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Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS**) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during November 2018 and follows the combined September and October 2018 digest released in December 2018.

In November 2018, total imports were valued at P7, 387.0 million while total exports were valued at P3, 433.4 million, resulting in a trade deficit of P3, 953.6 million. Total imports for November rose by 1.2 percent compared to the revised October 2018 value of P7, 298.6 million. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 36.7 percent, followed by Fuel; Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 11.4 percent, 11.2 percent and 11.1 percent respectively. Diamonds constituted 82.4 percent of total exports during the period under review.

Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports into Botswana during November 2018. Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest contributor to Botswana total imports, having contributed 60.1 percent during the period. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco dominated imports from South Africa by contributing 17.7 percent and 17.3 percent respectively. Other commodities from South Africa that contributed significantly were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds at 13.1 percent, 11.3 percent and 11.0 percent respectively.

During November 2018, total exports fell by 44.7 percent compared to the October 2018 revised value of P6, 213.4 million. The major contributor to the decline in exports value was the Diamond group, which recorded a decrease of P2, 648.6 million (48.4 percent) from the revised value of P5, 477.8 million during October 2018 to P2, 829.2 million during November of the same year. The major destinations at regional level for Botswana exports were Asia, SACU and the European Union (**EU**) with a share of 54.8 percent, 19.5 percent and 17.7 percent respectively, during the period under review.

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1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total Merchandise trade as presented in this section refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on November 2018, which is also referred to as the reference period, month under review or the current month throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

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

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

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

It has been observed that transactions for August 2018 to October 2018 had late assessments which were finalised during November 2018, hence the need to show data revision for the affected months.

We have noted that October 2018 exports show a revision of P2, 896.8 million which represents 87.3 percent. This revision is mainly associated with diamonds exports, which were revised from P2, 631.9 million at the time of compilation of the combined September and October 2018 digest to P5, 477.8 million during November 2018, a revision of more than 100 percent (P2, 845.9 million).

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

	As at September & October 2018 Digest			As at November 2018 Digest			Difference			Differences as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Aug_18	5,025.3	3,863.9	(1,161.4)	5,070.4	3,863.9	(1,206.5)	45.1	0.0	(45.1)	0.9	0.0	3.9
Sep_18	5,376.8	6,053.7	676.9	5,377.3	6,056.6	679.3	0.6	2.9	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Oct_18	7,268.5	3,316.7	(3,951.8)	7,298.6	6,213.4	(1,085.2)	30.1	2,896.8	2,866.7	0.4	87.3	(72.5)

() 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 November 2018, total imports were valued at P7, 387.0 million showing an increase of 1.2 percent (P88.4 million) from the revised October 2018 value of P7, 298.6 million. This increase was mainly attributed to the rise in imports of Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Metal & Metal Products. Food, Beverages & Tobacco increased by 8.4 percent (P63.2 million) from P756.6 million to P819.9 million and Metal & Metal Products increased by 22.8 percent (P62.2 million) from P272.3 million to P334.6 million during the period under review.

Imports value for November 2018, compared to the same month in 2017 shows an increase of 20.0 percent (P1, 231.5 million), from P6, 155.5 million recorded during November 2017 to P7, 387.0 million recorded during November 2018. This was mainly attributed to the increase of 36.0 percent (P716.9 million) in the value of diamonds imports, from P1, 992.4 million during November 2017 to P2, 709.3 million in November 2018. Vehicles & Transport Equipment also contributed significantly to the increase in total imports, after recording an increase of P115.5 million, representing a 27.8 percent rise from P414.8 million during November 2017 to P530.3 million in the current period.

1.3 Total Exports

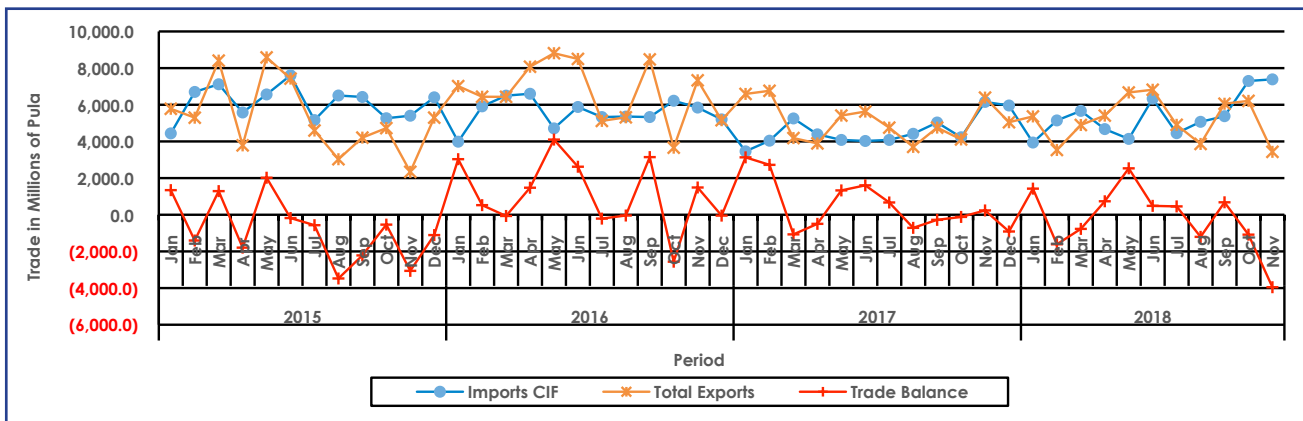
During November 2018, total exports were valued at P3, 433.4 million, giving a drop of 44.7 percent (P2, 780.0 million) from the revised October 2018 value of P6, 213.4 million. The decrease was mainly due to Diamonds, having recorded a fall of 48.4 percent (P2, 648.6 million) from P5, 477.8 million in October 2018 to P2, 829.2 million during the current period (**Table 2.2**).

