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## 1.0 Introduction

This stats brief is the first to be published by Statistics Botswana and is a product of Industry Statistics Section. It is intended to shed light on Electricity Generation, Importation and Distribution by presenting Quarterly Volumes as well as Indices for Electricity Generation. Also included are Year-on-Year Percentage Changes in Indices of Electricity Generation from 2005 to 2014 first quarter. This report uses 2011 as the base year.

As the mandate of Industry Statistics Section is to compile industry production in Botswana, electricity indices will only be confined to electricity generation. However, importation and distribution volumes will be included as well as percentage changes on the volumes of importation and distribution. This is intended to give users a guide of whether Botswana is managing over time in generating enough electricity to meet her demand.

The release shows changes in the volume of electricity generation in a given period against the base year, and hence provides a reflection of the trend in the domestic electricity sector.

## 2.0 Summary of Findings

**Table 1: Selected Key Figures for Electricity Generation, Importation and Distribution, Quarter 1 2013 – Quarter 1 2014 in Mega Watts Hour (MWH)**

	January- March (Quarter 1) 2013	January- March (Quarter 1) 2014	% change between January- March 2013 And January –March 2014
<b>Electricity (MWH)</b>			
Distribution	874,871	933,451	6.7
Generated	279,728	317,246	13.4
Imported	595,429	616,205	3.5
<b>Indices of Physical Volume of Electricity (2011 = 100)</b>			
Electricity Generation	368.8	418.3	13.4

## 2.1 Generation of Electricity

Table 3 gives data on the physical volume of electricity generated during the period under consideration (2005 – 2014). This Table also forms the basis for indices of the physical volume of electricity generation as presented in Table 4. Table 5 shows the annual percentage change in indices of the volume of electricity generation.

The index of the physical volume of electricity generation stood at 418.3 during the first quarter of 2014 (Table 4), indicating an increase of 13.4 percent over the same quarter of the previous year (2013). The latter is attributed to the commissioning of three of the four Morupule B Power plant generators which was done towards the end of July 2013. Furthermore, this increase is attributable to the continued use of emergency generators located at Orapa and Matsiloje, to feed into the national grid.

## 2.2 Imported Electricity

During the first quarter of 2014, the volume of imported electricity (Table 6) amounted to 616, 205 MWH, when compared to 595, 429 MWH imported during first quarter of 2013.

Given the above, importation of electricity increased by 3.5 percent between the first quarter of 2013 and that of 2014. This slight increase in imported electricity is attributed to technical problems experienced in Morupule B Power plant during the months of February and March 2014, resulting in more importation of electricity to compensate for the shortage.

## 2.3 Distribution of Electricity

Table 8 shows the volume of electricity distributed from 2005 to 2014 first quarter. During the first quarter of 2014 the volume of electricity distributed stood at 933,451 MWH, showing an increase of 6.7 percent from 874,871 MWH of electricity distributed during first quarter of 2013 (Table 9). This increase can be attributed to the increase in both local generation and importation of electricity to meet the local demand.

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**Table 2: Yearly Supply of Electricity in Mega Watts Hour (MWH) - January 2005- March 2014**

Year\Utility	Electricity Generated	Electricity Imported	Electricity Distributed	% Contribution of Electricity Generated
2005	866,615	1,975,069	2,841,685	30.5
2006	794,271	2,206,951	3,001,223	26.5
2007	624,746	2,518,565	3,143,311	19.9
2008	587,286	2,727,938	3,315,223	17.7
2009	443,918	2,792,730	3,236,648	13.7
2010	456,972	3,088,080	3,545,052	12.9
2011	303,374	3,169,068	3,472,442	8.7
2012	703,213	2,999,797	3,703,010	19.0
2013	1,681,497	1,820,940	3,749,721	44.8
2014*	317,246	616,205	933,451	33.9

Note: 2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 3: Physical Volume of Electricity Generation (MWH) - January 2005 - March 2014**

