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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 January 2017. Data is complete up to December 2016. From January 2017 onwards, Customs & Excise has achieved 100 percent automation of commercial border posts and as such no manual data is expected. The only transactions captured manually are for personal effects, contributing less than one percent of 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. 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.

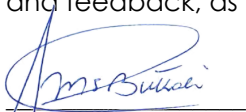
The current Monthly Digest follows the same format as the previous ones, presenting summaries of Total Merchandise Trade from January 2014 to January 2017 as presented in **Table 1**. Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports. **Table 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 January 2017. **Tables 3.1B** and **3.2B** give direction of trade for Principal Commodity groups by individual countries and region as a percentage of total trade for imports and exports respectively during the month under review. **Table B** displays trade by mode of transport for both imports and exports.

Five graphical presentations appear in this digest. **Chart 1.1** shows imports, total exports and trade balance from January 2014 to January 2017. **Charts 2.1** and **2.2** show Principal Commodity groups for imports and exports respectively, for January 2017 only. **Charts 3.1** and **3.2** show imports and total 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 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 October to December 2016. Imports for November 2016 increased slightly by 0.1 percent (P5.2 million) from P5, 840.4 as at December 2016 digest to P5, 845.6 million during January 2017 release. December 2016 import value also increased by 0.5 percent (P28.1 million) from P5, 175.6 million as at the release of December 2016 digest to P5, 203.7 million as at the release of January 2017 digest.

Total Exports for October 2016 recorded a slight increase of 0.2 percent (P7.0 million) from P3, 651.6 million as at the release of December 2016 digest to P3, 658.6 million during the current release. December 2016 export value also increased by 0.1 percent (P4.2 million) from P5, 151.6 million as at the release of December 2016 digest to P5, 155.8 million during the release of January 2017 digest.

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

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

	As at December 2016 Digest			As at January 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
Oct_16	6,219.6	3,651.6	(2,568.0)	6,220.0	3,658.6	(2,561.4)	0.4	7.0	6.6	0.0	0.2	(0.3)
Nov_16	5,840.4	7,333.5	1,493.0	5,845.6	7,334.1	1,488.5	5.2	0.7	(4.5)	0.1	0.0	(0.3)
Dec_16	5,175.6	5,151.6	(24.0)	5,203.7	5,155.8	(47.9)	28.1	4.2	(23.8)	0.5	0.1	99.3

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1.2 Imports

Discussions on imports are based on cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value and associated figures are presented on **Table 1** and **Table 2.1**. January 2017 total imports were valued at P3, 202.0 million, showing a decrease of 38.5 percent (P2, 001.7 million) from the revised December 2016 value of P5, 203.7 million. The decrease is mainly influenced by Diamonds with a decrease of 53.3 percent (P879.6 million) from P1, 651.4 million in December 2016 to P771.8 million in January 2017. Other commodity groups that contributed significantly towards the decrease were Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a decrease of 28.0 percent (P202.7 million) from P725.1 million to P522.4 million and Fuel with a decrease of 30.1 percent (P186.6 million) from P620.8 million to P434.1 million during the period under consideration.

Comparison of import figures for January 2017 and January 2016 shows a decrease of 19.3 percent (P765.3 million), from P3, 967.3 million recorded during January 2016 to P3, 202.0 million recorded during the reference month. The decrease was mainly due to the 19.3 percent (P184.1 million) decrease in the import value of Diamonds, from P955.8 million during January 2016 to P771.8 million in January 2017.

1.3 Total Exports

January 2017, total exports were valued at P6, 373.6 million, showing an increase of 23.6 percent (P1, 217.8 million) from the December 2016 revised value of P5, 155.8 million. This increase is mainly due to a rise of 24.3 percent (P1, 159.5 million) in Diamond exports, from P4, 764.8 million in December 2016 to P5, 924.3 million in January 2017 (**Table 2.2**).

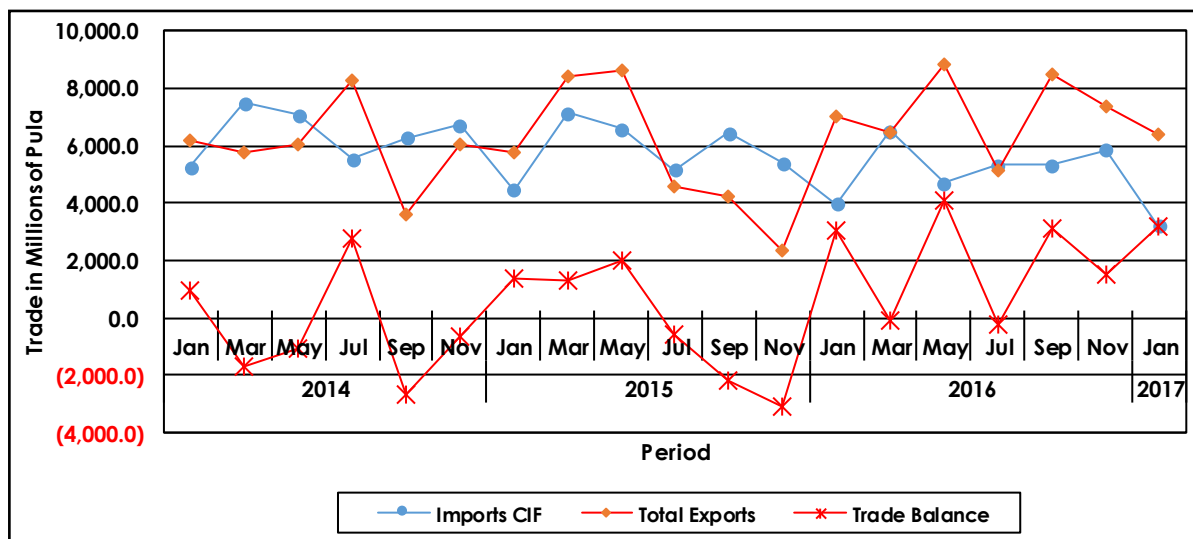
The total exports value for the period under review, compared to that of January 2016 shows a decrease of 9.1 percent (P640.7 million) from P7, 014.3 million recorded during January 2016 to P6, 373.6 million recorded during January 2017. The decrease is mainly attributed to the fall in exports of Copper & Nickel, which