Comparison of total exports value for November 2018 and November 2017 shows a decrease of 46.3 percent (P2, 957.5 million) from P6, 391.0 million to P3, 433.4 million. The decline was mainly due to the decrease in Diamonds exports, having recorded a fall of 50.8 percent (P2, 917.9 million) from P5, 747.1 million in November 2017 to P2, 829.2 million in November 2018 (**Table 2.2**).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P3, 953.6 million during November 2018 (**Table 1**).

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to November 2018 (Million Pula)



2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS

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

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

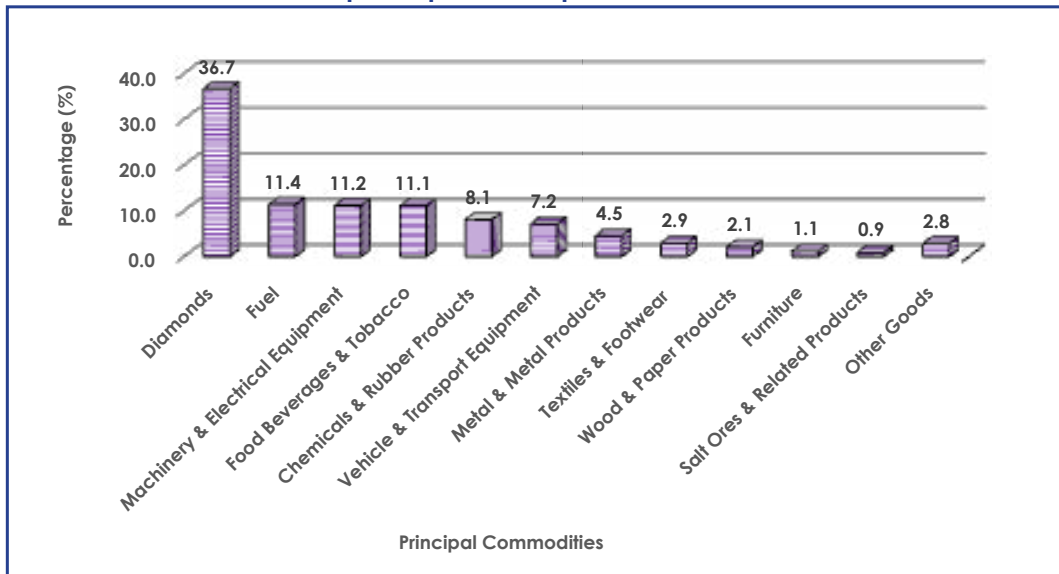
2.1 Principal Imports

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

During November 2018, composition of imports by principal commodity groups shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P7, 387.0 million), with 36.7 percent (P2, 709.3 million), followed by Fuel; Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 11.4 percent (P842.8 million), 11.2 percent (P823.9 million) and 11.1 percent (P819.9 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during November 2018 can be viewed in **Table 2.1** and on **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – November 2018



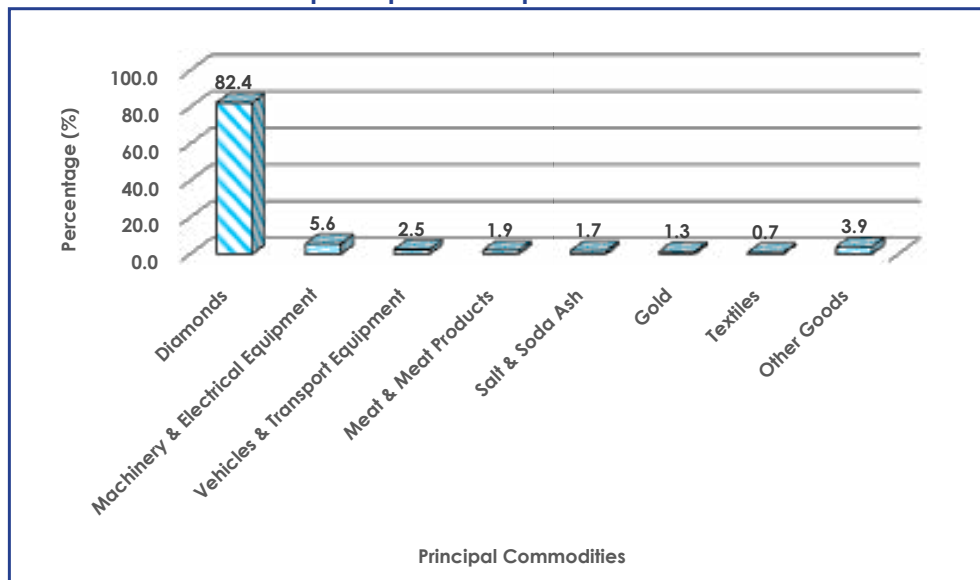
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for November 2018, were valued at P3, 433.4 million, with 82.4 percent (P2, 829.2 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with 5.6 percent (P191.0 million) and 2.5 percent (P84.3 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed in **Table 2.2**, while **Chart 2.2** gives graphical presentation for November 2018.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – November 2018



3.0 DIRECTION OF TRADE

Direction of trade gives imports by source while exports are presented by last known destination. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during November 2018 appear in **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 by source at both regional and partner country level as displayed on **Chart 3.1** and tables **3.1A** & **B**.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 68.8 percent (P5, 081.2 million) of total imports during November 2018. Within the **SACU** region South Africa was the largest source of imports with a contribution of 60.1 percent (P4, 441.1 million), followed by Namibia with 8.3 percent (P611.7 million) of total imports during the month under review.

Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco were the major commodities imported from South Africa with contributions of 17.7 percent (P784.9 million) and 17.3 percent (P769.9 million) respectively, of total imports from that country (**Table 3.1 B**) during the month under review. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds followed with contributions of 13.1 percent (P581.0 million), 11.3 percent (P502.9 million) and 11.0 percent (P488.4 million) respectively, to total imports from South Africa during the current period.

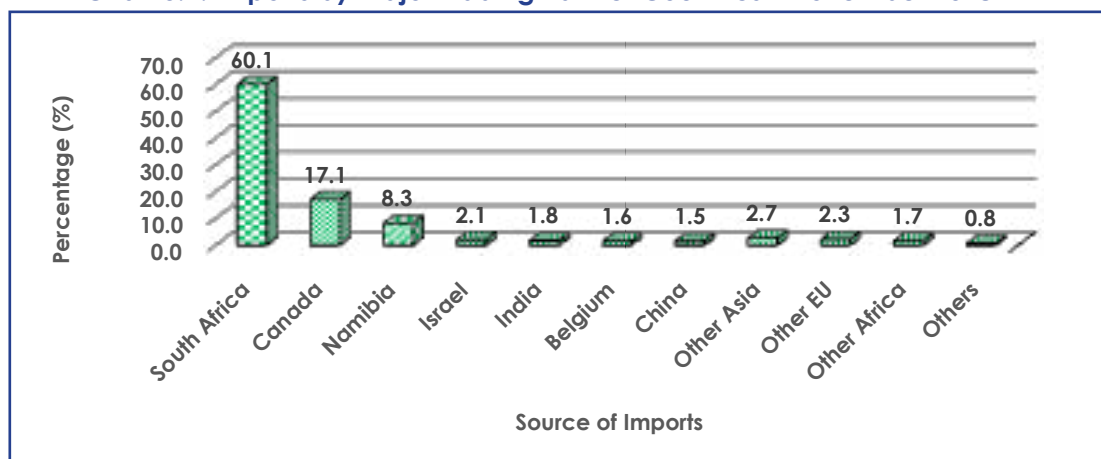
Asia was the second largest source of imports, having provided goods valued at P596.1 million, representing 8.1 percent of total imports during the same month. Israel, India and China were the main sources of imports from Asia, having contributed 2.1 percent (P155.6 million), 1.8 percent (P130.8 million) and 1.5 percent (P112.5 million) respectively, of total imports during the month.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P289.9 million, accounting for 3.9 percent of total imports during November 2018. Belgium was the main source of imports from the **EU** having supplied 1.6 percent (P119.2 million) of total imports during November 2018.

Imports from Canada were valued at P1, 261.7 million, representing 17.1 percent of total imports during the current period, comprising mainly of "Unsorted Diamonds", with a contribution of 98.7 percent (P1, 245.2 million) to total imports from the country.

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

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



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Discussions under this sub-section are based on **Chart 3.2** and tables **3.2 A** & **3.2 B**.

During November 2018, Asia was the major destination for Botswana exports having received 54.8 percent (P1, 882.6 million) of total exports (P3, 433.4 million). Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and Israel received 16.2 percent (P554.9 million), 10.5 percent (P359.9 million) and 10.1 percent (P345.8 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Hong Kong, India and Japan followed with 9.2 percent (P315.2 million), 6.8 percent (P233.1 million) and 1.5 percent (P50.8 million) respectively. The major commodity group exported to Asia during the current period was the Diamonds group, at 99.7 percent (P1, 877.3 million) of all goods destined to the regional block.

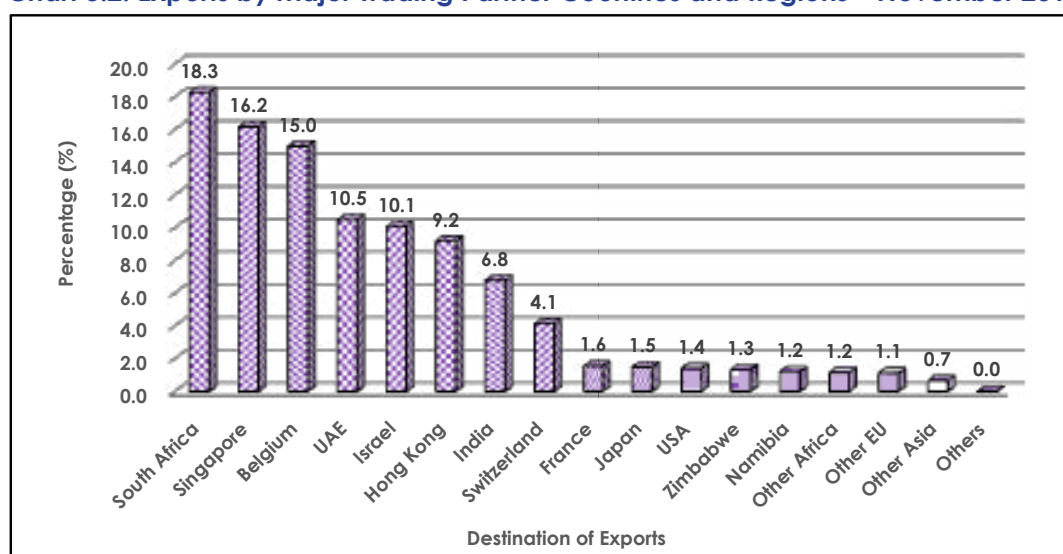
Exports destined to the **EU** region were valued at P606.7 million, representing 17.7 percent of total exports during November 2018. Among the European countries, Belgium and France were the main destinations for exports, having received 15.0 percent (P514.7 million) and 1.6 percent (P53.4 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Exports to Belgium consisted mainly of Diamonds, at 99.9 percent (P514.4 million) of total exports to that country. Exports to France were attributed to re-exports of Vehicles & Transport Equipment, at 99.7 percent (P53.2 million) of total exports to that country.

