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Preface

Revised Version of the March 2017 Digest. The revision is on FOB import value for January 2017, Table 1.

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods at the end of March 2017.

Changes in data for corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments as well as data editing. The data from such transactions 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 March 2017 as presented in **Table 1**. This is the only table that distinguishes domestic exports from re-exports. Other tables show total exports, which is the sum of the two (domestic exports and re-exports).

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 March 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 March 2017. **Charts 2.1** and **2.2** show Principal Commodity groups for imports and exports respectively, for March 2017. **Charts 3.1** and **3.2** show imports and exports by major trading partner countries and regions for the month 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.

1.1 Data Revision

Table A presents revised data from December 2016 to February 2017. Imports for February 2017 increased by 2.1 percent (P87.1 million) from P4, 203.8 as at February 2017 digest to P4, 290.9 million as at the release of March 2017 digest. The increase is a result of inclusion of new data from transactions that had deferred customs duty assessments.

February 2017 total exports show a slight increase of P0.5 million from P6, 763.0 million as reported in the February 2017 digest to P6, 763.5 million during the release of March 2017 digest.

Table A: Data Revision; December 2016 to February 2017 (Million Pula)

	As at February 2017 Digest			As at March 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
Dec_16	5,203.7	5,155.8	(47.9)	5,203.9	5,157.5	(46.4)	0.2	1.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	(3.1)
Jan_17	3,202.0	6,373.6	3,171.6	3,202.0	6,373.6	3,171.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Feb_17	4,203.8	6,763.0	2,559.2	4,290.9	6,763.5	2,488.9	87.1	0.5	(70.3)	2.1	0.0	(2.7)

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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**. During March 2017 total imports were valued at P4, 292.0 million, showing a slight increase of P1.1 million from the revised February value of P4, 290.9 million. This slight increase was mainly attributed to the increase of more than 100 percent in Diamonds imports from P902.3 million in February 2017 to P1, 838.0 million during March 2017. Vehicles & Transport Equipment also contributed to the increase having recorded an increase of 34.1 percent from P272.4 million in February 2017 to P365.4 million in March 2017.

Comparison of imports for March 2017 and March 2016 shows a decrease of 34.0 percent (P2, 206.9 million), from P6, 498.9 million recorded during March 2016 to P4, 292.0 million recorded during the reference month. The decrease was mainly due to the 60.7 percent (P608.4 million) decrease in imports of Fuel, from P1, 002.6 million during March 2016 to P394.2 million in March 2017. Imports of Diamonds also dropped by 18.6 percent (P421.2 million) from P2, 259.2 million in March 2016 to P1, 838.0 million in March 2017.

1.3 Total Exports

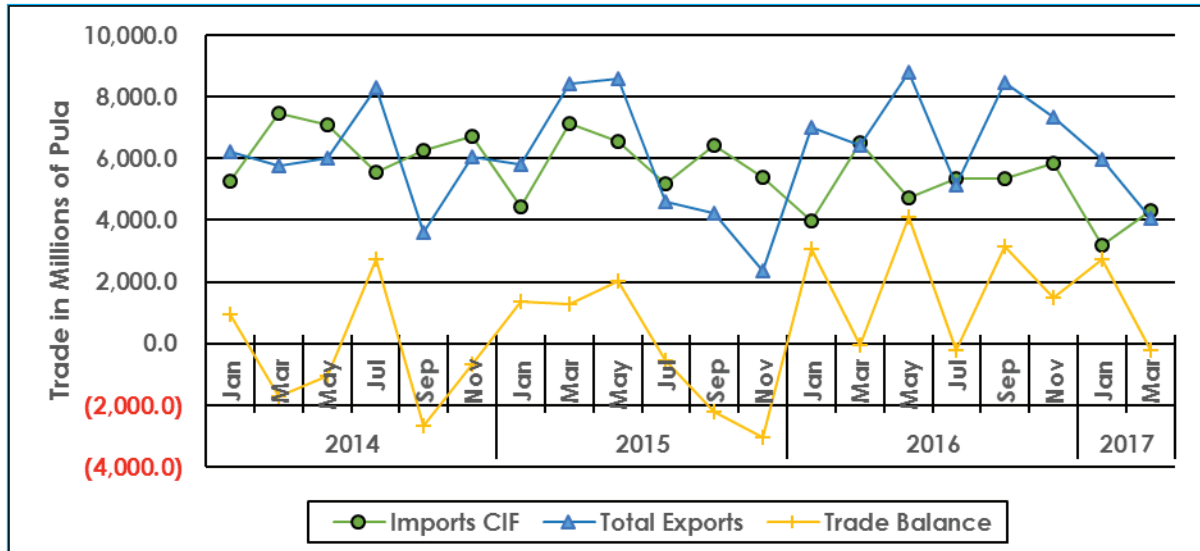
March 2017 total exports were valued at P4, 076.8 million, showing a decrease of 39.7 percent (P2, 686.7 million) from the February 2017 value of P6, 763.5 million. This decrease is mainly due to a drop of 40.0 percent (P2, 537.3 million) in diamond exports, from P6, 348.5 million in February 2017 to P3, 811.3 million in March 2017 (**Table 2.2**). Machinery & Electrical Equipment is another commodity that contributed significantly to the decrease in total exports, having recorded a decrease of 56.5 percent (P101.1 million), from P179.0 million during February 2017 to P77.9 million in March 2017.