Period	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	81,040	80,089	56,291	53,926	33,922	44,442	39,195	26,574	110,960	137,802
February	63,304	57,774	56,291	49,732	37,890	38,641	32,847	16,938	80,410	77,067
March	67,654	73,826	57,521	51,072	46,413	55,401	20,079	67,761	88,358	102,377
April	79,507	79,764	56,127	49,313	38,987	40,872	29,593	34,069	94,011	-
May	64,802	71,473	49,358	61,558	49,464	41,943	15,762	39,826	140,454	-
June	81,897	75,929	49,358	58,334	20,132	30,676	23,045	48,928	137,414	-
July	82,891	63,899	61,290	54,588	38,103	33,156	27,814	81,013	158,120	-
August	65,513	62,379	62,544	47,278	48,795	39,594	24,536	11,205	223,420	-
September	73,052	51,072	52,235	39,890	36,522	35,177	21,063	97,177	218,222	-
October	78,323	55,444	41,183	42,689	32,361	37,746	27,166	77,236	32,183	-
November	59,540	62,900	38,502	40,367	26,443	20,894	23,044	113,384	203,228	-
December	69,227	59,723	44,046	38,538	34,885	38,430	19,231	89,101	194,717	-
Q1	211,998	211,689	170,103	154,730	118,225	138,485	92,120	111,274	279,728	317,246
Q2	226,206	227,166	154,844	169,206	108,584	113,491	68,400	122,823	371,879	-
Q3	221,456	177,350	176,068	141,756	123,420	107,927	73,413	189,395	599,572	-
Q4	206,955	178,066	123,731	121,594	93,689	97,070	69,441	279,721	430,128	-
YEAR	866,615	794,271	624,746	587,286	443,918	456,972	303,374	703,213	1,681,497	317,246

Note:

1. 2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only
2. N.A stands for Not Available

**Table 4 Indices of the Physical Volume of Electricity Generation - January 2005- March 2014 (Base 2011=100)**

Period	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	320.6	316.8	222.7	213.3	134.2	175.8	155.0	105.1	438.9	545.1
February	250.4	228.5	222.7	196.7	149.9	152.8	129.9	67.0	318.1	304.8
March	267.6	292.0	227.5	202.0	183.6	219.1	79.4	268.0	349.5	405.0
April	314.5	315.5	222.0	195.1	154.2	161.7	117.1	134.8	371.9	-
May	256.3	282.7	195.2	243.5	195.7	165.9	62.3	157.5	555.6	-
June	323.9	300.3	195.2	230.7	79.6	121.3	91.2	193.5	543.5	-
July	327.9	252.8	242.4	215.9	150.7	131.1	110.0	320.4	625.4	-
August	259.1	246.7	247.4	187.0	193.0	156.6	97.1	44.3	883.7	-
September	289.0	202.0	206.6	157.8	144.5	139.1	83.3	384.4	863.2	-
October	309.8	219.3	162.9	168.9	128.0	149.3	107.5	305.5	127.3	-
November	235.0	248.8	152.3	159.7	104.6	82.6	91.2	448.5	803.9	-
December	273.8	236.2	174.2	152.4	138.0	152.0	76.1	352.4	770.2	-
Q1	279.5	279.1	224.3	204.0	155.9	182.6	121.5	146.7	368.8	418.3
Q2	298.3	299.5	204.2	223.1	143.2	149.6	90.2	161.9	490.3	-
Q3	292.0	233.8	232.1	186.9	162.7	142.3	96.8	249.7	790.8	-
Q4	272.9	234.8	163.1	160.3	123.5	128.0	91.6	368.8	567.1	-
TOTAL	285.7	261.8	205.9	193.6	146.3	150.6	100.0	231.8	554.3	104.6

Note: 2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 5: Annual Percentage Change in Indices of the Physical Volume of Electricity Generation: January 2006-March 2014**