dropped by 99.7 percent (P435.2 million) from P436.3 million in January 2016 to P1.1 million during the period under review (**Table 2.2**). The decline in Copper & Nickel is due to the closure of BCL Copper mine and Tati Nickel mine in October 2016. Copper & Nickel group includes products of the two minerals and the P1.1 million is the value for Copper waste & Scrap.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade Surplus of P3, 171.6 million in January 2017. This was influenced by the increase of 24.3 percent (P1, 159.5 million) in exports of diamonds while imports of the same commodity declined by 53.3 percent (P879.6 million) during the month under review.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2014 to January 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.

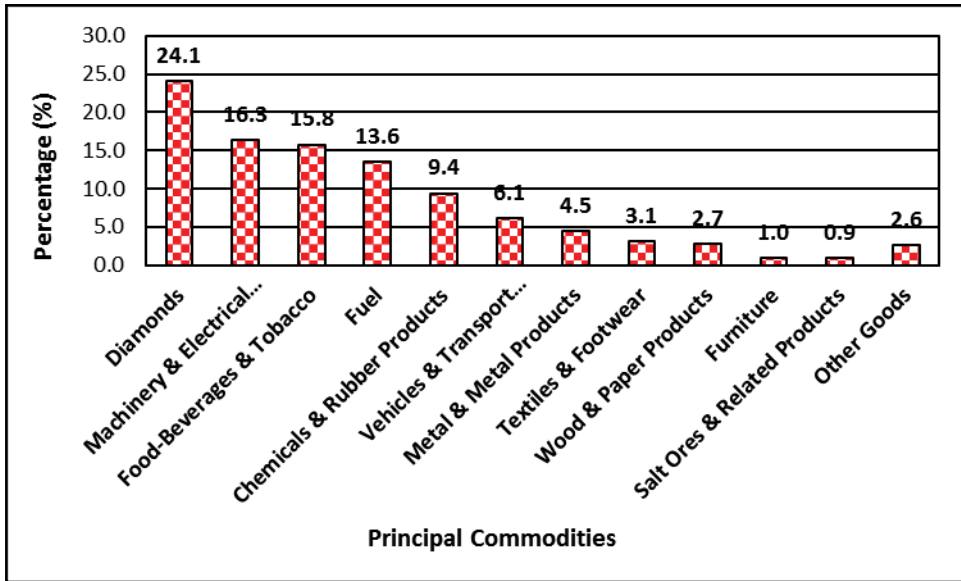
In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups’ contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called “*Other*”.

2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear on **Table 2.1**, covering January 2014 to January 2017. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals of 2015, 2016 as well as for December 2016 and January 2017. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity groups for January 2017.

Composition of imports by principal commodities for January 2017 shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P3, 202.0 million), with 24.1 percent (P771.8 million), followed by *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* with 16.3 percent (P522.4 million). *Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel* contributed 15.8 percent (P505.6 million) and 13.6 percent (P434.1 million) respectively. *Chemicals & Rubber Products* and *Vehicles & Transport Equipment* contributed 9.4 percent (P300.8 million) and 6.1 percent (P194.2 million) respectively to total imports during the month under review. Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during January 2017 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – January 2017



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

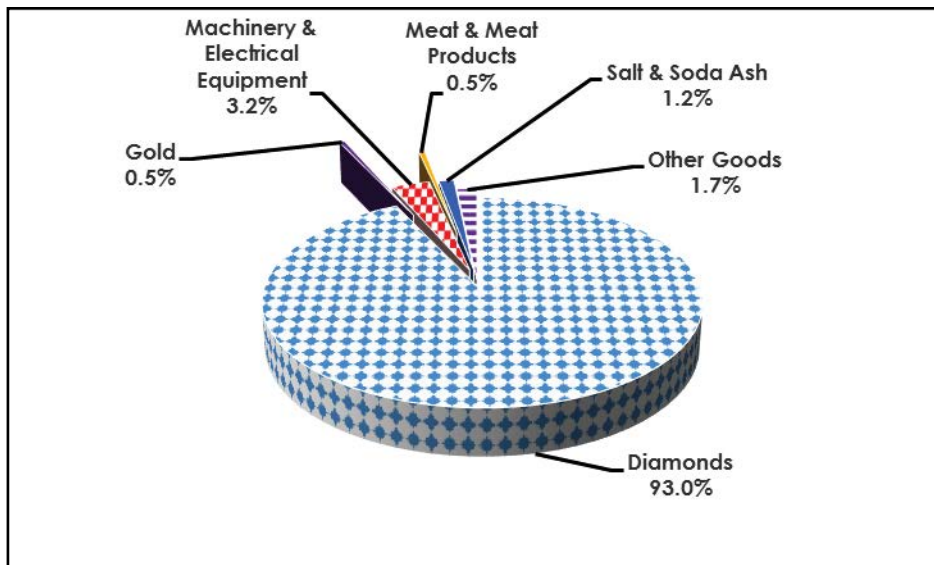
2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for January 2017 were valued at P6, 373.6 million, with 93.0 percent (P5, 924.3 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds.

Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash contributed 3.2 percent (P202.3 million) and 1.2 percent (P79.5 million) respectively, to total exports during the month under review. Machinery & Electrical Equipment groups consists mainly, of re-exports.

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed on **Table 2.2**, while **Chart 2.2** gives graphical presentation for January 2017.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition– January 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, region and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during January 2017 appear on **Table 3.1A** & **Table 3.2A** respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) display percentage distributions of major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups 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 January 2017 were valued at P3, 202.0 million. Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 64.8 percent (P2, 073.9 million) of total imports (**Table 3.1A**). South Africa was the main source of imports within the Union, with a contribution of 64.5 percent (P2, 064.2 million) to total imports during January 2017 as shown in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

The major commodities imported from South Africa were; “Food, Beverages & Tobacco” and “Fuel” with contributions of 22.9 percent (P472.9 million), 19.0 percent (P391.9 million) to total imports from that country. “Machinery & Electrical Equipment” and “Chemical & Rubber Products” also contributed significantly to total imports from South Africa with 17.3 percent (P357.0 million) and 13.2 percent (P272.1 million) respectively (**Table 3.1 B**).

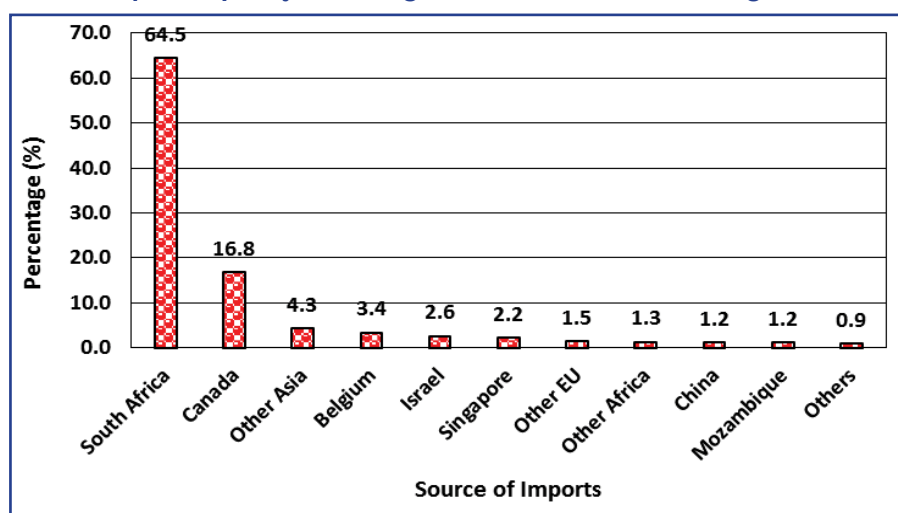
The other region that supplied significant imports during January 2017 was Asia, having contributed imports valued at P331.8 million, representing 10.4 percent of total imports during the month. Israel, Singapore and China were the most contributors to imports sourced from Asia, with 2.6 percent (P83.9 million), 2.2 percent (P71.5 million) and 1.2 percent (P39.6 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review (refer to **Table 3.1A**).

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P157.5 million, accounting for 4.9 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main supplier of imports from this region was Belgium with 3.4 percent (P109.0 million) of total imports during January 2017 (**Tables 3.1A** and **B**). The main commodity imported from Belgium was Diamonds, at 98.5 percent (P107.4 million) of total goods sourced from the country (Refer to **Table 3.1B**).

Imports from Canada were valued at P538.4 million, representing 16.8 percent of total imports during January 2017, comprising mainly, of “Unsorted Diamonds”, with a contribution of 100.0 percent (P538.2 million) of total imports from the country.

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

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions - January 2017



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 P2, 774.3 million, representing 43.5 percent of total exports (P6, 373.6 million) during January 2017. Exports destined to India and the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) accounted for 19.7 percent (P1, 258.4 million) and 12.2 percent (P778.0 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Israel, Singapore and Hong Kong respectively received 5.7 percent (P365.2 million), 2.7 percent (P169.7 million) and 2.6 percent (P166.5 million), of total exports during the period under review.

Table 3.2B shows that the major commodity exported to the UAE, Israel and Thailand at 100.0 percent each, was Diamonds at values P778.0 million, P365.2 million and P20.9 million respectively. The same commodity accounted for 99.9 percent (P1, 256.8 million) of all exports to India, 99.8 percent (P166.2 million) of all exports to Hong Kong, 98.3 percent (P15.1 million) of all exports to Japan and 95.1 percent (P161.4 million) of all exports to Singapore during the January 2017.