The total exports value for March 2017, compared to that of the same month in 2016 shows a decrease of 36.6 percent (P2, 355.7 million) from P6, 432.4 million to P4, 076.8 million. The decrease is mainly attributed to the drop in exports of diamonds, which fell by 30.2 percent (P1, 645.7 million) from P5, 456.9 million in March 2016 to P3, 811.3 million during the period under review (**Table 2.2**). There was also a drop of Copper & Nickel exports by almost 100 percent, from P323.8 million in March 2016 to P0.2 million in March 2017 due to the closure of BCL mine during the last quarter of 2016.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P215.2 million in March 2017. This follows surpluses registered during January and February 2017 at values of P3, 171.6 million and P2, 488.9 million respectively. The deficit was due to the significant decrease of 39.7 percent in total exports during the month under review.

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

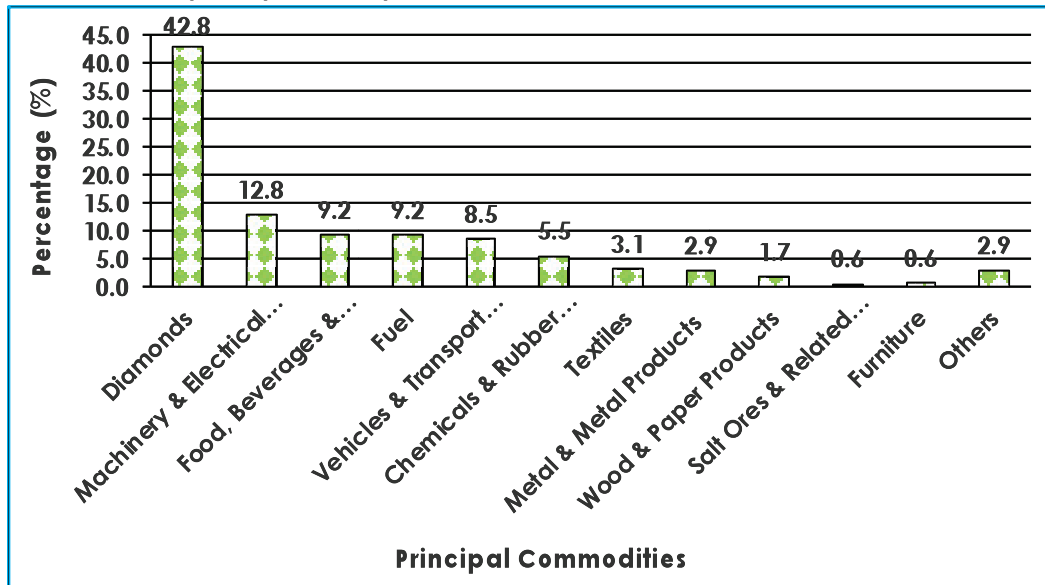
In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups’ contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called “Other”.

2.1 Principal Imports

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

Composition of imports by principal commodities for March 2017 shows that *Diamonds* contributed the most to total imports (P4, 292.0 million), with 42.8 percent (P1, 838.0 million), followed by *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* with 12.8 percent (P551.2 million). *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* and *Fuel* each contributed 9.2 percent at P395.7 million and P394.2 million respectively. Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during March 2017 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – March 2017



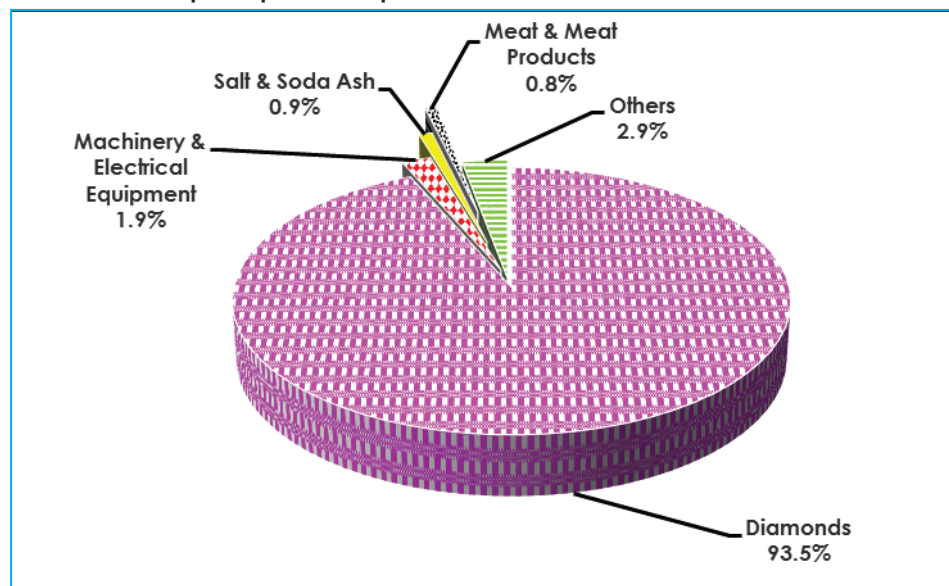
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for March 2017 were valued at P4, 076.8 million, with 93.5 percent (P3, 811.3 million) attributed to exports of *Diamonds*, followed by *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* with a contribution of 1.9 percent (P77.9 million) during the month under review.