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	(1.2)	(29.7)	(4.2)	(37.1)	31.0	(11.8)	(32.2)	317.5	24.2
February	(8.7)	(2.6)	(11.7)	(23.8)	2.0	(15.0)	(48.4)	374.7	(4.2)
March	9.1	(22.1)	(11.2)	(9.1)	19.4	(63.8)	237.5	30.4	15.9
April	0.3	(29.6)	(12.1)	(20.9)	4.8	(27.6)	15.1	175.9	-
May	10.3	(30.9)	24.7	(19.6)	(15.2)	(62.4)	152.7	252.7	-
June	(7.3)	(35.0)	18.2	(65.5)	52.4	(24.9)	112.3	180.9	-
July	(22.9)	(4.1)	(10.9)	(30.2)	(13.0)	(16.1)	191.3	625.4	-
August	(4.8)	0.3	(24.4)	3.2	(18.9)	(38.0)	(54.3)	883.7	-
September	(30.1)	2.3	(23.6)	(8.4)	(3.7)	(40.1)	361.4	863.2	-
October	(29.2)	(25.7)	3.7	(24.2)	16.6	(28.0)	184.3	(58.3)	-
November	5.9	(38.8)	4.8	(34.5)	(21.0)	10.3	392.0	79.2	-
December	(13.7)	(26.2)	(12.5)	(9.5)	10.2	(50.0)	363.3	118.5	-
Q1	(0.1)	(19.6)	(9.0)	(23.6)	17.1	(33.5)	20.8	151.4	13.4
Q2	0.4	(31.8)	9.3	(35.8)	4.5	(39.7)	79.6	202.8	-
Q3	(19.9)	(0.7)	(19.5)	(12.9)	(12.6)	(32.0)	158.0	216.7	-
Q4	(14.0)	(30.5)	(1.7)	(22.9)	3.6	(28.5)	302.8	53.8	-
YEAR	<b>(8.3)</b>	<b>(21.3)</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>(24.4)</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(33.6)</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	

Note: ( ) denotes negative numbers  
2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 6: Physical Volume of Imported Electricity MWH; January 2005- March 2014**

Period	(MWH)									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	156,153	159,086	206,867	210,395	201,994	236,110	243,795	272,338	193,786	192,251
February	157,125	163,078	206,795	213,161	188,165	219,836	229,027	274,079	185,022	216,031
March	166,979	179,445	215,819	227,289	203,111	250,756	269,723	249,777	216,621	207,923
April	149,853	148,030	192,109	209,664	205,743	234,466	256,694	253,390	206,965	-
May	170,282	177,752	212,303	214,604	223,094	280,917	277,975	271,135	169,159	-
June	151,803	189,630	204,987	216,285	267,277	275,405	279,130	275,063	151,442	-
July	154,880	193,270	197,880	245,954	270,073	276,165	275,387	245,151	161,866	-
August	173,404	202,512	200,591	246,899	220,243	259,190	268,187	296,226	82,084	-
September	175,051	197,552	206,166	233,921	247,990	248,636	256,871	200,082	78,365	-
October	171,099	206,608	227,681	247,374	263,707	266,963	264,952	240,631	123,785	-
November	184,856	194,428	231,581	239,255	262,763	271,584	274,539	209,811	123,785	-
December	163,584	195,562	215,786	223,135	238,572	268,052	272,789	212,114	128,060	-
Q1	480,257	501,608	629,482	650,845	593,269	706,702	742,544	796,194	595,429	616,205
Q2	471,938	515,412	609,399	640,554	696,114	790,788	813,799	799,587	527,566	-
Q3	503,336	593,334	604,636	726,774	738,305	783,991	800,444	741,459	322,315	-
Q4	519,539	596,597	675,048	709,764	765,042	806,599	812,281	662,556	375,630	-
YEAR	1,975,069	2,206,951	2,518,565	2,727,938	2,792,730	3,088,080	3,169,068	2,999,797	1,820,940	

