.7	6,563.9
Jun	622.2	3,399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.6	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	836.4	292.7	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.8	6,600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	153.5	156.8	343.9	124.9	161.5	4,713.4
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	139.2	404.3	140.5	160.8	5,880.4
Q2	1,805.2	4,504.2	1,698.4	2,776.3	191.9	2,359.2	766.1	500.5	477.8	1,251.0	410.8	453.1	17,194.7
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	178.0	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	207.7	496.2	140.5	272.6	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	191.0	642.7	136.4	168.3	5,330.6
Q3	1,830.3	3,652.6	1,928.3	1,905.1	184.8	2,336.7	762.8	330.7	555.3	1,516.7	396.0	619.0	16,018.2
Oct	623.7	1,906.9	725.6	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	5,032.9	1,590.1	2,157.4	66,864.8
Jan_2017	322.3	707.2	541.0	655.1	33.8	489.6	155.4	28.9	101.8	210.3	97.5	90.6	3,433.5
Feb	399.6	885.6	550.1	561.3	56.1	600.9	238.3	46.8	156.9	277.0	115.7	147.1	4,035.5
Mar	329.1	1,727.2	578.2	807.0	48.1	700.4	167.2	33.0	180.1	411.3	102.0	152.9	5,236.5
Q1	1,051.0	3,320.0	1,669.4	2,023.4	137.9	1,790.8	561.0	108.6	438.8	898.6	315.2	390.6	12,705.5
Apr	322.1	1,079.1	464.8	592.6	41.2	528.8	171.3	42.0	108.2	313.6	89.3	626.5	4,379.4
May	423.3	1,139.3	527.6	559.6	53.3	487.1	189.1	39.9	137.5	284.7	104.2	135.1	4,080.7
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	515.9	527.2	48.1	465.6	185.3	37.4	88.7	275.3	97.5	176.9	4,024.9
Q2	1,096.0	3,474.7	1,508.4	1,679.4	142.6	1,481.4	545.7	119.3	334.4	873.6	291.0	938.5	12,485.0
Jul	392.8	1,000.4	530.2	571.2	50.6	554.5	220.1	49.2	134.4	290.0	112.6	173.1	4,079.1
Aug	1,081.4	514.1	572.9	627.0	65.1	592.4	207.8	43.5	157.4	266.3	131.3	152.4	4,411.6
Sep	487.6	1,500.2	601.4	589.2	52.1	713.1	214.7	45.3	141.1	388.0	124.6	161.4	5,018.7
Q3	1,961.8	3,014.8	1,704.5	1,787.3	167.8	1,860.0	642.6	138.1	432.8	944.3	368.5	486.9	13,509.4
Oct	534.1	303.9	627.3	607.4	60.5	684.8	240.1	39.1	178.5	616.4	134.7	176.2	4,203.0
Nov	497.8	1,992.4	697.8	766.7	67.2	666.2	246.7	52.0	155.5	379.0	150.1	180.8	5,852.1
Dec	432.1	1,738.3	649.2	751.4	60.4	586.6	197.4	42.7	116.6	341.4	130.9	171.2	5,218.2
Q4	1,463.9	4,034.6	1,974.3	2,125.6	188.2	1,937.6	684.2	133.8	450.6	1,336.8	415.6	528.1	15,273.2
Total_2017	5,572.6	13,844.1	6,856.6	7,615.8	636.5	7,069.9	2,433.4	499.8	1,656.6	4,053.3	1,390.4	2,344.2	53,973.1
2015	8.7	34.5	9.6	12.5	0.9	12.6	4.0	2.5	3.0	7.3	2.0	2.5	100.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	3.1	7.5	2.4	3.2	100.0
Nov_2017	8.5	34.0	11.9	13.1	1.1	11.4	4.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	2.6	3.1	100.0
Dec_2017	8.3	33.3	12.4	14.4	1.2	11.2	3.8	0.8	2.2	6.5	2.5	3.3	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	428.9	4,860.4	20.5	7.7	18.1	123.2	46.2	20.4	70.1	18.7	84.3	83.7	5,782.3
Feb	486.1	4,231.5	19.1	6.9	22.8	165.9	67.2	26.7	53.3	26.8	47.6	141.5	5,295.4
Mar	428.7	7,385.2	22.4	8.0	25.8	170.0	90.2	33.2	11.5	40.4	85.6	107.6	8,408.6
Q1	1,343.8	16,477.1	62.0	22.7	66.7	459.1	203.5	80.3	134.9	85.9	217.4	332.9	19,486.3
Apr	448.2	2,722.8	21.1	9.8	16.9	166.6	138.0	23.3	34.1	30.1	98.7	76.4	3,785.9
May	402.1	7,530.6	36.4	8.3	20.5	221.6	111.8	24.9	42.3	39.9	57.6	88.2	8,584.2
Jun	458.3	6,365.0	21.2	9.9	24.2	164.4	117.7	29.3	54.2	34.4	58.0	90.8	7,427.5
Q2	1,308.5	16,618.5	78.7	28.0	61.6	552.5	367.6	77.5	130.6	104.4	214.3	255.4	19,797.6
Jul	320.7	3,687.1	24.7	10.0	17.2	169.0	138.8	28.9	57.1	30.4	27.6	84.1	4,595.5
Aug	40.2	2,362.2	30.3	2.6	15.6	184.7	108.8	25.9	56.1	33.7	71.9	97.8	3,029.8
Sep	13.9	3,559.6	31.2	5.9	25.3	220.3	91.8	28.6	56.0	22.9	45.5	106.8	4,207.6