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

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition– March 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 March 2017 appear on **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A** respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) display percentage distributions for major sources and destinations 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**.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana during March 2017, accounting for 44.7 percent (P1, 919.6 million) of total imports. South Africa was the main source of imports during the month, having contributed 44.2 percent (P1, 895.5 million) to total imports.

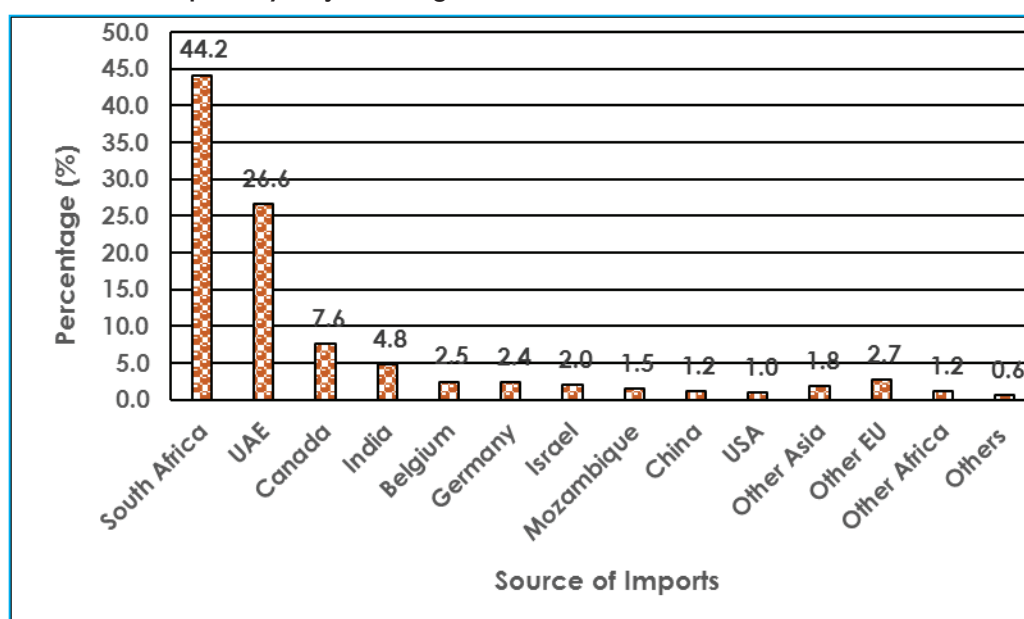
The major commodities imported from South Africa were; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel with contributions of 19.6 percent (P371.5 million) and 16.7 percent (P317.4 million) respectively to total imports from that country. These were followed by *Vehicles & Transport Equipment* and *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* with contributions of 16.6 percent (P315.1 million) and 15.0 percent (P283.6 million) respectively.

The other region that supplied significant imports during March 2017 was Asia, having contributed imports valued at P1, 563.0 million, representing 36.4 percent of total imports during the month. The **UAE**, India and Israel were the main contributors to imports sourced from Asia, with 26.6 percent (P1, 143.6 million), 4.8 percent (P204.7 million) and 2.0 percent (P84.6 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P324.4 million, accounting for 7.6 percent of total imports during the month under review, with Belgium and Germany having supplied 2.5 percent (P105.3 million) and 2.4 percent (P102.7 million) of total imports respectively. The main commodity imported from Belgium were Diamonds, making 86.3 percent (P90.9 million) of all goods sourced from that country.

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

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries-March 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**.

During March 2017, exports destined to Asia were valued at P2, 177.1 million, representing 53.4 percent of total exports (P4, 076.8 million). India received exports amounting to P592.3 million, 14.5 percent of total exports during the month. Israel and **UAE** followed with 11.2 percent (P457.9 million) and 10.6 percent (P431.4 million) respectively, of total exports during March 2017. Singapore and Hong Kong received 9.8 percent (P399.2 million) and 5.3 percent (P215.9 million) respectively of total exports during the period under review.

The major commodity exported to Asia was Diamonds, representing 99.7 percent (P2, 170.5 million) of all goods exported to the region.