The **SACU** region received exports valued at P668.8 million, representing 19.5 percent of total exports during November 2018. South Africa was the main destination for exports to the **SACU** region, having received exports accounting to 18.3 percent (P627.2 million) of total exports during the month under review. Namibia received 1.2 percent (P41.5 million) worth of exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to South Africa during the current period, at 46.6 percent (P292.3 million) of total exports to the country. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & transport equipment contributed significantly to total exports to Namibia during the current month, having made contributions of 26.6 percent (P11.0 million) and 20.7 percent (P8.6 million) respectively to total exports to that country.

Switzerland and the **USA** received 4.1 percent (P142.0 million) and 1.4 percent (P48.1 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Exports to Switzerland consisted mainly of Diamonds at 68.5 percent (P97.3 million) and Gold at 31.0 percent (P44.0 million) of total exports destined to that country during the month under review. Exports to the **USA** were mainly Diamonds at 99.6 percent (P47.9 million) of total exports to that country.

Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables **3.2 A** and **3.2 B**. **Chart 3.2** gives the graphical presentation of exports by major destinations for November 2018.

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



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

During November 2018, slightly above half of total imports, 51.9 percent (P3, 830.2 million), were transported by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 37.5 percent (P2, 772.3 million) and 10.6 percent (P782.5 million) respectively.

Botswana exports mainly use Air as means of transport. This is because the value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by Air. Air Transport accounted for more than three quarters of total exports, 87.2 percent (P2, 993.2 million) during November 2018. Road transport accounted for 12.2 percent (P419.1 million) of total exports during the month under review (**Table B**).

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Trans Type	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	782.5	10.6	20.0	0.6
Road Transport	3,830.2	51.9	419.1	12.2
Air Transport	2,772.3	37.5	2,993.2	87.2
Others	2.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
Total	7,387.0	100.0	3,433.4	100.0

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

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2016 to November 2018 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2016	3,985.9	3,789.9	195.2	0.8	6,899.7	118.0	7,017.7	3,031.8
Feb	5,914.6	5,698.7	215.3	0.7	6,289.0	149.5	6,438.6	523.9
Mar	6,498.9	6,237.7	260.2	0.9	6,270.4	162.0	6,432.4	(66.4)
Q1	16,399.4	15,726.3	670.7	2.4	19,459.1	429.5	19,888.7	3,489.3
Apr	6,600.9	6,354.5	244.8	1.6	7,854.2	221.6	8,075.8	1,474.9
May	4,711.7	4,472.8	238.1	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,100.7
Jun	5,880.3	5,634.9	243.3	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.5
Q2	17,192.9	16,462.2	726.2	4.4	24,657.9	731.0	25,389.0	8,196.1
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	248.9	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	66,882.2	64,014.2	2,822.3	45.6	77,822.9	2,516.9	80,339.8	13,457.7
Jan_2017	3,459.3	3,296.1	161.7	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,131.9
Feb	4,040.8	3,867.2	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,762.9	2,722.1
Mar	5,254.5	5,031.0	220.8	2.6	4,066.2	117.4	4,183.6	(1,070.9)
Q1	12,754.6	12,194.4	555.1	5.0	17,206.3	331.3	17,537.7	4,783.1
Apr	4,387.4	4,233.7	152.5	1.3	3,891.5	0.1	3,891.6	(495.8)
May	4,082.5	3,921.2	160.0	1.3	5,409.9	0.5	5,410.4	1,328.0
Jun	4,025.2	3,868.5	155.5	1.1	5,629.3	0.2	5,629.5	1,604.3
Q2	12,495.1	12,023.4	468.0	3.7	14,930.8	0.7	14,931.5	2,436.4
Jul	4,082.2	3,909.3	171.9	1.1	4,751.7	0.4	4,752.1	669.8
Aug	4,417.1	4,238.9	177.3	1.0	3,700.9	1.9	3,702.7	(714.4)
Sep	5,032.4	4,835.9	195.6	1.0	4,752.6	1.8	4,754.4	(278.0)
Q3	13,531.8	12,984.0	544.7	3.0	13,205.2	4.0	13,209.2	(322.6)
Oct	4,227.1	4,018.4	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(118.1)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,960.8	5,747.4	212.0	1.5	5,044.3	3.2	5,047.5	(913.4)
Q4	16,343.5	15,691.6	647.8	4.1	15,534.5	13.0	15,547.5	(795.9)
Total 2017	55,124.9	52,893.4	2,215.6	15.9	60,876.8	349.1	61,225.9	6,101.0
Jan_2018	3,939.4	3,755.1	183.4	0.9	5,363.7	0.1	5,363.8	1,424.4
Feb	5,145.9	4,952.2	192.5	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,611.1)
Mar	5,667.9	5,460.1	206.6	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(771.5)
Q1	14,753.2	14,167.5	582.4	3.3	13,790.7	4.3	13,795.0	(958.2)
Apr	4,673.5	4,491.8	180.8	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	735.2
May	4,138.6	3,932.4	205.2	1.0	6,662.8	8.2	6,671.1	2,532.4
Jun	6,334.1	6,133.1	200.1	0.8	6,819.5	0.0	6,819.6	485.5
Q2	15,146.2	14,557.3	586.2	2.8	18,889.6	9.8	18,899.4	3,753.2
Jul	4,450.2	4,258.3	190.9	1.0	4,904.4	1.5	4,905.9	455.6
Aug	5,070.4	4,844.8	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,206.5)
Sep	5,377.3	5,155.1	220.6	1.6	6,056.2	0.5	6,056.6	679.3
Q3	14,898.0	14,258.2	636.1	3.6	14,824.3	2.1	14,826.4	(71.5)
Oct	7,298.6	7,052.7	244.5	1.4	6,211.2	2.3	6,213.4	(1,085.2)
Nov	7,387.0	7,129.4	255.4	2.2	3,432.7	0.7	3,433.4	(3,953.6)