Q3	374.8	9,608.9	86.2	18.5	58.0	574.0	339.3	83.4	169.1	87.0	145.0	288.7	11,832.9
Oct	53.0	4,123.2	13.8	7.9	15.5	179.3	82.7	22.2	53.3	27.0	34.6	114.5	4,727.1
Nov	302.3	1,446.2	36.8	9.1	20.5	187.5	75.6	27.1	52.1	33.5	58.2	93.3	2,342.1
Dec	407.5	4,456.5	11.4	4.5	20.0	69.1	104.3	15.5	53.6	34.1	31.1	90.7	5,298.3
Q4	762.8	10,025.9	61.9	21.4	55.9	435.9	262.6	64.8	159.0	94.6	124.0	298.5	12,367.4
Total_2015	3,789.9	52,730.4	288.8	90.6	242.3	2,021.5	1,173.0	306.0	593.7	371.8	700.7	1,175.5	63,484.3
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7,014.3
Feb	448.5	5,453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	166.0	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6,438.6
Mar	323.8	5,456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	217.6	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6,432.4
Q1	1,208.6	17,003.1	147.8	16.0	46.4	555.3	263.4	66.9	144.1	60.5	119.8	253.5	19,885.3
Apr	264.7	7,251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	179.2	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8,075.8
May	265.7	7,950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.1	8,812.4
Jun	302.8	7,539.0	56.6	7.8	24.2	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.9	8,500.8
Q2	833.1	22,740.6	105.0	17.9	55.7	585.5	293.8	74.7	129.7	69.8	171.0	312.2	25,389.0
Jul	171.0	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5,120.3
Aug	181.5	4,547.6	30.4	6.9	16.7	170.1	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.6	5,315.7
Sep	183.2	7,660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	178.9	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.3	8,474.8
Q3	535.7	16,580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	524.1	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.5	281.9	18,910.7
Oct	51.9	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	136.6	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.6	3,659.6
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.8	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7,334.4
Dec	0.6	4,764.8	23.4	4.4	11.8	54.3	61.5	17.0	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.5	5,157.5
Q4	53.7	14,456.5	82.2	15.6	78.7	401.1	266.8	81.6	237.8	85.7	94.7	297.2	16,151.5
Total_2016	2,631.1	70,780.7	424.4	68.3	243.1	2,066.0	1,147.8	302.1	719.0	280.2	529.0	1,144.8	80,336.5
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.4	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	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	9.7	117.6	34.3	20.0	35.8	11.6	24.5	50.2	4,153.5
Q1	2.4	16,084.1	72.0	9.7	35.3	509.1	84.0	51.3	180.1	41.9	284.1	153.5	17,507.4
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	103.4	15.5	56.8	13.7	32.5	187.3	3,701.0
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.5	13.8	134.4	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	20.5	72.4	4,747.5
Q3	14.3	11,400.2	120.8	8.8	41.4	388.0	330.3	63.4	200.1	46.0	76.0	511.1	13,200.3
Oct	4.6	3,417.1	16.0	3.0	14.4	159.5	91.7	19.9	47.6	17.5	26.2	263.2	4,080.7
Nov	3.2	5,620.7	41.1	2.7	18.5	195.1	126.8	22.3	51.4	17.4	20.9	220.0	6,340.1
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.1	8.9	92.4	58.4	10.5	58.1	15.5	36.4	69.8	5,005.7
Q4	9.2	13,653.7	93.2	7.8	41.8	447.0	276.9	52.8	157.2	50.4	83.5	553.0	15,426.5
Total_2017	40.9	54,383.7	372.2	36.3	154.5	1,752.1	885.9	222.7	640.8	178.2	571.2	1,827.0	61,065.5
2015	6.0	83.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.9	100.0
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
Nov_2017	0.1	88.7	0.6	0.0	0.3	3.1	2.0	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	3.5	100.0
Dec_2017	0.0	92.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.8	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0