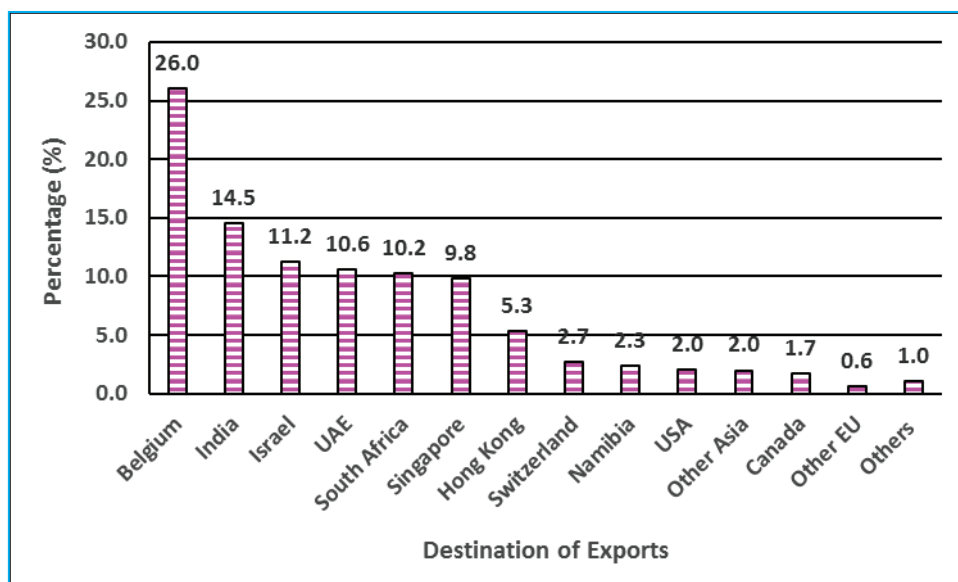
The **EU** region received exports valued at P1, 083.6 million, representing 26.6 percent of total exports during the period under review. Belgium was the main destination of exports to the EU, having received 26.0 percent (P1, 060.1 million) of total exports during March 2017, entirely attributed to exports of Diamonds.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region were valued at P512.6 million, representing 12.6 percent of total exports (P4, 076.8 million) during March 2017. South Africa received exports valued at P417.1 million, accounting for 10.2 percent of total exports during the month under review. The major commodity exported to South Africa was Diamonds, accounting for 65.6 percent (P273.6 million) of total exports to the country.

Switzerland, the United States of America (**USA**) and Canada received 2.7 percent (P110.7 million), 2.0 percent (P82.1 million) and 1.7 percent (P68.6 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review (**Table 3.2A**).

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

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – March 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 March 2017, Road transport accounted for slightly more than half of the goods imported into Botswana in value terms. Imports valued at P2, 162.1 million, representing 50.4 percent of total imports during March 2017, reached Botswana borders by road. Air and Rail accounted for 44.8 percent (P1, 924.4 million) and 4.7 percent (P199.9 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Botswana Exports mainly use air as means of transport when considering the value of exported commodities. The value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by air. During March 2017, Air Transport accounted for 94.0 percent (P3, 833.1 million) of total exports out of Botswana. Road transport accounted for 5.2 percent (P211.7 million) of total exports during the month under review.

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

Period	Mar_17			
	Imports		Total Exports	
Trans Type \ Flow Type	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	199.9	4.7	31.5	0.8
Road Transport	2,162.1	50.4	211.7	5.2
Air Transport	1,924.4	44.8	3,833.1	94.0
Others	5.6	0.1	0.4	0.0
Total	4,292.0	100.0	4,076.8	100.0

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

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2014 to March 2017 (Million Pula)

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	232.3	1.9	8,158.3	124.7	8,283.0	2,735.4
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	3,834.3
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	4,881.9	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	6,220.2	5,966.8	252.5	1.0	3,371.8	287.8	3,659.6	(2,560.7)
Nov	5,847.5	5,597.3	249.0	1.2	7,125.9	208.5	7,334.4	1,486.9
Dec	5,203.9	4,954.7	216.2	33.0	4,967.4	190.1	5,157.5	(46.4)
Q4	17,271.6	16,518.8	717.6	35.2	15,465.1	686.4	16,151.5	(1,120.1)
Total_2016	66,864.4	63,997.8	2,820.9	45.6	77,819.6	2,516.9	80,336.5	13,472.1
Jan_2017	3,202.0	3,093.1	108.0	0.9	6,176.8	196.8	6,373.6	3,171.6
Feb	4,290.9	4,056.8	232.7	1.3	5,548.1	1,215.3	6,763.5	2,488.9
Mar	4,292.0	3,910.3	378.9	2.8	3,959.4	117.4	4,076.8	(215.2)
Q1	11,784.9	11,060.2	719.6	5.1	15,684.3	1,529.5	17,213.8	5,428.9