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2016 to November 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2016	345.9	955.8	518.3	545.6	29.1	569.4	204.4	162.0	94.5	313.5	112.1	135.3	3,985.9
Feb	468.7	2,430.1	584.4	549.8	47.8	664.0	253.8	168.6	145.1	341.9	108.1	152.5	5,914.6
Mar	466.6	2,259.2	580.7	1,002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	156.6	169.0	421.4	116.3	266.5	6,498.9
Q1	1,281.2	5,645.1	1,683.5	2,098.0	127.2	1,950.3	750.7	487.2	408.6	1,076.8	336.5	554.3	16,399.4
Apr	770.9	2,323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.5	292.7	205.8	172.3	502.8	145.4	140.3	6,600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	153.5	147.0	343.9	124.9	169.6	4,711.7
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	132.1	404.3	140.5	167.9	5,880.3
Q2	1,805.2	4,504.2	1,698.4	2,776.3	191.9	2,359.2	766.1	500.5	451.4	1,251.0	410.8	477.7	17,192.9
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	149.8	377.7	119.1	184.8	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	196.3	496.2	140.5	284.0	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	181.6	642.7	136.4	177.7	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	527.7	1,516.7	396.0	646.5	16,018.2
Oct	623.7	1,906.9	725.6	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	191.1	436.8	158.5	206.1	6,220.4
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.7	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	213.7	399.7	151.6	218.0	5,847.5
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.7	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	143.2	354.3	137.5	158.2	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	548.1	1,190.8	447.6	582.2	17,271.7
Total_2016	6,561.6	18,905.0	7,480.0	8,652.2	715.5	9,189.6	3,046.0	1,509.6	1,935.8	5,035.3	1,590.8	2,260.8	66,882.2
Jan_2017	322.9	707.2	543.1	677.4	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	97.1	211.1	97.5	95.4	3,459.3
Feb	399.1	885.6	552.4	563.0	56.1	602.6	238.3	46.8	152.6	277.2	115.7	151.5	4,040.8
Mar	332.3	1,727.2	579.2	808.6	48.2	708.8	167.9	33.0	176.6	413.2	102.2	157.1	5,254.5
Q1	1,054.4	3,320.0	1,674.7	2,049.0	138.1	1,800.9	561.7	108.6	426.2	901.5	315.4	403.9	12,754.6
Apr	322.7	1,590.5	465.9	592.9	41.4	529.0	171.4	42.0	105.2	318.3	89.3	118.9	4,387.4
May	423.3	1,139.3	528.2	559.6	53.3	487.1	189.1	40.6	132.7	285.0	104.2	140.0	4,082.5
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	515.9	527.2	48.1	465.6	185.3	37.4	85.0	275.4	97.7	180.7	4,025.2
Q2	1,096.6	3,986.1	1,510.1	1,679.7	142.9	1,481.7	545.8	119.9	322.9	878.7	291.2	439.6	12,495.1
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.3	571.3	50.7	554.7	220.6	49.4	130.2	290.6	112.7	178.2	4,082.2
Aug	1,081.5	514.1	573.4	627.4	65.2	594.3	209.3	43.5	152.4	267.1	131.4	157.5	4,417.1
Sep	489.9	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	134.1	389.9	125.1	171.5	5,032.4
Q3	1,964.3	3,014.8	1,706.8	1,788.2	168.0	1,865.3	645.4	138.3	416.8	947.6	369.3	507.2	13,531.8
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	186.0	4,227.1
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.8	160.7	207.5	6,155.5
Dec	483.0	1,738.9	693.0	1,185.1	67.5	665.7	218.6	43.2	128.2	403.3	138.7	195.3	5,960.8
Q4	1,562.4	4,035.2	2,061.1	2,581.7	202.4	2,101.2	725.4	135.1	479.9	1,435.3	434.9	588.9	16,343.5
Total_2017	5,677.6	14,356.1	6,952.7	8,098.6	651.3	7,249.0	2,478.2	502.0	1,645.7	4,163.1	1,410.8	1,939.6	55,124.9
Jan_2018	396.2	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.2	293.5	110.6	148.7	3,939.4
Feb	424.7	1,597.8	619.8	606.1	60.0	681.2	215.7	34.1	127.8	473.5	123.1	182.2	5,145.9
Mar	431.2	1,904.0	661.0	676.0	67.8	707.3	230.0	48.3	155.9	478.6	138.8	168.8	5,667.9
Q1	1,252.1	4,280.8	1,909.5	1,925.8	163.0	2,005.7	605.1	124.5	369.0	1,245.7	372.5	499.7	14,753.2
Apr	402.9	1,424.3	563.8	614.0	60.6	548.8	207.5	40.3	138.7	362.0	118.6	192.0	4,673.5
May	494.0	422.5	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.4	54.0	122.4	362.3	142.0	187.8	4,138.6
Jun	439.4	2,717.7	594.9	654.7	69.7	660.1	274.2	45.2	126.5	484.4	111.7	155.6	6,334.1
Q2	1,336.3	4,564.5	1,854.3	1,960.0	191.7	1,872.8	723.1	139.5	387.6	1,208.7	372.3	535.3	15,146.2
Jul	447.6	973.9	590.5	665.4	50.4	607.4	227.5	38.3	134.4	411.7	117.9	185.3	4,450.2
Aug	507.5	1,000.4	676.3	728.8	68.6	772.0	260.4	45.7	158.7	484.0	117.3	250.8	5,070.4
Sep	494.6	1,358.4	655.7	756.2	67.0	871.0	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.8	138.5	170.6	5,377.3
Q3	1,449.7	3,332.7	1,922.5	2,150.4	186.0	2,250.4	744.9	147.5	457.0	1,276.5	373.7	606.7	14,898.0
Oct	603.9	2,744.7	756.6	891.4	81.7	822.4	272.3	63.8	211.5	509.8	157.8	182.5	7,298.6
Nov	597.4	2,709.3	819.9	842.8	84.9	823.9	334.6	65.8	217.4	530.3	152.8	208.0	7,387.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	2.9	7.5	2.4	3.4	100.0
2017	10.3	26.0	12.6	14.7	1.2	13.2	4.5	0.9	3.0	7.6	2.6	3.5	100.0
Oct_2018	8.3	37.6	10.4	12.2	1.1	11.3	3.7	0.9	2.9	7.0	2.2	2.5	100.0
Nov_2018	8.1	36.7	11.1	11.4	1.1	11.2	4.5	0.9	2.9	7.2	2.1	2.8	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2016 to November 2018 (Million Pula)

