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1.1 Mining Producer Price Index

The Mining Producer Price Index for Quarter 1 of 2021 was 72.2, registering a drop of 9.1 percent compared to 79.5 in Quarter 4 of 2020. The decrease was due to a fall in section indices of Gold, Diamond, Salt and Soda Ash which recorded a decline of 15.0, 9.6, 2.2 and 2.1 percent respectively. Only coal recorded an increase of 10.1 while Quarry remained unchanged. **Refer to Table 2.4.**

The Mining Producer Price Annual Inflation for the first quarter of 2021 stood at -2.8, recording a drop of 8.5 percentage points on the fourth quarter of 2020 rate of 5.7 percent. The decrease in inflation during the first quarter was mainly due to the drop in the section indices of Gold, Diamond, Salt and Soda Ash. **See Table 1.**

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

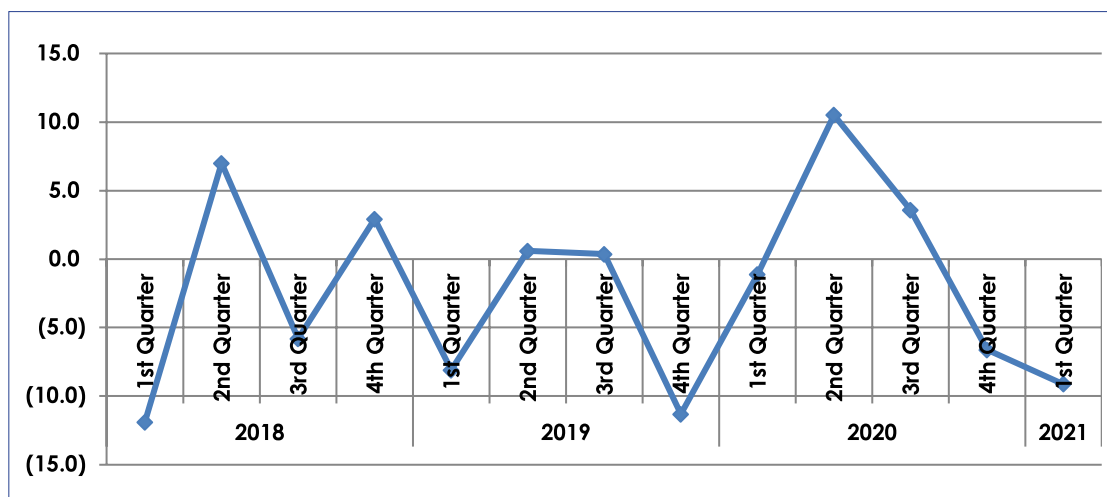


Table 1: Percentage change (Mining)

Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter Change	Year on Year Change
2017	Base Period	100.00	-	-
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	-
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)

1.2 Utilities (Water and Electricity) Producer Price Index

The Utilities Producer Price Index remained unchanged during the period under review while the Quarter 1, 2021 was constant at 0.7 percent.

Table 3: Percentage change Utilities (Water and Electricity)

Year	Quarter	PPI Index	Quarter on Quarter change	Year on Year change
2017	Base Period	100.00	-	-
2018	Quarter 1	-	-	-
	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



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