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2014 to March 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Others	Total
Jan_2014	454.2	1,922.2	503.5	724.7	30.0	610.9	180.2	68.5	105.5	452.0	92.2	121.1	5,264.8
Feb	528.7	1,807.5	514.6	748.7	46.2	721.9	211.2	47.8	132.1	390.4	119.3	132.2	5,400.5
Mar	423.2	3,739.5	489.2	1,045.4	48.5	613.7	212.8	44.1	158.0	471.5	109.5	125.8	7,481.2
Q1	1,406.0	7,469.1	1,507.4	2,518.8	124.7	1,946.4	604.1	160.3	395.6	1,313.9	321.1	379.1	18,146.5
Apr	420.9	1,796.8	476.4	1,183.2	39.6	611.3	206.4	47.9	198.0	403.7	99.4	128.0	5,611.8
May	460.1	3,196.8	502.1	822.6	47.8	613.3	225.6	58.1	174.0	653.9	124.3	200.9	7,079.5
Jun	435.7	2,389.1	439.2	795.7	58.3	580.6	240.4	59.5	132.5	471.3	108.0	131.2	5,841.3
Q2	1,316.8	7,382.7	1,417.6	2,801.6	145.7	1,805.2	672.4	165.4	504.5	1,528.9	331.7	460.1	18,532.6
Jul	471.3	1,543.9	558.4	1,067.8	59.3	703.0	194.9	78.7	184.4	424.1	138.0	123.8	5,547.5
Aug	508.2	2,229.6	532.3	756.4	55.9	694.7	267.9	67.5	168.8	532.7	143.6	142.4	6,100.2
Sep	518.2	2,186.8	540.9	885.5	58.3	783.7	276.6	61.4	204.5	445.4	141.2	158.5	6,260.9
Q3	1,497.6	5,960.3	1,631.6	2,709.7	173.5	2,181.5	739.5	207.5	557.7	1,402.2	422.8	424.7	17,908.6
Oct	548.8	2,394.8	619.2	810.9	84.3	867.1	298.2	49.1	229.8	478.3	149.8	178.0	6,708.1
Nov	588.3	2,421.8	587.8	942.6	71.9	734.7	277.1	64.6	204.0	482.3	147.8	181.1	6,703.9
Dec	513.1	350.7	523.5	1,111.5	61.2	720.7	211.0	80.9	155.2	432.4	125.4	141.5	4,427.2
Q4	1,650.2	5,167.2	1,730.5	2,865.0	217.3	2,322.5	786.3	194.5	589.0	1,392.9	423.0	500.6	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	727.8	2,046.8	5,638.0	1,498.6	1,764.6	72,426.9
Jan_2015	447.2	855.2	600.7	728.9	41.8	602.9	171.1	302.6	117.7	351.6	110.0	110.5	4,440.2
Feb	485.3	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	354.6	153.8	346.4	115.4	114.5	6,708.4
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.4	7,119.6
Q1	1,410.9	6,618.6	1,625.3	2,581.3	162.2	1,993.9	703.2	717.6	478.5	1,228.5	355.9	392.3	18,268.2
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.5	112.3	124.4	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.5	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.0	112.6	144.7	6,563.8
Jun	622.2	3,399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.7	199.2	133.8	384.7	116.4	169.7	7,607.3
Q2	1,695.4	7,920.3	1,564.5	2,107.8	162.9	2,359.5	734.5	580.6	514.3	1,331.3	341.2	438.8	19,751.1
Jul	501.8	1,100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	59.0	163.8	455.2	126.2	162.9	5,164.9
Aug	538.2	2,273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	825.3	226.2	51.1	180.6	461.1	130.7	172.0	6,505.4
Sep	617.8	2,638.5	573.3	600.6	57.9	788.5	213.3	42.4	185.4	415.7	130.9	162.4	6,426.7
Q3	1,657.8	6,012.9	1,762.7	2,331.9	178.5	2,525.3	728.7	152.5	529.9	1,332.0	387.7	497.3	18,097.0
Oct	537.6	1,098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	822.0	241.6	59.0	216.8	388.5	133.0	179.9	5,265.7
Nov	580.5	1,226.7	688.0	628.8	65.1	754.2	260.5	81.4	268.5	534.0	132.7	182.5	5,402.9
Dec	503.9	2,354.5	715.8	617.0	51.0	754.8	239.0	206.2	165.5	510.1	125.1	163.6	6,406.8
Q4	1,622.0	4,679.9	2,070.2	2,095.7	188.6	2,331.0	741.1	346.6	650.8	1,432.6	390.9	526.0	17,075.4
Total_2015	6,386.2	25,231.6	7,022.7	9,116.7	692.1	9,209.7	2,907.5	1,797.2	2,173.5	5,324.3	1,475.6	1,854.5	73,191.7
Jan_2016	343.8	955.8	516.7	542.3	29.1	566.2	203.3	158.7	102.0	311.2	111.4	126.9	3,967.3
Feb	468.7	2,430.1	584.4	549.5	47.8	664.0	253.5	168.6	156.2	341.9	108.1	141.3	5,914.1
Mar	466.6	2,259.2	580.7	1,002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	156.6	178.6	421.4	116.3	256.9	6,498.9
Q1	1,279.1	5,645.1	1,681.9	2,094.4	127.2	1,947.1	749.4	483.9	436.8	1,074.5	335.8	525.1	16,380.3
Apr	770.9	2,323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.4	292.7	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.8	6,600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	153.5	156.8	343.5	124.9	161.5	4,713.1
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	139.2	404.3	140.5	160.8	5,880.4
Q2	1,805.2	4,504.2	1,698.4	2,776.3	191.9	2,359.2	766.1	500.5	477.8	1,250.6	410.8	453.1	17,194.3
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	178.0	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	207.7	496.2	140.5	272.6	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	191.0	642.7	136.4	168.3	5,330.6
Q3	1,830.3	3,652.6	1,928.3	1,905.1	184.8	2,336.7	762.8	330.7	555.3	1,516.7	396.0	619.0	16,018.2
Oct	623.7	1,906.9	725.6	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	198.8	436.7	158.5	198.4	6,220.2
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.7	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	222.7	399.7	151.6	209.0	5,847.5
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.7	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	148.6	354.3	137.5	152.8	5,203.9
Q4	1,644.9	5,103.0	2,169.9	1,872.8	211.5	2,543.4	766.3	191.2	570.1	1,190.7	447.6	560.2	17,271.6
Total_2016	6,559.4	18,905.0	7,478.4	8,648.6	715.5	9,186.4	3,044.7	1,506.3	2,040.0	5,032.5	1,590.1	2,157.4	66,864.4

