



Producer Price Index (Mining & Utilities) Quarter 3, 2019



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1.0 COMMENTARY

1.1 Mining Producer Price Index

The Mining Producer Price Index moved from 99.2 realised in the second Quarter of 2019, to 83.6, recorded in third Quarter of 2019, registering a decrease of 15.7 percent. The decrease was due to a fall in section index of diamond by 17 percent. Other Minerals which includes Gold, Coal, Soda Ash and salt recorded an increase during the period under review.

The Mining Producer Price Annual Inflation for the third quarter of 2019 dropped to a negative 7.9 percent as opposed to negative 6.3 percent recorded in the second quarter of 2019. The fall was mainly attributed to a drop in diamond prices.

1.2 Utilities (Water and Electricity) Producer Price Index

The Utilities Producer Price Index in the third quarter of 2019 remained constant at 111.2, the same index as in the second quarter of 2019.

The year on year Utilities Producer Price inflation for the third quarter of 2019 remained unchanged at zero percent the same rate as in the second quarter of 2019 (Refer to [table 2](#)).

Chart 1: Quarter on Quarter Percentage Change for Mining Producer Price Index(PPI)

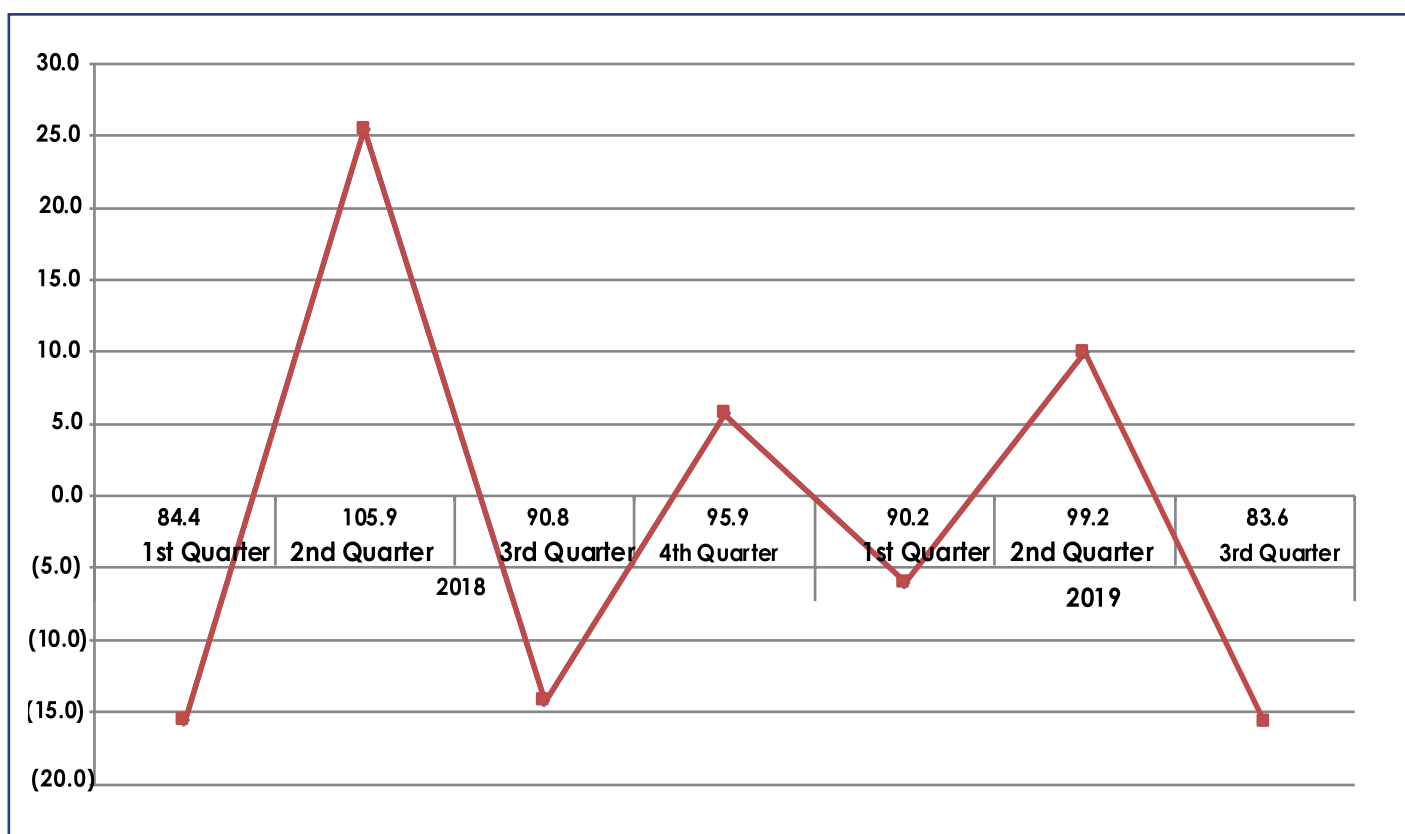


Table 1: Percentage change (Mining)

Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter change	Year on Year change
2017	Jan-Dec	100,0	-	-
2018	Quarter 1	84,4	-	-
	Quarter 2	105,9	25,5	-
	Quarter 3	90,8	(14,3)	-
	Quarter 4	95,9	5,7	-
2019	Quarter 1	90,2	(6,0)	6,9
	Quarter 2	99,2	10,0	(6,3)
	Quarter 3	83,6	(15,7)	(7,9)

Table 2: Percentage change Utilities (Water and Electricity)

Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter change	Year on Year change
2017	Jan - Dec	100,0	-	-
2018	Quarter 1	100,0	-	-
	Quarter 2	111,2	11,2	-
	Quarter 3	111,2	0,0	-
	Quarter 4	111,2	0,0	-
2019	Quarter 1	111,2	0,0	11,2
	Quarter 2	111,2	(0,0)	(0,0)
	Quarter 3	111,2	0,0	(0,0)



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