Note: 2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 7: Annual Percentage Changes in the Physical Volume of Imported Electricity: January 2006- March 2014**

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
Jan	1.9	30.0	1.7	(4.0)	16.9	3.3	11.7	(28.8)	(0.8)
Feb	3.8	26.8	3.1	(11.7)	16.8	4.2	19.7	(32.5)	16.8
March	7.5	20.3	5.3	(10.6)	23.5	7.6	(7.4)	(13.3)	(4.0)
April	(1.2)	29.8	9.1	(1.9)	14.0	9.5	(1.3)	(18.3)	-
May	4.4	19.4	1.1	4.0	25.9	(1.0)	(2.5)	(37.6)	-
June	24.9	8.1	5.5	23.6	3.0	1.4	(1.5)	(44.9)	-
July	24.8	2.4	24.3	9.8	2.3	(0.3)	(11.0)	(34.0)	-
August	16.8	(0.9)	23.1	(10.8)	17.7	3.5	10.5	(72.3)	-
September	12.9	4.4	13.5	6.0	0.3	3.3	(22.1)	(60.8)	-
October	20.8	10.2	8.6	6.6	1.2	(0.8)	(9.2)	(48.6)	-
November	5.2	19.1	3.3	9.8	3.4	1.1	(23.6)	(41.0)	-
December	19.5	10.3	3.4	6.9	12.4	1.8	(22.2)	(39.6)	-
Q1	4.4	25.5	3.4	(8.8)	19.1	5.1	7.2	(25.2)	3.5
Q2	9.2	18.2	5.1	8.7	13.6	2.9	(1.7)	(34.0)	-
Q3	17.9	1.9	20.2	1.6	6.2	2.1	(7.4)	(56.5)	-
Q4	14.8	13.1	5.1	7.8	5.4	0.7	(18.4)	(43.3)	-
TOTAL	11.7	14.1	8.3	2.4	10.6	2.6	(5.3)	(39.3)	

Note: () denotes negative numbers  
2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 8: Physical Volume of Electricity Distribution (MWH): January 2005-March 2014**

Period	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	237,193	239,174	263,158	264,322	235,916	280,552	282,990	298,912	304,746	330,053
February	220,429	220,852	263,086	262,893	226,055	258,477	261,873	291,017	265,746	293,098
March	234,633	253,271	273,340	278,361	249,524	306,157	289,801	317,538	304,379	310,300
April	229,360	227,794	248,236	258,978	244,730	275,338	286,287	287,459	300,976	-
May	235,084	249,225	261,661	276,163	272,558	322,860	293,737	310,961	309,613	-
June	233,699	265,559	254,346	274,619	287,410	306,081	302,176	323,990	288,856	-
July	237,771	257,169	259,169	300,542	308,176	309,321	303,201	326,165	319,986	-
August	238,917	264,891	263,134	294,177	269,037	298,784	292,723	307,431	305,504	-
September	248,104	248,624	258,402	273,811	284,512	283,813	277,934	297,258	296,587	-
October	249,422	262,052	268,864	290,063	296,067	304,709	292,118	317,867	155,968	-
November	244,261	257,327	270,083	279,622	289,206	292,478	297,584	323,195	327,013	-
December	232,811	255,285	259,832	261,673	273,458	306,482	292,020	301,215	570,347	-
Q1	692,255	713,297	799,584	805,576	711,494	845,186	834,665	907,468	874,871	933,451
Q2	698,144	742,578	764,243	809,759	804,698	904,279	882,199	922,411	899,445	-
Q3	724,792	770,684	780,705	868,531	861,725	891,918	873,857	930,854	922,077	-
Q4	726,494	774,664	798,779	831,358	858,731	903,669	881,721	942,277	1,053,328	-
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2,841,685</b>	<b>3,001,223</b>	<b>3,143,311</b>	<b>3,315,223</b>	<b>3,236,648</b>	<b>3,545,052</b>	<b>3,472,442</b>	<b>3,703,010</b>	<b>3,749,721</b>	<b>933,451</b>

