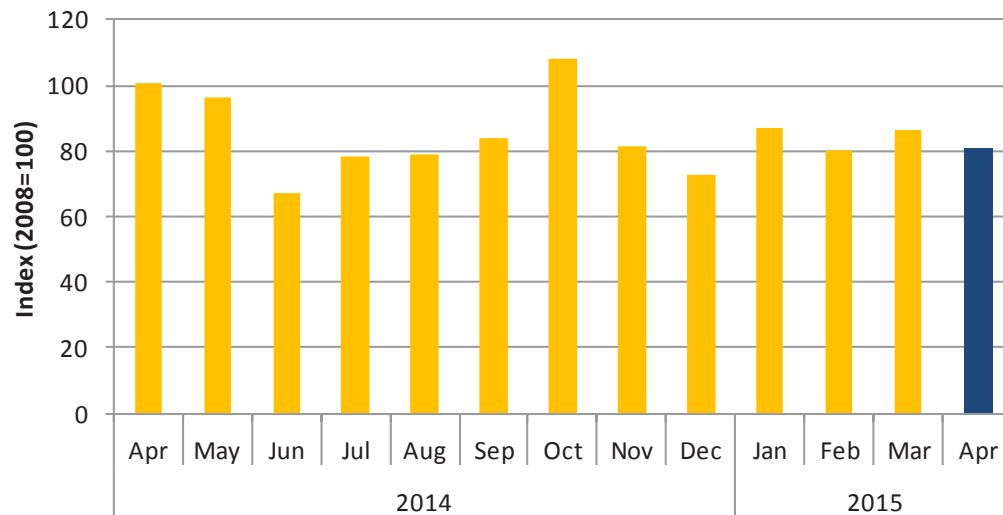


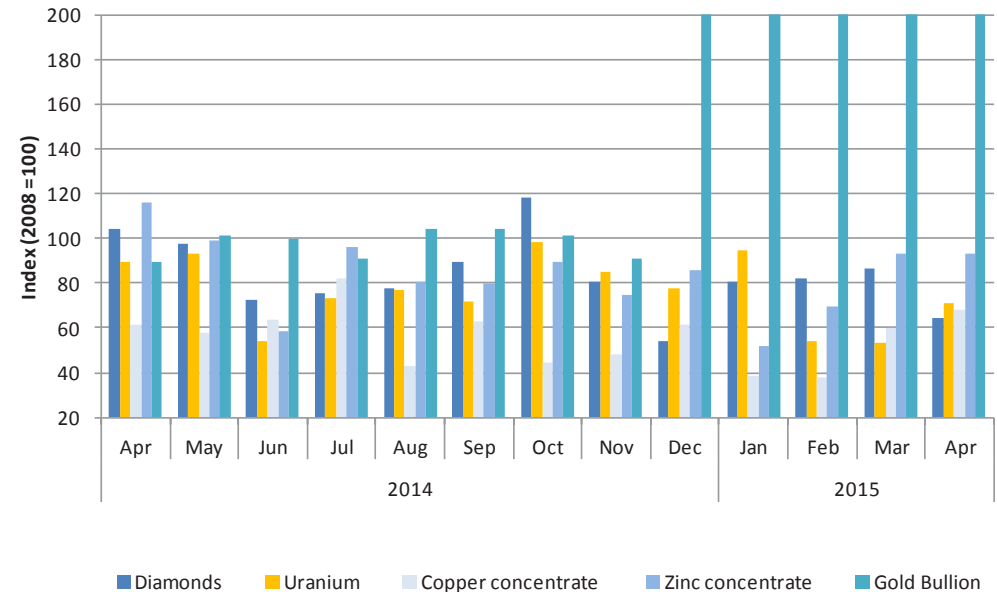


Chart 1: Overall Mining Production Index



- The composite mining index stood at 80.9 points in April 2015. This represents a decline of 6.7 per cent m/m and a decline of 19.5 per cent y/y.
- Most of the selected minerals performed relatively well during the review period, except for Diamond that performed weak when compared to m/m and y/y basis. Zinc production also reduced slightly m/m and a huge decline y/y.
- Due to plant maintenance, the diamond production index recorded a decline in April 2015 after the consecutive increases since January 2015. The index stood at 64.7 points. This decline represents 25.2 per cent m/m and 38.0 per cent y/y (Chart2)
- After recording consecutive declines, the uranium production index recovered and recorded 71.1 points in April 2015 from 53.7 points recorded in March 2015.

Chart 2: Production Indices of Selected Minerals



- The copper production index, recorded an increase of 67.7 points in April 2015, after recovering from declines of January, February and in March 2015. This shows an increase of 13.2 per cent m/m and an increase of 10.5 per cent y/y.
- Zinc production index declined from 93.4 points in March 2015 to 92.8 points in April 2015. This shows a decline of 0.6 per cent m/m and a decline of 20.1 per cent y/y.
- The gold production index continues recording increases as from January 2015. The gold index stood at 348.5 points in April 2015. The recorded index represents increases of 16.0 per cent m/m and 288.1 per cent y/y

The mining and quarrying sector contributed 9.3 per cent in real value added to GDP in 2013 compared to 10.8 per cent in 2012. The scale for Chart 2 has been limited to 200 to make it readable to the user, since the index for gold has surpassed 200 as from December 2014.