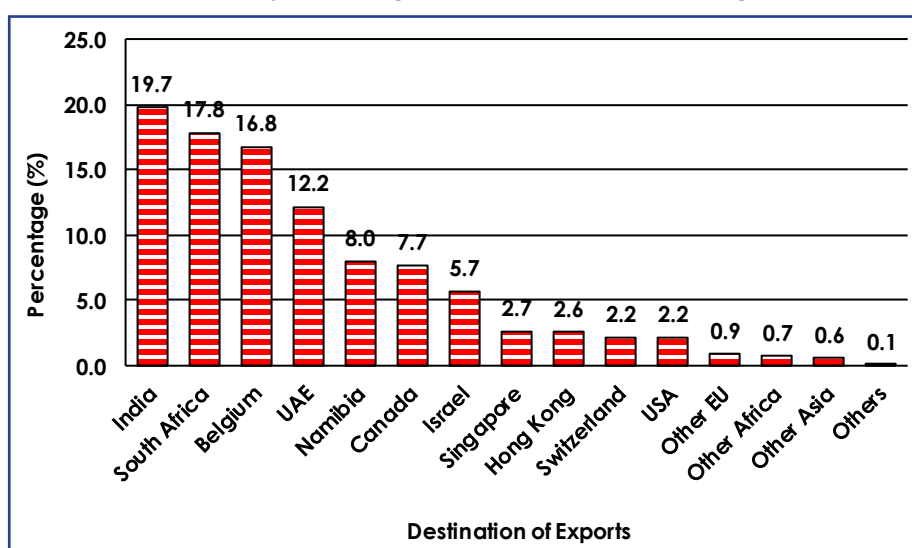
Exports destined to the **EU** were valued at P1, 126.1 million, representing 17.7 percent of total exports during the period under review. Belgium was the main destination of exports to the EU, having received 16.8 percent (P1, 067.8 million) of total exports during the month (**Table 3.2A**). The major commodity exported to Belgium was "Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruited" accounting for 100.0 percent (P1, 067.5 million) of all exports destined to that country (**Table 3.2B**).

Table 3.2A also shows that exports destined to the SACU region constituted 25.9 percent (P1, 648.4 million) of total exports during January 2017 (P6, 373.6 million). Exports destined to South Africa were valued at P1, 136.8 million, representing 17.8 percent of total exports, followed by Namibia with a value of P511.5 million representing 8.0 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 bruited" accounting for 74.4 percent (P845.8 million) and 98.5 percent (P503.8 million) respectively, of total exports to those countries (refer to **Table 3.2B**).

Some of the top export destinations during January 2017 were Canada having received 7.7 percent (P491.5 million) followed by Switzerland and the United States of America (USA) each having received 2.2 percent of total exports during the period, at values P141.2 million and P140.9 million respectively (**Table 3.2A**).

Other destinations for exports can be observed on **Table 3.2A** and **B**. **Chart 3.2** gives the graphical presentation of exports by major trading partner countries for January 2017.

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



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The main modes of transport for Botswana international merchandise trade are Road, Air and Rail. The mode of transport here refers to the means of transporting goods in and out of Botswana. Statistics relating to mode of transport is presented in **Table B**. During January 2017, Road transport accounted for more than two thirds of goods imported into Botswana in value terms. Imports valued at P2, 283.0 million, representing 71.3 percent of total imports during the month under review, reached Botswana borders by road. Air and Rail accounted for 24.7 percent (P789.7 million) and 3.9 percent (P125.9 million) respectively

Botswana Exports mainly use Air as a means of transport when considering the value of exported commodities. The value of exports is highly dependent on diamonds, which are transported by air. During the same period, Air Transport accounted for 94.9 percent (P6, 050.1 million) of total exports out of Botswana. Road transport accounted for 5.0 percent (P320.4 million) of total exports during the month under review.

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

Period	Jan _ 17			
	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	125.9	3.9	3.1	0.0
Road Transport	2,283.0	71.3	320.4	5.0
Air Transport	789.7	24.7	6,050.1	94.9
Others	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total	3,202.0	100.0	6,373.6	100.0