Table 2.1 Cont'd: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2014 to March 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Others	Total
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
Feb	398.8	902.3	578.3	650.1	56.6	631.9	240.2	43.8	148.6	272.4	212.3	155.6	4,290.9
Mar	237.6	1,838.0	395.7	394.2	27.8	551.2	124.2	24.9	134.7	365.4	73.0	125.3	4,292.0
Q1	937.2	3,512.1	1,479.6	1,478.4	115.2	1,705.5	508.9	97.1	382.7	832.0	372.5	363.8	11,784.9
% Distribution													
2015	8.7	34.5	9.6	12.5	0.9	12.6	4.0	2.5	3.0	7.3	2.0	2.5	100.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	3.1	7.5	2.4	3.2	100.0
Feb_2017	9.3	21.0	13.5	15.1	1.3	14.7	5.6	1.0	3.5	6.3	4.9	3.6	100.0
Mar_2017	5.5	42.8	9.2	9.2	0.6	12.8	2.9	0.6	3.1	8.5	1.7	2.9	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to March 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	Others	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
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7,014.3
Feb	448.5	5,453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	166.0	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6,438.6
Mar	323.8	5,456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	217.6	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6,432.4
Q1	1,208.6	17,003.1	147.8	16.0	46.4	555.3	263.4	66.9	144.1	60.5	119.8	253.5	19,885.3
Apr	264.7	7,251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	179.2	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8,075.8
May	265.7	7,950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.1	8,812.4
Jun	302.8	7,539.0	56.6	7.8	24.2	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.9	8,500.8
Q2	833.1	22,740.6	105.0	17.9	55.7	585.5	293.8	74.7	129.7	69.8	171.0	312.2	25,389.0
Jul	171.0	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5,120.3
Aug	181.5	4,547.6	30.4	6.9	16.7	170.1	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.6	5,315.7
Sep	183.2	7,660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	178.9	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.3	8,474.8
Q3	535.7	16,580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	524.1	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.5	281.9	18,910.7
Oct	51.9	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	136.6	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.6	3,659.6
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.8	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7,334.4
Dec	0.6	4,764.8	23.4	4.4	11.8	54.3	61.5	17.0	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.5	5,157.5
Q4	53.7	14,456.5	82.2	15.6	78.7	401.1	266.8	81.6	237.8	85.7	94.7	297.2	16,151.5

Table 2.2: Cont'd.. Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2014 to March 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	Others	Total
Total_2016	2,631.1	70,780.7	424.4	68.3	243.1	2,066.0	1,147.8	302.1	719.0	280.2	529.0	1,144.8	80,336.5
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.5	7.6	202.3	31.8	8.1	79.5	12.5	13.4	60.5	6,373.6
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.6	17.8	179.0	17.8	21.3	64.7	17.5	34.9	50.3	6,763.5
Mar	0.2	3,811.3	24.2	3.9	6.1	77.9	33.2	12.9	35.8	9.4	23.8	38.1	4,076.8
Q1	2.4	16,084.1	62.1	8.6	31.5	456.0	82.9	41.3	180.1	39.4	67.7	127.3	17,213.8
% 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
Feb_2017	0.0	93.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.7	100.0
Mar_2017	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.9	100.0

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

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2014	0.0	0.4	0.0	1,881.6	40.2	1,922.2	0.0	10.1	0.0	5,290.5	154.4	5,455.0
Feb	0.0	0.6	0.0	1,703.7	103.2	1,807.5	2.9	18.0	0.0	3,828.5	609.4	4,458.8
Mar	306.5	0.7	0.0	3,286.8	145.5	3,739.5	0.0	20.7	0.0	4,623.3	483.8	5,127.8
Q1	306.5	1.7	0.0	6,872.1	288.8	7,469.1	2.9	48.7	0.0	13,742.4	1,247.6	15,041.6
Apr	0.5	0.0	0.0	1,723.4	73.0	1,796.8	0.0	22.1	0.0	5,567.2	516.5	6,105.8
May	0.0	5.5	0.0	3,074.7	116.6	3,196.8	0.0	37.6	0.0	4,254.0	673.9	4,965.4
Jun	226.9	0.4	0.0	2,128.0	33.8	2,389.1	0.0	52.0	0.0	6,374.9	768.0	7,194.9
Q2	227.4	5.9	0.0	6,926.0	223.4	7,382.7	0.0	111.7	0.0	16,196.0	1,958.4	18,266.1
Jul	330.7	0.5	0.0	1,178.9	33.8	1,543.9	18.2	39.1	0.0	6,908.5	520.5	7,486.4
Aug	761.0	0.1	0.0	1,355.0	113.6	2,229.6	0.0	53.4	0.3	6,330.7	748.0	7,132.4
Sep	392.7	0.6	0.0	1,713.1	80.4	2,186.8	5.9	6.1	0.0	1,420.4	915.5	2,347.9
Q3	1,484.3	1.1	0.0	4,247.0	227.8	5,960.3	24.2	98.6	0.3	14,659.6	2,184.0	16,966.6
Oct	694.2	0.3	0.0	1,517.4	182.9	2,394.8	0.0	20.4	0.0	4,535.9	743.7	5,299.9
Nov	556.3	1.8	0.0	1,727.9	135.7	2,421.8	0.0	36.3	0.0	4,293.2	644.6	4,974.1
Dec	216.2	0.0	0.0	101.6	32.8	350.7	0.0	44.6	0.0	4,138.5	596.6	4,779.7
Q4	1,466.7	2.1	0.0	3,347.0	351.4	5,167.2	0.0	101.3	0.0	12,967.6	1,984.9	15,053.8
Total_2014	3,484.9	10.8	0.0	21,392.1	1,091.4	25,979.3	27.1	360.3	0.3	57,565.6	7,374.9	65,328.2
Jan_2015	200.4	0.3	0.0	584.7	69.8	855.2	21.7	19.5	0.0	4,639.2	180.0	4,860.4
Feb	649.9	0.4	0.0	2,315.6	104.0	3,069.9	0.8	17.5	0.0	3,647.6	565.6	4,231.5
Mar	285.5	0.4	0.2	2,328.7	78.7	2,693.5	0.0	30.4	0.3	6,908.0	446.5	7,385.2
Q1	1,135.8	1.0	0.2	5,229.0	252.6	6,618.6	22.5	67.3	0.3	15,194.8	1,192.1	16,477.1
Apr	437.0	0.2	0.0	1,419.4	44.5	1,901.2	0.0	20.1	0.0	2,385.3	317.4	2,722.8
May	240.3	0.4	0.0	2,281.5	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	5,539.7	235.8	7,920.3	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