Table 1: Mining composite index of the selected minerals

		Diamonds	Uranium	Copper concentrate	Zinc concentrate	Gold Bullion	Index			Diamonds	Uranium	Copper concentrate	Zinc concentrate	Gold Bullion	Index	
2010	Jan	58.8	174.4	0.0	94.4	112.4	95.5	2012	Sept	66.4	126.9	76.0	89.1	83.9	86.0	
	Feb	56.9	56.9	0.0	63.0	103.3	58.9		Oct	74.0	128.8	69.6	89.4	91.2	91.1	
	Mar	45.0	108.8	0.0	92.0	145.7	70.9		Nov	91.6	112.5	39.6	104.2	95.5	98.3	
	Apr	56.8	144.4	0.0	87.0	121.4	85.8		Dec	90.7	113.7	63.3	87.4	121.4	97.5	
	May	95.3	81.8	0.0	83.0	95.4	89.4		2013	Jan	71.8	118.1	64.7	87.2	64.9	85.6
	Jun	117.2	272.3	0.0	96.0	107.0	155.2			Feb	94.4	56.5	60.5	93.2	84.1	83.3
	Jul	67.3	169.8	0.0	85.4	109.3	98.0			Mar	66.6	101.7	38.7	112.7	89.8	81.8
	Aug	87.0	69.2	0.0	71.8	85.3	79.6			Apr	64.7	93.0	46.0	102.2	81.9	77.0
	Sept	65.0	69.1	0.0	89.5	81.9	68.9			May	85.5	117.0	51.6	102.8	64.4	94.7
	Oct	44.4	69.0	0.0	97.7	85.3	58.1			Jun	79.4	127.6	63.9	65.6	84.7	90.9
	Nov	43.3	158.0	0.0	74.2	63.2	78.1			Jul	75.5	116.7	56.9	78.5	106.7	88.0
	Dec	58.8	41.5	0.0	0.0	126.5	49.8			Aug	73.2	107.2	53.8	111.8	121.4	88.3
2011	Jan	91.5	225.1	0.0	73.7	114.7	125.6	Sept		93.9	115.6	42.1	101.0	106.2	100.5	
	Feb	64.4	30.8	0.0	64.6	91.7	55.8	Oct		93.9	110.6	46.7	83.0	101.1	97.0	
	Mar	57.5	30.5	0.0	70.3	92.8	52.4	Nov		79.0	121.2	47.7	112.0	99.4	94.5	
	Apr	35.2	60.9	0.0	81.1	107.3	49.7	Dec		80.3	71.7	64.8	82.6	106.7	79.1	
	May	36.5	89.7	0.0	55.8	101.1	55.2	2014	Jan	72.9	81.6	58.6	100.2	93.7	79.0	
	Jun	40.8	104.8	0.0	81.7	72.3	63.4		Feb	88.7	85.6	33.3	71.5	91.5	85.5	
	Jul	59.3	74.3	0.0	93.8	111.8	68.6		Mar	72.6	100.9	40.1	84.1	102.2	82.4	
	Aug	58.5	92.5	0.0	75.2	69.5	69.4		Apr	104.3	89.2	61.3	116.2	89.8	100.5	
	Sept	92.3	80.5	0.0	73.4	99.4	86.4		May	97.7	93.0	57.6	99.4	101.1	96.4	
	Oct	30.6	99.7	0.0	89.2	122.0	59.0		Jun	72.6	53.8	63.9	58.4	100.0	67.0	
	Nov	75.0	71.6	0.0	60.8	90.4	72.4		Jul	75.8	73.6	82.4	96.1	90.9	78.1	
	Dec	83.8	102.0	0.0	71.3	119.7	87.9		Aug	77.9	76.9	43.2	80.7	103.9	78.6	
2012	Jan	40.8	121.2	0.0	77.4	132.7	69.8		Sept	89.5	72.1	62.9	79.5	103.9	84.0	
	Feb	64.7	85.8	42.7	62.4	117.5	72.1		Oct	118.1	98.7	44.3	89.4	101.1	108.3	
	Mar	59.9	108.6	52.8	64.5	109.0	75.5		Nov	80.6	84.8	47.8	74.8	90.9	81.2	
	Apr	85.9	92.5	49.3	71.5	118.0	87.0		Dec	54.1	77.7	61.6	85.5	269.4	72.6	
	May	84.0	119.4	59.8	47.8	142.3	91.7	2015	Jan	80.5	94.6	38.6	51.7	234.9	86.9	
	Jun	79.9	107.1	58.3	89.8	109.6	89.3		Feb	82.2	54.4	37.4	69.8	258.1	79.9	
	Jul	80.1	113.1	60.4	82.5	55.2	88.1		Mar	86.4	53.7	59.8	93.4	300.4	86.7	
	Aug	80.3	120.7	57.7	73.9	116.4	91.7		Apr	64.7	71.1	67.7	92.8	348.5	80.9	

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Methodology

Data Sources: Ministry of Mines and Energy is the sources of monthly sectoral data.

Note: The data collected for monthly sectoral reports are for selected minerals, namely: Diamond, uranium, copper, Zinc and Gold. There are revisions made to copper and zinc as from 2010.

Base year of monthly sectoral reports: 2008

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