Note: Others: Other modes of transport not specified in the Table

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2014 to January 2017 (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	5,648.9	121.2	5,770.0	(1,711.2)
Q1	18,146.5	17,469.0	674.2	3.2	16,778.0	401.8	17,179.8	(966.6)
Apr	5,611.8	5,387.1	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	210.7	0.9	7,918.0	226.2	8,144.1	2,302.8
Q2	18,532.6	17,862.9	666.5	3.2	20,551.3	491.8	21,043.1	2,510.5
Jul	5,547.5	5,313.3	232.2	1.9	8,158.3	124.7	8,283.0	2,735.5
Aug	6,100.2	5,864.9	234.3	0.9	7,829.6	124.5	7,954.1	1,853.9
Sep	6,260.9	6,028.2	231.5	1.3	3,434.5	175.8	3,610.3	(2,650.7)
Q3	17,908.6	17,206.5	698.0	4.1	19,422.4	424.9	19,847.3	1,938.7
Oct	6,708.1	6,455.1	251.5	1.5	6,418.7	130.5	6,549.2	(158.9)
Nov	6,703.9	6,454.9	248.1	1.0	5,785.9	247.7	6,033.6	(670.3)
Dec	4,427.2	4,176.9	249.4	0.9	5,353.8	254.5	5,608.3	1,181.1
Q4	17,839.2	17,086.9	749.0	3.4	17,558.5	632.6	18,191.1	351.9
Total_2014	72,426.9	69,625.3	2,787.7	13.9	74,310.1	1,951.1	76,261.3	3,834.4
Jan_2015	4,440.2	4,225.9	213.1	1.2	4,256.4	1,525.9	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	7,119.6	6,860.2	258.5	1.0	8,147.4	261.2	8,408.6	1,288.9
Q1	18,268.2	17,577.1	688.2	2.9	17,503.6	1,982.8	19,486.3	1,218.1
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,059.1	726.8	3,785.9	(1,794.1)
May	6,563.8	6,327.6	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.4
Jun	7,607.3	7,344.2	261.7	1.4	7,154.9	272.7	7,427.5	(179.8)
Q2	19,751.1	19,027.7	720.6	2.8	18,643.3	1,154.3	19,797.6	46.5
Jul	5,164.9	4,917.7	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	73,191.7	70,281.0	2,898.8	11.9	58,861.8	4,622.5	63,484.3	(9,707.4)
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	4,713.1	4,474.2	238.0	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,099.3
Jun	5,880.4	5,635.0	243.4	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.4
Q2	17,194.3	16,463.8	726.1	4.4	24,657.9	731.0	25,389.0	8,194.6
Jul	5,330.2	5,107.5	221.1	1.7	4,880.5	238.4	5,118.9	(211.3)
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	18,239.4	669.9	18,909.3	2,891.1
Oct	6,220.0	5,966.6	252.4	1.0	3,370.8	287.8	3,658.6	(2,561.4)
Nov	5,845.6	5,595.5	248.8	1.2	7,125.6	208.5	7,334.1	1,488.5
Dec	5,203.7	4,954.5	216.1	33.0	4,965.7	190.1	5,155.8	(47.9)
Q4	17,269.3	16,516.7	717.4	35.2	15,462.1	686.4	16,148.5	(1,120.8)
Total_2016	66,862.1	63,995.7	2,820.8	45.6	77,815.3	2,516.9	80,332.1	13,470.1
Jan_2017	3,202.0	3,093.1	108.0	0.9	6,176.8	196.8	6,373.6	3,171.6

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2014 to January 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_2014	454.2	1,922.2	503.5	724.7	30.0	610.9	180.2	44.6	105.5	452.0	92.2	144.9	5,264.8
Feb	528.7	1,807.5	514.6	748.7	46.2	721.9	211.2	43.7	132.1	390.4	119.3	136.3	5,400.5
Mar	423.2	3,739.5	489.2	1,045.4	48.5	613.7	212.8	43.8	158.0	471.5	109.5	126.1	7,481.2
Q1	1,406.0	7,469.1	1,507.4	2,518.8	124.7	1,946.4	604.1	132.0	395.6	1,313.9	321.1	407.4	18,146.5
Apr	420.9	1,796.8	476.4	1,183.2	39.6	611.3	206.4	47.5	198.0	403.7	99.4	128.4	5,611.8
May	460.1	3,196.8	502.1	822.6	47.8	613.3	225.6	57.8	174.0	653.9	124.3	201.2	7,079.5
Jun	435.7	2,389.1	439.2	795.7	58.3	580.6	240.4	58.7	132.5	471.3	108.0	131.9	5,841.3
Q2	1,316.8	7,382.7	1,417.6	2,801.6	145.7	1,805.2	672.4	164.1	504.5	1,528.9	331.7	461.5	18,532.6
Jul	471.3	1,543.9	558.4	1,067.8	59.3	703.0	194.9	52.8	184.4	424.1	138.0	149.6	5,547.5
Aug	508.2	2,229.6	532.3	756.4	55.9	694.7	267.9	67.2	168.8	532.7	143.6	142.7	6,100.2
Sep	518.2	2,186.8	540.9	885.5	58.3	783.7	276.6	61.0	204.5	445.4	141.2	158.8	6,260.9
Q3	1,497.6	5,960.3	1,631.6	2,709.7	173.5	2,181.5	739.5	181.0	557.7	1,402.2	422.8	451.2	17,908.6
Oct	548.8	2,394.8	619.2	810.9	84.3	867.1	298.2	48.4	229.8	478.3	149.8	178.6	6,708.1
Nov	588.3	2,421.8	587.8	942.6	71.9	734.7	277.1	64.2	204.0	482.3	147.8	181.4	6,703.9
Dec	513.1	350.7	523.5	1,111.5	61.2	720.7	211.0	54.1	155.2	432.4	125.4	168.3	4,427.2
Q4	1,650.2	5,167.2	1,730.5	2,865.0	217.3	2,322.5	786.3	166.8	589.0	1,392.9	423.0	528.4	17,839.2
Total_2014	5,870.6	25,979.3	6,287.1	10,895.1	661.3	8,255.5	2,802.3	643.9	2,046.8	5,638.0	1,498.6	1,848.4	72,426.9
Jan_2015	447.2	855.2	600.7	728.9	41.8	602.9	171.1	51.4	117.7	351.6	110.0	361.7	4,440.2
Feb	485.3	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	48.1	153.8	346.4	115.4	421.1	6,708.4
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	55.6	206.9	530.5	130.5	172.1	7,119.6
Q1	1,410.9	6,618.6	1,625.3	2,581.3	162.2	1,993.9	703.2	155.0	478.5	1,228.5	355.9	954.9	18,268.2
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	57.6	214.4	476.5	112.3	220.3	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.5	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	45.2	166.1	470.0	112.6	327.3	6,563.8
Jun	622.2	3,399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.7	64.3	133.8	384.7	116.4	304.6	7,607.3
Q2	1,695.4	7,920.3	1,564.5	2,107.8	162.9	2,359.5	734.5	167.2	514.3	1,331.3	341.2	852.3	19,751.1
Jul	501.8	1,100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	58.8	163.8	455.2	126.2	163.1	5,164.9
Aug	538.2	2,273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	825.3	226.2	50.9	180.6	461.1	130.7	172.2	6,505.4
Sep	617.8	2,638.5	573.3	600.6	57.9	788.5	213.3	42.1	185.4	415.7	130.9	162.7	6,426.7
Q3	1,657.8	6,012.9	1,762.7	2,331.9	178.5	2,525.3	728.7	151.8	529.9	1,332.0	387.7	497.9	18,097.0
Oct	537.6	1,098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	822.0	241.6	58.7	216.8	388.5	133.0	180.2	5,265.7
Nov	580.5	1,226.7	688.0	628.8	65.1	754.2	260.5	33.9	268.5	534.0	132.7	230.1	5,402.9
Dec	503.9	2,354.5	715.8	617.0	51.0	754.8	239.0	50.2	165.5	510.1	125.1	319.6	6,406.8
Q4	1,622.0	4,679.9	2,070.2	2,095.7	188.6	2,331.0	741.1	142.7	650.8	1,432.6	390.9	729.9	17,075.4
Total_2015	6,386.2	25,231.6	7,022.7	9,116.7	692.1	9,209.7	2,907.5	616.7	2,173.5	5,324.3	1,475.6	3,035.0	73,191.7