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

Flow Type Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2015	200.4	0.3	0.0	584.7	69.8	855.2	21.7	19.5	0.0	4,639.2	180.0	4,860.4
Feb	649.9	0.4	0.0	2,315.6	104.0	3,069.9	0.8	17.5	0.0	3,647.6	565.6	4,231.5
Mar	285.5	0.4	0.2	2,328.7	78.7	2,693.5	0.0	30.4	0.3	6,908.0	446.5	7,385.2
Q1	1,135.8	1.0	0.2	5,229.0	252.6	6,618.6	22.5	67.3	0.3	15,194.8	1,192.1	16,477.1
Apr	437.0	0.2	0.0	1,419.4	44.5	1,901.2	0.0	20.1	0.0	2,385.3	317.4	2,722.8
May	240.3	0.4	0.0	2,281.6	97.3	2,619.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	7,001.3	498.4	7,530.6
Jun	263.0	1,203.8	0.1	1,838.8	93.9	3,399.6	0.0	125.9	0.0	5,796.5	442.6	6,365.0
Q2	940.3	1,204.4	0.1	5,539.8	235.8	7,920.4	0.0	176.9	0.0	15,183.1	1,258.5	16,618.5
Jul	661.0	0.0	0.0	292.9	146.6	1,100.6	49.0	18.9	0.0	3,271.9	347.4	3,687.1
Aug	245.9	0.4	0.2	2,007.4	20.0	2,273.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	1,946.0	412.0	2,362.2
Sep	616.5	0.0	0.1	1,969.6	52.2	2,638.5	0.0	15.5	0.0	3,181.0	363.1	3,559.6
Q3	1,523.4	0.4	0.3	4,269.9	218.8	6,012.9	49.0	38.6	0.0	8,398.9	1,122.4	9,608.9
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,034.5	64.0	1,098.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	3,781.2	311.0	4,123.2
Nov	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,159.6	67.2	1,226.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	1,172.2	266.6	1,446.2
Dec	0.0	0.6	0.1	2,324.2	29.7	2,354.5	83.6	5.0	0.0	4,074.4	293.4	4,456.5
Q4	0.0	0.6	0.1	4,518.2	160.9	4,679.9	83.6	43.4	0.0	9,027.8	871.1	10,025.9
Total_2015	3,599.5	1,206.5	0.7	19,557.0	868.1	25,231.7	155.2	326.2	0.3	47,804.6	4,444.0	52,730.4
Jan_2016	134.1	0.3	0.0	790.8	30.6	955.8	0.0	29.8	0.0	5,951.7	110.8	6,092.3
Feb	653.3	0.4	0.0	1,675.7	100.7	2,430.1	0.1	29.8	0.1	5,226.9	197.0	5,453.9
Mar	237.9	0.3	0.0	1,984.0	37.1	2,259.2	0.0	27.4	0.0	5,166.3	263.2	5,456.9
Q1	1,025.3	0.9	0.0	4,450.5	168.5	5,645.1	0.1	87.0	0.1	16,344.9	571.0	17,003.1
Apr	299.7	0.2	0.0	2,001.1	22.1	2,323.0	25.0	27.2	0.0	6,774.4	424.5	7,251.1
May	362.7	0.0	0.0	239.0	36.7	638.4	0.0	23.7	0.0	7,644.1	282.6	7,950.4
Jun	296.2	0.2	0.0	1,187.6	58.7	1,542.8	27.5	34.4	0.0	7,089.8	387.3	7,539.0
Q2	958.6	0.5	0.0	3,427.7	117.5	4,504.2	52.5	85.3	0.0	21,508.3	1,094.4	22,740.6
Jul	0.0	2.5	0.0	1,352.2	25.0	1,379.7	0.0	15.9	0.0	3,965.8	391.2	4,373.0
Aug	0.0	1.3	0.0	1,105.8	9.9	1,117.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	4,065.0	476.2	4,547.6
Sep	537.3	0.0	0.0	604.8	13.7	1,155.9	4.6	29.3	0.0	7,128.1	498.0	7,660.0
Q3	537.4	3.9	0.0	3,062.8	48.6	3,652.6	4.6	51.5	0.0	15,158.9	1,365.5	16,580.6
Oct	325.5	0.2	0.0	1,543.4	37.8	1,906.9	0.0	19.0	0.0	2,603.6	341.6	2,964.2
Nov	385.4	0.2	0.0	1,085.2	73.9	1,544.8	0.0	29.5	0.0	6,193.0	505.1	6,727.5
Dec	285.2	3.7	0.0	1,343.2	19.3	1,651.4	30.9	10.3	0.0	4,206.3	517.2	4,764.8
Q4	996.1	4.1	0.0	3,971.9	131.0	5,103.0	30.9	58.8	0.0	13,002.9	1,364.0	14,456.5
Total_2016	3,517.2	9.3	0.0	14,912.8	465.6	18,905.0	88.1	282.6	0.1	66,015.0	4,394.9	70,780.7
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1,348.2	78.4	1,727.2	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,227.3	567.3	3,811.3
Q1	834.4	4.5	0.0	2,358.1	123.1	3,320.0	10.5	57.6	0.0	15,002.9	1,013.1	16,084.1
Apr	654.5	0.1	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,079.1	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,131.2	395.8	3,556.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	16.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.4	4,711.8
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	26.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	4,977.8
Q2	1,628.8	0.2	0.0	1,339.3	506.3	3,474.7	20.4	71.4	0.0	11,929.9	1,224.1	13,245.7
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	10.4	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,056.6
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,119.4
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1,395.2	103.4	1,500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3,718.4	492.1	4,224.2
Q3	645.8	1.5	0.0	1,981.6	385.9	3,014.8	0.0	25.6	0.0	9,705.4	1,669.2	11,400.2
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	1,089.3	81.8	1,738.3	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,243.6	475.3	4,034.6	0.0	19.3	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,653.7
Total_2017	4,423.9	6.9	0.0	7,922.6	1,490.6	13,844.1	30.9	173.9	0.0	48,597.0	5,581.9	54,383.7