Table 2.3 Cont'd: Diamonds Trade - January 2014 to March 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
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	196.9	36.7	771.8	0	24.2	0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	884.6	17.6	902.3	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	325.8	4.8	0.0	1,423.8	83.6	1,838.0	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,227.3	567.3	3,811.3
Q1	864.0	4.9	0.0	2,442.3	146.4	3,512.1	12.7	55.4	0.0	15,012.1	1,007.2	16,084.1

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 3.2A: Total Imports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – March 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electric Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	177.9	36.1	371.5	317.4	25.1	283.5	100.4	24.7	113.7	315.1	65.0	45.2	1,895.5
Namibia	0.2	-	5.5	11.3	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.6	18.9
Swaziland	-	-	2.7	-	-	0.0	-	-	1.1	-	0.5	-	4.2
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.9	-	-	-	0.9
SACU	178.1	36.1	379.7	328.7	25.1	283.6	100.5	24.7	115.7	315.3	65.5	46.8	1,919.6
Mozambique	-	-	0.1	64.8	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.3
Zambia	0.4	-	6.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	-	0.1	0.0	2.9	0.1	11.4
Zimbabwe	0.2	-	2.7	-	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	8.2
Other SADC	0.0	-	2.6	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.1	-	-	2.8
SADC	178.7	36.1	391.2	393.7	25.1	284.0	106.0	24.8	115.9	315.5	68.5	46.9	2,007.3
Other Africa	3.5	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	4.2
Africa	182.1	36.1	391.2	393.7	25.1	284.1	106.0	24.8	115.9	315.9	68.5	47.0	2,011.5
Germany	11.9	-	0.2	-	-	84.3	3.8	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.2	102.7
France	1.6	-	0.2	-	0.1	6.7	0.2	-	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	9.6
UK	6.6	1.6	0.0	-	0.0	18.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.5	1.4	0.3	31.4
Belgium	11.0	90.9	0.6	0.0	-	1.7	0.3	-	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	105.3
Bulgaria	0.0	-	-	-	-	12.6	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	12.6
Netherlands	2.8	-	1.4	-	0.0	3.3	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	7.6
Sweden	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.0	0.0	-	32.9	33.0
Italy	0.1	-	0.0	-	-	8.2	0.0	-	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	8.6
Spain	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.3	4.4
Other EU	0.4	-	0.0	-	0.0	7.4	0.5	-	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	9.2
EU	34.4	92.5	2.4	0.0	0.2	142.9	5.3	0.0	1.3	7.8	1.6	35.8	324.4
UAE	0.2	1,132.8	-	0.5	-	4.5	3.1	-	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	1,143.6
China	2.8	-	0.8	0.0	1.8	15.2	2.9	0.0	4.1	12.4	2.0	8.0	50.2
Israel	0.1	48.7	-	-	0.0	31.7	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	3.9	84.6
India	15.0	179.1	0.2	-	0.2	2.4	4.4	0.1	1.9	0.2	0.4	0.8	204.7
Japan	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	0.9	-	-	0.0	10.8	-	0.0	11.8
Korea	0.4	-	0.2	-	-	7.2	0.2	-	2.3	1.1	0.0	2.0	13.3
Singapore	0.0	1.7	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	7.8
Other Asia	1.7	19.3	0.8	-	0.4	18.1	1.9	-	1.7	2.4	0.3	0.4	47.0
ASIA	20.2	1,381.5	1.9	0.5	2.4	80.3	12.4	0.1	12.2	32.7	2.7	15.2	1,563.0
USA	0.6	2.1	0.1	-	0.0	28.2	0.5	-	0.3	5.2	0.2	3.5	40.9
Canada	0.0	325.8	0.0	-	-	0.7	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	326.7
Switzerland	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	12.6	0.1	-	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.1	16.0
Australia	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.0	-	5.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	6.2
Others	-	-	0.0	-	-	2.3	0.0	-	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.1	3.4
Total Imports	237.6	1,838.0	395.7	394.2	27.8	551.2	124.2	24.9	134.7	365.4	73.0	103.0	4,292.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country or Region Level-March 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electric Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	9.4	1.9	19.6	16.7	1.3	15.0	5.3	1.3	6.0	16.6	3.4	2.4	100.0
Namibia	0.9	0.0	29.2	59.7	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	8.2	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	62.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.3	0.0	10.9	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	9.3	1.9	19.8	17.1	1.3	14.8	5.2	1.3	6.0	16.4	3.4	2.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	99.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	3.4	0.0	53.8	1.6	0.1	0.3	5.7	0.0	1.1	0.3	25.8	1.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	2.0	0.0	32.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	58.1	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	91.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	100.0
SADC	8.9	1.8	19.5	19.6	1.3	14.1	5.3	1.2	5.8	15.7	3.4	2.3	100.0
Other Africa	83.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	9.5	0.0	2.2	100.0
Africa	9.1	1.8	19.4	19.6	1.2	14.1	5.3	1.2	5.8	15.7	3.4	2.3	100.0
Germany	11.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	82.2	3.7	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.2	100.0
France	16.6	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.4	69.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.3	4.0	100.0
UK	21.1	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	58.9	0.7	0.0	0.7	8.0	4.4	1.0	100.0
Belgium	10.5	86.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	100.0
Bulgaria	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	37.5	0.0	18.3	0.0	0.0	43.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Sweden	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	100.0
Italy	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.7	0.6	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	1.2	100.0
Spain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	91.4	0.0	7.4	100.0
Other EU	4.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	80.9	5.9	0.0	0.2	5.3	0.0	2.5	100.0