Period\ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.4	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	55.7	19.3	53.5	67.3	7,017.7
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	17,003.2	147.8	16.0	46.4	555.2	263.4	66.9	145.9	60.5	120.3	254.5	19,888.7
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	70,780.8	424.4	68.3	243.1	2,066.0	1,147.8	302.1	720.8	280.2	529.5	1,145.8	80,339.8
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.6	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.2
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	4.5	10.4	136.8	34.3	21.6	35.9	12.2	25.2	57.0	4,183.6
Q1	2.4	16,084.1	72.0	9.9	36.1	528.4	84.0	53.0	180.2	42.5	284.8	160.3	17,537.7
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.8	45.0	9.4	41.2	14.4	25.8	56.1	3,891.6
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	12.6	87.6	65.5	5,410.4
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.5	13.0	14.3	50.9	5,629.5
Q2	15.0	13,682.6	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.7	39.9	127.6	172.5	14,931.5
Jul	9.2	4,251.1	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.6	14.6	22.9	57.0	4,752.1
Aug	1.6	3,246.3	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.4	104.0	15.5	56.9	13.7	32.9	61.0	3,702.7
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	14.5	138.8	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	21.0	73.7	4,754.4
Q3	14.3	11,721.5	120.8	9.0	42.1	392.4	330.9	63.4	200.3	46.0	76.8	191.7	13,209.2
Oct	4.6	3,607.5	16.0	3.0	15.0	182.0	91.7	20.4	47.6	17.9	27.4	76.1	4,109.1
Nov	3.2	5,747.1	41.1	3.0	29.1	226.1	127.6	24.6	52.0	18.1	21.3	97.7	6,391.0
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	10.5	113.5	58.5	13.5	58.2	17.1	39.6	80.3	5,047.5
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.5	157.8	53.1	88.3	254.1	15,547.5
Total_2017	40.9	55,458.7	372.2	37.7	168.6	1,850.3	887.4	230.2	642.0	181.5	577.6	778.7	61,225.9
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.8
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	38.1	89.7	4,896.4
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.1	13,795.0
Apr	0.3	4,916.1	49.6	2.9	13.3	127.5	60.4	20.7	55.0	18.6	49.9	94.4	5,408.8
May	4.3	6,059.7	42.1	2.2	13.1	187.8	75.1	24.9	63.9	24.6	43.1	130.4	6,671.1
Jun	14.8	6,277.2	41.8	2.3	12.8	114.4	141.2	20.8	33.6	18.2	34.1	108.3	6,819.6
Q2	19.3	17,253.0	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	276.8	66.4	152.5	61.4	127.1	333.1	18,899.4
Jul	12.0	4,436.1	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	71.4	11.9	62.5	16.1	24.4	79.1	4,905.9
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	30.4	81.1	6,056.6
Q3	35.3	12,990.0	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	271.1	57.9	367.4	50.3	83.4	265.4	14,826.4

**Table 2.2 Continued: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2016 to November 2018
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Period\ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.0	194.9	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	152.9	6,213.4
Nov	0.6	2,829.2	44.0	0.6	11.6	191.0	66.4	17.3	58.2	25.5	84.3	104.9	3,433.4
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
2017	0.1	90.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.0	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	100.0
Oct_2018	0.1	88.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	3.1	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.4	2.3	2.5	100.0
Nov_2018	0.0	82.4	1.3	0.0	0.3	5.6	1.9	0.5	1.7	0.7	2.5	3.1	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2016 to November 2018 (Million Pula)

