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# PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (MINING AND UTILITIES) – QUARTER 2 of 2023

### Preface

This report presents Botswana's quarterly Producer Price Index (Mining and Utilities), which is used to derive the producers' inflation rate. The inflation rate measures the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the quarter under review compared to the previous quarter (quarter-on-quarter changes) as well as to the corresponding quarter in the previous year (year-on-year changes).

Price Statistics information is suitable for the formulation of socio-economic and monetary policies. Statistics Botswana produces the quarterly Producer Price Index (Mining and Utilities) to meet the needs of stakeholders.

The Mining Producers' annual inflation rate was -1.1 percent, a decrease of 13.3 percentage points from 12.2 percent recorded on the first quarter of 2023.

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### **1.0 COMMENTARY**

#### 1.1 Mining Producer Price Index Quarter two (2) 2023

The Mining Producer Price Annual Inflation rate for the second quarter of 2023 was -1.1 percent, a decrease of 13.3 percentage points on the first quarter of 2023 rate of 12.2 percent. **Refer to Table 1**.

The Mining Producer Price Index increased by 3.9 percent, from 122.6 in Quarter 1 of 2023 to 127.4 in Quarter 2 of 2023. The increase was due to a rise in section indices of Gold, Salt and Diamond by 93.3 percent, 18.6 percent and 3.1 percent respectively. Other minerals, specifically Coal and Soda Ash recorded a decrease of 6.6 percent and 3.6 percent respectively. **Refer to Table 2.0** 

#### 1.2 Utilities (Water and Electricity) Producer Price Index

The year-on-year Utilities Producer Price inflation for the second quarter of 2023 was 0.0 percent, the same rate as in the first quarter of 2023. **Refer to table 3**.

The Utilities Producer Price Index in the second quarter of 2023 was 115.9, the same index as in the first quarter of 2023. **Refer to Table 3**.

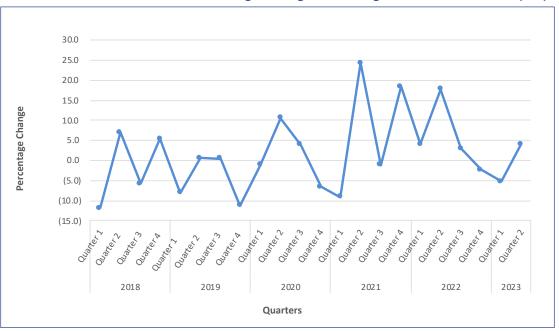


Chart 1: Quarter on Quarter Percentage Change for Mining Producer Price Index(PPI)

			Percentage Change	
Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter	Year on Year
2017	Base Period	100,0	-	-
2018	Quarter 1	88.1	(11.9)	-
	Quarter 2	94.3	7.0	
	Quarter 3	88.8	(5.8)	-
	Quarter 4	91.4	5.4	(8.6)
2019	Quarter 1	84.0	(8.1)	(4.7)
	Quarter 2	84.5	0.6	(10.4)
	Quarter 3	84.8	0.4	(4.5)
	Quarter 4	75.2	(11.3)	(17.7)
2020	Quarter 1	74.4	(1.1)	(11.5)
	Quarter 2	82.2	10.5	(2.8)
	Quarter 3	85.1	3.9	0.4
	Quarter 4	79.5	(6.6)	5.7
2021	Quarter 1	72.2	(9.1)	(2.8)
	Quarter 2	89.8	24.3	9.3
	Quarter 3	88.8	(1.1)	4.3
	Quarter 4	105.1	18.4	32.2
2022	Quarter 1	109.3	4.0	51.3
	Quarter 2	128.7	17.8	43.3
	Quarter 3	132.5	3.0	49.3
	Quarter 4	129.4	(2.3)	23.2
2023	Quarter 1	122.6	(5.3)	12.2
	Quarter 2	127.4	3.9	(1.1)

#### Table 1: Mining Producer Price Index (2017=100)

#### Table 2.0 Mining Producer Price Section Indices for Quarter 2, 2023 (2017=100.0)

			Indices		% Change
Group		Weights	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	Quarter on Quarter
	Mining	100.0	122.6	127.4	3.9
1.0	Diamond	94.7	119.4	123.1	3.1
2.0	Coal	0.9	232.0	216.7	(6.6)
3.0	Gold	1.1	147.5	285.1	93.3
4.0	Soda Ash	1.9	214.9	207.3	(3.6)
5.0	Salt	0.7	112.3	133.1	18.6
6.0	Quarry	0.7	115.6	115.6	0.0

			Percentage Change		
Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter	<u> </u>	
2017	Base Period	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	
	Quarter 4	111.2	0.0	0.0	
2020	Quarter 1	111.2	0.0	0.0	
	Quarter 2	112.0	0.7	0.7	
	Quarter 3	112.0	0.0	0.7	
	Quarter 4	112.0	0.0	0.7	
2021	Quarter 1	112.0	0.0	0.7	
	Quarter 2	115.9	3.5	3.5	
	Quarter 3	115.9	0.0	3.5	
	Quarter 4	115.9	0.0	3.5	
2022	Quarter 1	115.9	0.0	3.5	
	Quarter 2	115.9	0.0	0.0	
	Quarter 3	115.9	0.0	0.0	
	Quarter 4	115.9	0.0	0.0	
2023	Quarter 1	115.9	0.0	0.0	
	Quarter 2	115.9	0.0	0.0	

#### Table 3: Utilities Producer Price Index (Water and Electricity)



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