Table 2.1 Cont'd: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2014 to January 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_2016	343.8	955.8	516.7	542.3	29.1	566.2	203.3	44.4	102.0	311.2	111.4	241.1	3,967.3
Feb	468.7	2,430.1	584.4	549.5	47.8	664.0	253.5	44.8	156.2	341.9	108.1	265.1	5,914.1
Mar	466.6	2,259.2	580.7	1,002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	44.6	178.6	421.4	116.3	369.0	6,498.9
Q1	1,279.1	5,645.1	1,681.9	2,094.4	127.2	1,947.1	749.4	133.8	436.8	1,074.5	335.8	875.2	16,380.3
Apr	770.9	2,323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.4	292.7	43.3	181.8	502.8	145.4	293.2	6,600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	50.7	156.8	343.5	124.9	264.3	4,713.1
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	50.9	139.2	404.3	140.5	251.1	5,880.4
Q2	1,805.2	4,504.2	1,698.4	2,776.3	191.9	2,359.2	766.1	144.9	477.8	1,250.6	410.8	808.7	17,194.3
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	46.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	204.0	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	61.1	207.7	496.2	140.5	343.1	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	61.6	191.0	642.7	136.4	233.7	5,330.6
Q3	1,830.3	3,652.6	1,928.3	1,905.1	184.8	2,336.7	762.8	168.8	555.3	1,516.7	396.0	780.8	16,018.2
Oct	623.6	1,906.9	725.0	631.5	79.3	895.3	279.3	54.0	198.8	436.7	158.5	231.1	6,220.0
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.1	620.3	74.7	922.7	280.6	56.4	222.6	399.5	150.9	209.7	5,845.6
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.5	620.8	57.5	725.1	206.3	47.9	148.6	354.3	137.5	153.0	5,203.7
Q4	1,644.7	5,103.0	2,168.6	1,872.6	211.5	2,543.1	766.2	158.3	570.0	1,190.4	446.9	593.8	17,269.3
Total_2016	6,559.3	18,905.0	7,477.2	8,648.4	715.5	9,186.1	3,044.7	605.8	2,040.0	5,032.2	1,589.4	3,058.6	66,862.1
Jan_2017	300.8	771.8	505.6	434.1	30.8	522.4	144.5	28.1	99.4	194.2	87.1	83.2	3,202.0
% Distribution													
2015	8.7	34.5	9.6	12.5	0.9	12.6	4.0	0.8	3.0	7.3	2.0	4.1	100.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	0.9	3.1	7.5	2.4	4.6	100.0
Dec_2016	8.9	31.7	12.2	11.9	1.1	13.9	4.0	0.9	2.9	6.8	2.6	2.9	100.0
Jan_2017	9.4	24.1	15.8	13.6	1.0	16.3	4.5	0.9	3.1	6.1	2.7	2.6	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to January 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_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	70.5	30.1	19.6	48.9	23.7	50.1	101.7	5,770.0
Q1	906.0	15,041.6	108.1	15.9	110.7	198.3	100.4	56.9	136.8	82.5	153.0	269.6	17,179.8
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	21,043.1
Jul	133.3	7,486.4	41.0	8.7	24.1	137.2	135.3	26.5	47.2	38.6	42.4	162.2	8,283.0
Aug	250.7	7,132.4	34.3	5.9	32.9	106.9	105.5	27.6	43.6	45.3	39.9	129.1	7,954.1
Sep	569.2	2,347.9	28.7	9.0	33.8	200.8	139.7	31.7	51.4	25.6	47.3	125.0	3,610.3
Q3	953.2	16,966.6	104.1	23.5	90.9	444.9	380.5	85.9	142.1	109.5	129.7	416.3	19,847.3
Oct	585.0	5,299.9	21.0	11.6	26.4	203.6	125.2	29.0	57.5	35.8	49.7	104.7	6,549.2
Nov	458.9	4,974.1	24.5	4.5	22.4	176.0	105.2	34.5	59.6	30.6	29.4	113.9	6,033.6
Dec	357.2	4,779.7	26.9	6.3	21.0	80.6	80.5	20.7	53.7	27.7	42.0	112.0	5,608.3
Q4	1,401.0	15,053.8	72.3	22.4	69.7	460.1	310.9	84.1	170.8	94.0	121.1	330.6	18,191.1
Total_2014	4,391.7	65,328.2	393.8	85.7	363.2	1,459.3	1,049.4	290.8	595.3	376.0	600.1	1,327.8	76,261.3
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