Flow Type Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2016	134.1	0.3	0.0	790.8	30.6	955.8	0.0	29.8	0.0	5,951.8	110.8	6,092.4
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	16,345.0	571.0	17,003.2
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	66,015.2	4,394.9	70,780.8
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	511.5	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,590.5	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	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.4	4,965.7
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	209.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	5,160.8
Q2	1,628.8	511.6	0.0	1,339.3	506.3	3,986.1	20.4	508.3	0.0	11,929.9	1,224.1	13,682.6
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	204.9	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,251.1
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	128.3	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,246.3
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	347.0	0.0	9,705.4	1,669.2	11,721.5
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	196.5	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,607.5
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	133.9	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,747.1
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,244.3	475.3	4,035.2	0.0	336.1	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,970.4
Total 2017	4,423.9	518.3	0.0	7,923.3	1,490.6	14,356.1	30.9	1,248.9	0.0	48,597.0	5,581.9	55,458.7
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
Mar	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
Q1	998.9	1.9	0.0	2,907.7	372.3	4,280.8	117.8	10.5	0.0	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.7
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,058.1	133.6	1,424.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	4,443.3	469.1	4,916.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	293.8	422.5	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,292.7	433.1	2,717.7	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	806.9	6,277.2
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,479.3	860.6	4,564.5	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.1	17,253.0
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	96.0	973.9	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,648.7	779.3	4,436.1
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	139.7	139.4	1,000.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	889.9	241.4	1,358.4	0.2	10.0	0.0	4,636.5	651.3	5,297.9
Q3	1,581.4	2.2	0.0	1,272.2	476.9	3,332.7	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,628.2	2,343.5	12,990.0
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,238.2	300.8	2,744.7	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,167.4	299.2	2,709.3	0.0	13.1	0.0	2,148.9	667.2	2,829.2

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 3.1 A: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – November 2018 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	502.9	488.4	769.9	784.9	73.8	581.0	262.2	62.4	192.9	435.3	134.1	153.3	4,441.1
Namibia	0.3	580.6	8.4	15.6	0.0	3.0	0.3	2.0	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.2	611.7
Swaziland	18.3	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	24.8
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
SACU	521.5	1,069.0	783.2	800.5	73.8	584.0	262.5	64.4	196.6	436.5	135.7	153.6	5,081.2
Zimbabwe	2.3	0.0	16.7	0.2	0.2	0.5	2.8	0.8	0.3	3.1	4.8	0.8	32.6
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.4	22.5	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.6
Zambia	0.6	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	13.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Malawi	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.4
Tanzania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SADC	524.5	1,069.0	808.7	823.1	74.0	587.3	288.2	65.7	196.9	440.4	140.6	154.5	5,173.0
Morocco	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
Other Africa	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.1	2.5
Africa	524.9	1,069.0	808.8	823.1	74.0	590.9	288.2	65.7	196.9	440.9	140.6	155.5	5,178.6
Israel	0.0	152.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	155.6
India	14.8	54.5	0.4	18.7	0.3	8.6	27.5	0.1	1.7	0.6	0.5	3.1	130.8
China	13.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	5.6	58.0	6.5	0.0	9.5	2.1	4.3	12.0	112.5
Japan	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.6	0.0	0.2	47.3
UAE	4.7	20.8	0.0	0.8	0.1	9.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.3	37.7
Hong Kong	0.2	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	24.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.6	36.6
Russian federation	0.0	36.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.1
Thailand	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	6.9
Turkey	0.1	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.7
Singapore	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.2	5.6
Korea (South)	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.7
Indonesia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.1	2.6
Taiwan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	2.2
Malaysia	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Bangladesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Other Asia	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Asia	47.5	275.8	4.6	19.5	8.1	112.4	35.0	0.1	14.2	52.5	7.4	19.2	596.1
Belgium	2.0	113.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	119.2
Germany	7.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	35.3	0.3	0.0	4.9	2.0	2.6	15.0	68.2
UK	1.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	15.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	9.2	1.1	2.2	31.7
Romania	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.9	0.0	0.0	21.3
France	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	2.2	0.0	1.1	14.6
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2
Italy	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.5	3.8
Cyprus	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Netherlands	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.5
Austria	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
Spain	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	2.6
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
Poland	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.1
Slovakia	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.8
Sweden	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Portugal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.2

Table 3.1 A Continued: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – November 2018 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Ireland	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Other EU	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2
EU	17.9	113.0	5.1	0.0	1.9	79.6	8.4	0.0	5.8	32.3	4.2	21.6	289.9
Canada	1.5	1,245.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	1,261.7
USA	4.5	6.3	0.0	0.1	0.7	17.8	1.3	0.0	0.4	3.7	0.5	5.0	40.2
Switzerland	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	3.4
Brazil	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.8
Others	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	8.9	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	3.1	15.1
Total	597.4	2,709.3	819.9	842.8	84.9	823.9	334.6	65.8	217.4	530.3	152.8	208.0	7,387.0