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 – December 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner\HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	348.8	470.5	606.2	663.7	57.0	393.7	173.2	41.4	106.7	259.2	120.6	133.3	3,374.2
Namibia	0.1	552.9	4.3	23.9	0.0	1.9	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.8	585.2
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1
SACU	348.9	1,023.4	611.0	687.7	57.0	395.6	173.4	42.0	107.5	259.8	120.6	134.8	3,961.6
Zimbabwe	0.1	0.0	11.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	1.7	0.1	0.1	14.7	4.2	0.7	33.8
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	21.1
Zambia	0.1	0.0	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	17.4
Malawi	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.6
SADC	349.1	1,023.4	635.5	706.0	57.2	396.8	179.8	42.7	107.6	277.2	124.9	137.3	4,037.5
Morocco	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Other Africa	0.1	0.5	0.0	42.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	43.0
Africa	349.3	1,023.8	635.5	748.1	57.2	398.4	179.8	42.7	107.7	277.2	125.0	137.4	4,081.9
India	39.2	47.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	7.9	5.3	0.0	0.1	1.8	0.8	1.7	104.7
China	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	29.3	7.9	0.0	5.3	13.5	2.3	8.5	75.7
Singapore	0.2	3.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	7.5
Japan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	33.0	0.0	0.0	36.7
Russian federation	1.0	25.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.9
Israel	0.0	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.5
Hong Kong	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	12.8	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	14.8
UAE	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	6.6	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	9.5
Korea	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	4.8
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	4.7
Turkey	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
Thailand	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.3
Malaysia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.9
Taiwan	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.3
Other Asia	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
Asia	50.1	95.0	3.2	3.4	2.8	66.1	14.0	0.0	7.8	54.4	3.7	12.9	313.3
Belgium	1.6	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	52.0
Germany	21.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	14.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	8.4	46.0
UK	1.4	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.2	27.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	3.5	0.6	7.1	44.1
France	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	37.0
Netherlands	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	11.1
Romania	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9
Poland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3
Austria	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.8
Sweden	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.7
Ireland	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
Italy	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.9
Cyprus	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Czech Republic	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.7
Spain	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.6
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0
Other EU	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.2
EU	29.5	50.0	3.3	0.0	0.2	105.2	3.1	0.0	0.7	5.1	1.9	17.7	216.7
Canada	0.0	567.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	567.7
USA	3.1	2.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	14.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	3.6	0.3	2.9	27.5
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	2.1
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Others	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	8.6
Total	432.1	1,738.3	649.2	751.4	60.4	586.6	197.4	42.7	116.6	341.4	130.9	171.2	5,218.2

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	10.3	13.9	18.0	19.7	1.7	11.7	5.1	1.2	3.2	7.7	3.6	4.0	100.0
Namibia	0.0	94.5	0.7	4.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	43.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.9	0.0	47.3	0.0	4.9	0.3	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.8	0.0	0.0	71.2	100.0