EU	10.6	28.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	44.1	1.6	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.5	11.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	5.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	3.5	30.3	5.7	0.0	8.3	24.7	4.0	15.9	100.0
Israel	0.1	57.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	100.0
India	7.3	87.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.2	2.1	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	100.0
Japan	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.4	0.0	0.1	100.0
Korea	2.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	54.3	1.5	0.0	17.1	8.0	0.1	15.0	100.0
Singapore	0.1	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	73.6	0.0	0.1	100.0
Other Asia	3.6	41.0	1.7	0.0	0.8	38.4	4.0	0.0	3.7	5.1	0.7	0.9	100.0
Asia	1.3	88.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	5.1	0.8	0.0	0.8	2.1	0.2	1.0	100.0
USA	1.5	5.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	68.9	1.2	0.0	0.7	12.6	0.5	8.6	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	79.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.9	100.0
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.0	80.7	0.0	0.0	17.1	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	26.8	1.3	3.3	100.0
Total Imports	5.5	42.8	9.2	9.2	0.6	12.8	2.9	0.6	3.1	8.5	1.7	2.4	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Region, Partner and Principal Commodity Groups – March 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	Others	Total
South Africa	0.0	273.6	0.0	3.9	5.0	57.2	12.8	11.9	27.3	7.9	1.8	15.6	417.1
Namibia	0.0	79.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	4.9	5.8	95.3
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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	352.6	0.0	3.9	5.3	62.0	12.8	12.2	27.3	8.2	6.8	21.5	512.6
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	6.5	0.0	0.2	3.6	0.2	3.5	3.8	18.6
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.3	4.2	1.0	2.0	5.9	16.9
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.3
Other SADC	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.1
SADC	0.2	352.6	0.0	3.9	6.1	73.0	12.8	12.9	35.8	9.4	12.6	31.2	550.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.3
Africa	0.2	352.6	0.0	3.9	6.1	73.0	12.8	12.9	35.8	9.4	12.8	32.3	551.8
Belgium	0.0	1,060.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,060.1
Germany	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
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
UK	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	8.1
France	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
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
EU	0.0	1,062.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	1,083.6
Singapore	0.0	399.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	399.2
Israel	0.0	457.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	457.9
UAE	0.0	431.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	431.4
India	0.0	592.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	592.3
China	0.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.5
Hong Kong	0.0	212.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	215.9
Viet-Nam	0.0	32.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.8
Other Asia	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	18.2
Asia	0.0	2,170.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	2,177.1
USA	0.0	70.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	0.3	82.1
Canada	0.0	68.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.6
Switzerland	0.0	86.5	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	110.7
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Total Exports	0.2	3,811.3	24.2	3.9	6.1	77.9	33.2	12.9	35.8	9.4	23.8	38.1	4,076.8

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country or Region Level-March 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	Others	Total
South Africa	0.0	65.6	0.0	0.9	1.2	13.7	3.1	2.9	6.5	1.9	0.4	3.7	100.0
Namibia	0.0	82.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	5.2	6.1	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	69.7	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	67.1	5.1	100.0
SACU	0.0	68.8	0.0	0.8	1.0	12.1	2.5	2.4	5.3	1.6	1.3	4.2	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	35.0	0.0	1.3	19.2	1.1	18.7	20.5	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.0	2.0	24.8	6.1	11.6	34.8	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.7	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.2	18.8	0.5	100.0
Other SADC	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	65.7	0.0	10.3	4.7	100.0
SADC	0.0	64.0	0.0	0.7	1.1	13.3	2.3	2.3	6.5	1.7	2.3	5.7	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	85.1	100.0
Africa	0.0	63.9	0.0	0.7	1.1	13.2	2.3	2.3	6.5	1.7	2.3	5.9	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	67.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.6	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	0.0	25.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	16.9	100.0
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
EU Total	0.0	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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
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
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
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	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	98.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	100.0
Viet-Nam	0.0	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	87.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.3	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
USA	0.0	86.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	0.4	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	78.1	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total Exports	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	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 color, 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.