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

Partner\HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	11.3	11.0	17.3	17.7	1.7	13.1	5.9	1.4	4.3	9.8	3.0	3.5	100.0
Namibia	0.0	94.9	1.4	2.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	73.8	0.0	19.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.3	21.0	15.4	15.8	1.5	11.5	5.2	1.3	3.9	8.6	2.7	3.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	6.9	0.0	51.3	0.6	0.7	1.5	8.7	2.5	0.8	9.6	14.9	2.5	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	1.3	71.1	0.0	0.0	27.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	2.5	0.0	35.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	59.2	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	97.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	100.0
Malawi	16.1	0.0	35.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.8	0.0	0.0	100.0
Tanzania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	77.6	0.0	1.1	1.3	0.0	0.3	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.1	0.0	56.9	100.0
SADC	10.1	20.7	15.6	15.9	1.4	11.4	5.6	1.3	3.8	8.5	2.7	3.0	100.0
Morocco	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	3.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.1	31.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	20.7	0.4	41.5	100.0
Africa	10.1	20.6	15.6	15.9	1.4	11.4	5.6	1.3	3.8	8.5	2.7	3.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	100.0
India	11.3	41.6	0.3	14.3	0.2	6.6	21.0	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.4	2.4	100.0
China	12.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	5.0	51.6	5.8	0.0	8.5	1.8	3.8	10.7	100.0
Japan	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	79.5	0.0	0.5	100.0
UAE	12.5	55.2	0.1	2.1	0.2	24.5	0.2	0.0	1.3	2.9	0.0	0.9	100.0
Hong Kong	0.4	27.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	65.7	1.6	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.0	1.7	100.0
Russian federation	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
Thailand	97.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	13.4	0.0	0.0	4.6	79.6	0.0	0.2	100.0
Turkey	1.7	0.0	37.6	0.0	15.3	40.2	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	3.2	100.0
Singapore	0.2	30.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	46.7	0.0	3.4	100.0
Korea (South)	1.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.1	4.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	87.5	0.0	0.3	100.0
Indonesia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	95.0	2.3	100.0
Taiwan	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.1	13.8	0.0	0.0	22.8	0.3	7.2	100.0
Malaysia	49.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	36.9	12.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	100.0
Bangladesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	19.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	55.1	0.0	6.3	1.0	100.0
Asia	8.0	46.3	0.8	3.3	1.4	18.9	5.9	0.0	2.4	8.8	1.2	3.2	100.0
Belgium	1.7	94.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Germany	10.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.1	51.8	0.4	0.0	7.1	3.0	3.9	21.9	100.0
UK	4.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.2	48.6	0.5	0.0	1.0	29.1	3.3	6.9	100.0
Romania	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
France	9.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	63.6	1.2	0.0	2.8	15.0	0.1	7.5	100.0
Luxembourg	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
Italy	12.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	2.5	36.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	7.8	0.0	38.3	100.0
Cyprus	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	7.8	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	55.6	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	31.3	100.0
Austria	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Spain	20.4	0.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	30.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	7.1	12.4	100.0
Hungary	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Poland	0.0	0.0	24.5	0.0	0.9	63.6	0.9	0.0	3.0	0.6	0.0	6.5	100.0
Slovakia	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	33.9	0.0	0.0	100.0
Sweden	1.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	91.1	3.9	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.8	100.0
Portugal	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.9	3.0	100.0
Ireland	15.8	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	52.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.1	0.0	2.0	100.0
Other EU	10.4	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	67.1	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.9	0.0	12.6	100.0
EU	6.2	39.0	1.8	0.0	0.6	27.5	2.9	0.0	2.0	11.1	1.5	7.4	100.0

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

Partner\HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Canada	0.1	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
USA	11.1	15.6	0.0	0.3	1.6	44.2	3.3	0.0	0.9	9.3	1.3	12.4	100.0
Switzerland	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	62.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	0.9	14.9	100.0
Brazil	0.0	0.0	73.6	0.0	11.8	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	12.2	100.0
Others	6.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	58.8	11.1	0.0	0.8	2.2	0.0	20.3	100.0
Total	8.1	36.7	11.1	11.4	1.1	11.2	4.5	0.9	2.9	7.2	2.1	2.8	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – November 2018 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.0	292.3	0.0	0.3	10.7	165.3	25.7	13.5	36.0	23.8	8.5	51.0	627.2
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	11.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	1.4	8.6	19.3	41.5
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	0.1
Lesotho	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	0.0	292.3	0.0	0.4	10.9	176.4	25.8	14.2	36.0	25.3	17.1	70.4	668.8
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.9	0.0	1.3	6.5	0.0	5.2	27.2	45.4
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	7.0	0.0	1.7	12.9	0.0	3.6	3.9	29.4
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	4.2
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	2.3
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4
Other SADC	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.0
SADC	0.6	292.3	0.0	0.4	11.6	189.8	28.5	17.3	58.2	25.4	26.0	103.4	753.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Africa	0.6	292.3	0.0	0.4	11.6	189.8	28.5	17.3	58.2	25.4	26.1	103.5	753.7
Singapore	0.0	554.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	554.9
UAE	0.0	359.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	359.9
Israel	0.0	345.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	345.8
Hong Kong	0.0	315.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	315.2
India	0.0	228.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	233.1
Japan	0.0	50.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.8
Viet Nam	0.0	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Asia	0.0	1,877.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.6	1,882.6
Belgium	0.0	514.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	514.7
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.2	0.1	53.4
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	27.7
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
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	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
EU	0.0	514.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	37.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.3	0.6	606.7
Switzerland	0.0	97.3	44.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	142.0
USA	0.0	47.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	48.1
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	0.6	2,829.2	44.0	0.6	11.6	191.0	66.4	17.3	58.2	25.5	84.3	104.9	3,433.4

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

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.0	46.6	0.0	0.0	1.7	26.4	4.1	2.2	5.7	3.8	1.4	8.1	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	26.6	0.3	1.7	0.0	3.5	20.7	46.5	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	15.6	62.2	100.0
Lesotho	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
SACU	0.0	43.7	0.0	0.1	1.6	26.4	3.9	2.1	5.4	3.8	2.6	10.5	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	10.9	0.0	2.8	14.3	0.1	11.4	59.9	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	23.9	0.0	5.7	44.0	0.2	12.2	13.3	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.4	0.0	50.1	0.1	0.9	13.5	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	45.9	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.1	75.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.4	0.2	100.0
Other SADC	30.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.6	0.0	5.5	31.9	0.0	1.2	11.3	100.0
SADC	0.1	38.8	0.0	0.1	1.5	25.2	3.8	2.3	7.7	3.4	3.5	13.7	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.8	64.5	100.0
Africa	0.1	38.8	0.0	0.1	1.5	25.2	3.8	2.3	7.7	3.4	3.5	13.7	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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
India	0.0	98.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	100.0
Japan	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Viet Nam	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.2	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.3	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	100.0
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	96.1	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	60.6	38.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	100.0
EU	0.0	84.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	68.5	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	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	0.3	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	10.4	100.0
Total	0.0	82.4	1.3	0.0	0.3	5.6	1.9	0.5	1.7	0.7	2.5	3.1	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.