SACU	8.8	25.8	15.4	17.4	1.4	10.0	4.4	1.1	2.7	6.6	3.0	3.4	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.3	0.0	32.4	0.0	0.4	3.3	4.9	0.4	0.2	43.4	12.6	2.1	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	12.8	0.0	0.1	100.0
Zambia	0.8	0.0	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	27.1	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	6.9	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	96.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	8.0	87.0	100.0
SADC	8.6	25.3	15.7	17.5	1.4	9.8	4.5	1.1	2.7	6.9	3.1	3.4	100.0
Morocco	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.2	1.1	0.0	97.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Africa	8.6	25.1	15.6	18.3	1.4	9.8	4.4	1.0	2.6	6.8	3.1	3.4	100.0
India	37.4	45.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	7.5	5.1	0.0	0.1	1.7	0.7	1.6	100.0
China	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	38.7	10.4	0.0	7.0	17.9	3.1	11.2	100.0
Singapore	3.1	43.7	21.7	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.5	27.8	0.1	0.2	100.0
Japan	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	2.5	89.9	0.0	0.1	100.0
Russian federation	3.7	96.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Israel	0.3	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	86.1	3.0	0.0	2.1	0.1	0.3	7.3	100.0
UAE	9.5	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	68.9	3.2	0.0	4.1	1.2	0.1	4.0	100.0
Korea	16.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.8	69.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.1	7.9	100.0
Pakistan	0.2	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	64.6	0.0	0.1	100.0
Turkey	0.1	0.0	21.7	71.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	1.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Thailand	25.5	0.0	22.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	24.2	0.0	0.0	28.1	100.0
Malaysia	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	20.1	26.7	0.8	100.0
Taiwan	24.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	2.0	0.0	2.6	22.7	4.6	2.8	100.0
Other Asia	39.9	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.1	22.9	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.4	0.5	29.9	100.0
Asia	16.0	30.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	21.1	4.5	0.0	2.5	17.3	1.2	4.1	100.0
Belgium	3.1	96.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Germany	45.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	31.3	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.5	18.2	100.0
UK	3.1	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.4	62.6	3.1	0.0	0.6	7.9	1.3	16.0	100.0
France	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	97.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.1	100.0
Netherlands	10.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	77.4	1.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	10.4	100.0
Romania	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Poland	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	94.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
Austria	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.5	100.0
Sweden	0.2	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	81.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	13.4	0.0	0.5	100.0
Ireland	2.9	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	87.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Italy	30.0	0.0	17.1	0.0	0.1	20.6	4.6	0.0	14.5	0.0	0.0	13.0	100.0
Cyprus	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Czech Republic	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.9	0.8	100.0
Spain	3.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	79.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	0.0	0.4	100.0
Hungary	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.3	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	54.0	0.1	100.0
Other EU	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.4	0.0	100.0
EU	13.6	23.1	1.5	0.0	0.1	48.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	2.4	0.9	8.2	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	11.3	8.2	0.8	0.0	0.4	51.7	1.7	0.0	1.4	13.2	1.0	10.4	100.0
Switzerland	3.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	48.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.2	0.0	9.7	100.0
Australia	0.9	0.0	34.2	0.0	0.0	33.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	11.1	1.1	18.4	100.0
Others	0.1	0.0	80.6	0.0	2.1	13.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.1	100.0
Total	8.3	33.3	12.4	14.4	1.2	11.2	3.8	0.8	2.2	6.5	2.5	3.3	100.0