Table 2.2 Cont'd: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to January 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_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	169.6	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5,118.9
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	534.3	16,580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	524.1	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.5	281.9	18,909.3
Oct	51.9	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	135.8	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.4	3,658.6
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.5	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7,334.1
Dec	0.6	4,764.8	23.4	4.2	11.7	54.2	60.7	16.9	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.3	5,155.8
Q4	53.7	14,456.5	82.2	15.1	78.6	401.0	265.2	81.5	237.8	85.7	94.7	296.7	16,148.5
Total 2016	2,629.6	70,780.7	424.4	67.7	243.0	2,065.9	1,146.2	302.0	719.0	280.2	529.0		80,332.1
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.5	7.6	202.3	31.8	8.1	79.5	12.5	13.4	60.5	6,373.6
% Distribution													
2015	6.0	83.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.9	100.0
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
Dec_2016	0.0	92.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.5	0.5	1.9	100.0
Jan_2017	0.0	93.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	3.2	0.5	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2014 to January 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	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	6,374.0	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	2,281.5	97.3	2,619.5	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	19,556.9	868.1	25,231.6	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	196.9	36.7	771.8	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3

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: Total Imports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – January 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	272.1	0.0	472.9	391.9	25.3	357.0	116.5	27.3	94.0	164.0	72.3	70.9	2,064.2
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.8	4.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.9
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9
SACU	272.1	0.0	476.6	396.0	25.3	357.2	116.5	28.0	94.8	164.1	72.4	71.0	2,073.9
Mozambique	0.1	0.0	0.1	37.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	37.8
Zimbabwe	0.3	0.0	7.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.5	12.7
Zambia	0.2	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	11.8
Malawi	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
SADC	272.7	0.0	495.3	433.6	25.3	358.4	118.7	28.1	94.9	164.3	76.5	72.0	2,139.8
Kenya	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Sierra leone	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7
Africa	274.8	1.1	495.3	433.6	25.3	358.7	118.7	28.1	95.3	164.3	76.5	72.4	2,144.1
Belgium	1.0	107.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	109.0
UK	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.1	7.1	0.7	21.5
Germany	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	4.9
Poland	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6
Denmark	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.0
Netherlands	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.4
Italy	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	1.9
Ireland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Other EU	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	3.8
EU	8.4	107.4	4.8	0.0	0.1	22.1	1.9	0.0	0.4	1.7	7.4	3.3	157.5
Israel	0.0	83.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	83.9
Singapore	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	71.5
China	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	11.6	17.2	0.0	2.6	0.3	0.1	3.7	39.6
Korea	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.8	28.3
Hong Kong	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	22.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	24.3
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.2	0.0	0.1	23.3
Russian federation	0.0	16.1	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
India	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	4.7	0.0	0.2	2.0	0.6	0.7	19.8
UAE	0.3	7.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	12.0
Malaysia	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.3
Taiwan	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	3.1
Other Asia	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.0
Asia	16.3	111.5	5.5	0.5	4.3	132.4	23.4	0.0	3.2	26.5	1.6	6.5	331.8
Canada	0.0	538.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	538.4
USA	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.5
Others	1.3	13.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	8.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.4	1.8	28.7
Total	300.8	771.8	505.6	434.1	30.8	522.4	144.5	28.1	99.4	194.2	85.9	84.4	3,202.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country or Region Level - January 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	13.2	0.0	22.9	19.0	1.2	17.3	5.6	1.3	4.6	7.9	3.5	3.4	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	14.1	69.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	12.1	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.5	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	89.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	100.0
SACU	13.1	0.0	23.0	19.1	1.2	17.2	5.6	1.4	4.6	7.9	3.5	3.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.1	0.0	0.3	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	2.7	0.0	57.4	1.4	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.8	3.6	100.0
Zambia	1.5	0.0	70.2	0.0	0.0	6.3	17.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	3.8	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Other SADC	5.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	75.8	7.5	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	6.0	100.0
SADC	12.7	0.0	23.1	20.3	1.2	16.7	5.5	1.3	4.4	7.7	3.6	3.4	100.0
Kenya	79.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
Sierra leone	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.5	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.2	57.0	100.0
Africa	12.8	0.1	23.1	20.2	1.2	16.7	5.5	1.3	4.4	7.7	3.6	3.4	100.0
Belgium	0.9	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
UK	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	55.3	1.8	0.0	0.6	5.0	33.2	3.4	100.0
Germany	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	45.5	29.9	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.4	12.7	100.0