Note: 2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only

**Table 9: Annual Percentage Changes for the Physical Volume of Electricity Distribution: January 2006- March 2014**

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
January	0.8	10.0	0.4	(10.7)	18.9	0.9	5.6	2.0	8.3
February	0.2	19.1	(0.1)	(14.0)	14.3	1.3	11.1	(8.7)	10.3
March	7.9	7.9	1.8	(10.4)	22.7	(5.3)	9.6	(4.1)	1.9
April	(0.7)	9.0	4.3	(5.5)	12.5	4.0	0.4	4.7	-
May	6.0	5.0	5.5	(1.3)	18.5	(9.0)	5.9	(0.4)	-
June	13.6	(4.2)	8.0	4.7	6.5	(1.3)	7.2	(10.8)	-
July	8.2	0.8	16.0	2.5	0.4	(2.0)	7.6	(1.9)	-
August	10.9	(0.7)	11.8	(8.5)	11.1	(2.0)	5.0	(0.6)	-
September	0.2	3.9	6.0	3.9	(0.2)	(2.1)	7.0	(0.2)	-
October	5.1	2.6	7.9	2.1	2.9	(4.1)	8.8	(50.9)	-
November	5.3	5.0	3.5	3.4	1.1	1.7	8.6	1.2	-
December	9.7	1.8	0.7	4.5	12.1	(4.7)	3.1	89.3	-
Q1	3.0	12.1	0.7	(11.7)	18.8	(1.2)	8.7	(3.6)	6.7
Q2	6.4	2.9	6.0	(0.6)	12.4	(2.4)	4.6	(2.5)	-
Q3	6.3	1.3	11.2	(0.8)	3.5	(2.0)	6.5	(0.9)	-
Q4	6.6	3.1	4.1	3.3	5.2	(2.4)	6.9	11.8	-
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>(2.4)</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>(2.0)</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>

Note: ( ) denotes negative numbers  
2014\* data is based on Quarter 1 only



### 3.0 Technical Notes

#### 3.1 Background

The generation of electricity in Botswana started in 1985 with a coal fired thermal power station at Morupule operating at a capacity of 132 MWH. Prior to this period, most of Botswana's electricity was imported from South Africa's power utility, Eskom. In 2008 South Africa's electricity demand started to exceed its supply, resulting in the South African government restricting power exports. As a result, Botswana and the entire Southern African region experienced massive power shortages because of the reduced electricity exports from South Africa ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy\\_in\\_Botswana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_in_Botswana)).

To avert the situation, Botswana government opted to coming up with alternative ways of sourcing electricity for the country; hence the plan to increase local generation of electricity at Morupule Power Station. The Morupule Power A plant of capacity 132 MWH was augmented with Morupule Power B which is to have a capacity of 600 MWH upon completion (BPC Annual Report, 2010).

#### 3.2 Concepts and formula of the Index of Electricity Generation, Importation and Distribution

The Index of Electricity Generation is a Laspeyres index. The weighted average for electricity generation equals one because there are no various electricity products. The index is thus calculated using the formula;

$$I = \frac{\sum R * W}{\sum W}$$

Where;

**I** is the index

**R** is the electricity generation relative

**W** is the weight

The electricity generation relative for the quarter has been calculated by using the formula:

$$R = \frac{P_c}{P_0}$$

Where **P<sub>c</sub>** is the electricity generation of the current quarter and **P<sub>0</sub>** is the generation of electricity of the base year.

The calculation of the monthly generation indices is based on the volume of electricity units produced.

#### 3.3 Base Year

The base year, also referred to as **reference period** used in this brief is 2011, which is set at 100. The selection of the reference period was informed by the availability of relevant data and synchronization of data with other sectors within the industry.