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

Partner/HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.0	4.2	0.0	1.5	6.7	66.3	20.8	8.7	44.1	13.8	16.1	34.0	216.2
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	7.8	4.0	20.3
SACU	0.0	4.2	0.0	1.5	6.8	74.4	20.9	8.9	44.1	13.8	23.9	38.0	236.5
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.4	0.0	0.9	2.9	0.9	6.8	24.0	40.1
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	5.4	0.0	0.7	10.2	0.3	3.9	3.8	25.8
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.9
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.5
Seychelles	1.5	0.0	0.0	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	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.0
SADC	1.5	4.2	0.0	1.5	8.4	85.2	21.2	10.5	58.1	15.5	35.9	66.3	308.4
Burkina Faso	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.5
Africa	1.5	4.2	0.0	1.5	8.4	85.9	21.2	10.5	58.1	15.5	36.4	68.7	311.9
India	0.0	1,321.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,321.7
UAE	0.0	822.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	823.3
Israel	0.0	436.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	436.5
Hong Kong	0.0	410.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	411.0
Viet Nam	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9
Korea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7
Sri Lanka	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7
Asia	0.0	3,010.2	0.0	0.6	0.5	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3,017.5
Belgium	0.0	1,402.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,402.8
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	25.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	26.4
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
EU	0.0	1,402.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	37.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1,441.2
Switzerland	0.0	76.5	36.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	112.6
USA	0.0	96.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	96.8
Canada	0.0	25.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.4
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.1	8.9	92.4	58.4	10.5	58.1	15.5	36.4	69.8	5,005.7

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

Partner\HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.7	3.1	30.7	9.6	4.0	20.4	6.4	7.4	15.7	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	40.0	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.1	38.4	19.8	100.0
SACU	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.6	2.9	31.5	8.8	3.8	18.7	5.8	10.1	16.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.0	0.0	2.2	7.4	2.3	16.9	60.0	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	20.7	0.0	2.9	39.4	1.2	15.1	14.7	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	22.0	22.7	4.2	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.7	0.0	46.9	0.0	30.4	0.0	100.0
Seychelles	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	17.4	0.0	42.8	38.6	100.0
SADC	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.5	2.7	27.6	6.9	3.4	18.9	5.0	11.6	21.5	100.0
Burkina Faso	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	44.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.8	21.7	100.0
Africa	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.5	2.7	27.5	6.8	3.4	18.6	5.0	11.7	22.0	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	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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
Korea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Sri Lanka	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	9.3	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	96.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	100.0
Netherlands	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
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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	29.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.1	100.0
EU	0.0	97.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	68.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Canada	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	100.0
Total	0.0	92.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.8	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0

6.0 TECHNICAL NOTES

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

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

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

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

6.1 Time of Recording of Trade

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

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

6.2 Concepts and Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

6.3 Treatment of Diamonds from Aggregation Process

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

6.3.1 Sorting out Diamonds imports

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

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

6.3.2 Sorting out Diamonds exports

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

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

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

6.4 Exclusions from IMTS

• Goods in Transit

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

• Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched

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

- **Monetary Gold**

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

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

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

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