Poland	0.0	0.0	96.7	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Denmark	90.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Netherlands	25.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.1	5.3	100.0
Italy	80.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.6	100.0
France	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	12.1	0.0	49.8	100.0
Ireland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Other EU	5.3	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	66.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.1	5.1	10.9	100.0
EU	5.3	68.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	14.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	1.1	4.7	2.1	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Singapore	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	29.3	43.4	0.0	6.6	0.8	0.3	9.2	100.0
Korea	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	4.4	0.2	2.9	100.0
Hong Kong	0.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	94.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	2.9	100.0
Japan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.8	0.0	0.2	100.0
Russian federation	0.0	74.6	25.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	44.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2	23.7	0.1	0.9	10.1	3.0	3.5	100.0
UAE	2.2	60.9	0.0	4.5	0.0	25.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	4.3	2.0	100.0
Malaysia	51.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	37.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.5	0.1	100.0
Taiwan	29.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.2	7.7	0.0	0.1	22.1	0.1	1.8	100.0
Other Asia	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	0.1	0.0	6.2	40.4	4.0	13.5	100.0
Asia	4.9	33.6	1.7	0.2	1.3	39.9	7.0	0.0	1.0	8.0	0.5	2.0	100.0
Canada	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	3.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	21.9	7.8	0.0	12.1	25.2	4.3	24.2	100.0
Others	4.6	47.1	0.0	0.0	3.8	30.3	1.1	0.0	1.1	4.4	1.4	6.2	100.0
Total	9.4	24.1	15.8	13.6	1.0	16.3	4.5	0.9	3.1	6.1	2.7	2.6	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – January 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	1.1	845.8	0.0	2.0	6.6	145.3	10.2	6.8	67.3	12.3	4.8	34.5	1,136.8
Namibia	0.0	503.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.0	511.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SACU	1.1	1,349.6	0.0	2.0	6.7	148.3	10.2	6.8	67.3	12.3	7.7	36.5	1,648.4
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.6	7.6	0.0	2.4	9.8	22.3
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	5.7	0.0	0.3	3.9	0.2	2.4	3.4	16.2
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.1
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.2
SADC	1.1	1,349.6	0.0	2.0	7.6	156.2	11.6	8.1	79.5	12.5	12.7	50.5	1,691.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
Africa	1.1	1,349.6	0.0	2.0	7.6	156.2	11.6	8.1	79.5	12.5	12.7	53.0	1,693.9
Belgium	0.0	1,067.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1,067.8
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	36.4
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	6.6
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
Cyprus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.2
EU	0.0	1,067.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.9	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	1,126.1
India	0.0	1,256.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1,258.4
UAE	0.0	778.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	778.0
Israel	0.0	365.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	365.2
Singapore	0.0	161.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.7
Hong Kong	0.0	166.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	166.5
Thailand	0.0	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.9
Japan	0.0	15.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	15.3
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Asia	0.0	2,763.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2,774.3
Canada	0.0	491.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	491.5
Switzerland	0.0	110.8	30.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	141.2
USA	0.0	140.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	140.9
Others	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.6	5.7
Total	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.5	7.6	202.3	31.8	8.1	79.5	12.5	13.4	60.5	6,373.6

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country or Region Level - January 2017

Partner\HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.1	74.4	0.0	0.2	0.6	12.8	0.9	0.6	5.9	1.1	0.4	3.0	100.0
Namibia	0.0	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	43.1	0.0	11.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	28.5	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	40.0	100.0
SACU	0.1	81.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	9.0	0.6	0.4	4.1	0.7	0.5	2.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	2.9	34.1	0.0	10.6	43.7	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	35.3	0.1	1.6	23.9	1.2	14.9	20.9	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	33.5	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.3	18.5	0.0	0.0	15.2	0.0	0.0	15.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	31.5	45.8	0.0	22.0	0.3	100.0
SADC	0.1	79.8	0.0	0.1	0.4	9.2	0.7	0.5	4.7	0.7	0.8	3.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	98.9	100.0
Africa	0.1	79.7	0.0	0.1	0.4	9.2	0.7	0.5	4.7	0.7	0.8	3.1	100.0
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	85.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	96.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Italy	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
Cyprus	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	2.8	52.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.6	0.0	100.0
EU	0.0	94.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
India	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
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	95.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Thailand	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Japan	0.0	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Canada	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	78.5	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
USA	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Others	0.0	17.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	80.3	100.0
Total	0.0	93.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	3.2	0.5	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	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.