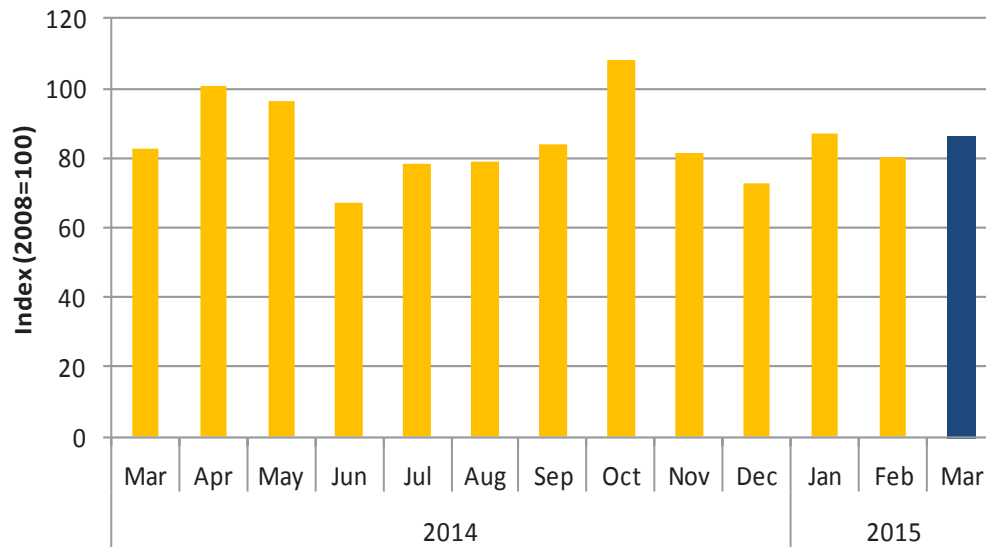


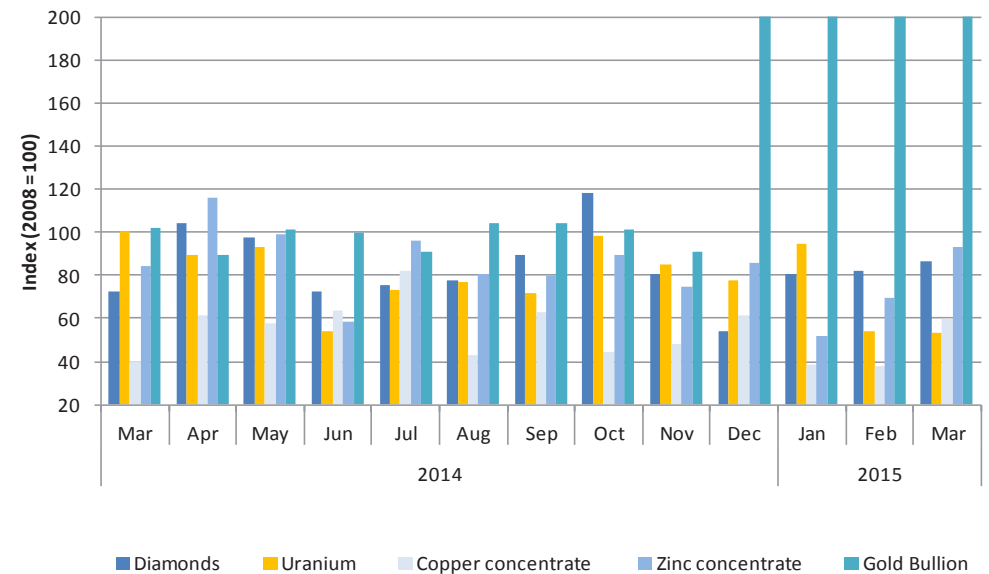


Chart 1: Overall Mining Production Index



- The composite mining index stood at 86.7 points in March 2015. This represents an increase of 8.4 per cent m/m and an increase of 5.2 per cent y/y.
- Most of the selected minerals performed relatively well during the review period, except for uranium that performed slightly weak when compared to previous month.
- (Chart2) The diamond production index recorded consecutive in-creases since January 2015. The index stood at 86.4.2 points. This increase represents 5.2 per cent m/m and 19.1 per cent y/y
- The uranium production index declined to 53.7 points in March 2015 from 54.4 points recorded in February 2015.

Chart 2: Production Indices of Selected Minerals



- Uranium production index continue to record consecutive declines as from last month. The index declined by 1.3 per cent m/m and 46.8 per cent y/y
- The copper production index recovered to record 59.8 points, after recording declines for the past two months of 2015. This shows an increase of 59.8 per cent m/m and an increase of 49.2 per cent y/y.
- Zinc production index increased from 69.8 points in February 2015 to 93.4 points recorded in March 2015. This shows an in-crease of 33.8 per cent m/m and an increase of 11.0 per cent y/y.
- The gold production index keeps on recording increases as from January 2015. The gold index stood at 300.4 points in March 2015. The recorded index represents increases of 16.4 per cent m/m and 193.9 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
2010	Jan	58.8	174.4	0.0	94.4	112.4	95.5
	Feb	56.9	56.9	0.0	63.0	103.3	58.9
	Mar	45.0	108.8	0.0	92.0	145.7	70.9
	Apr	56.8	144.4	0.0	87.0	121.4	85.8
	May	95.3	81.8	0.0	83.0	95.4	89.4
	Jun	117.2	272.3	0.0	96.0	107.0	155.2
	Jul	67.3	169.8	0.0	85.4	109.3	98.0
	Aug	87.0	69.2	0.0	71.8	85.3	79.6
	Sept	65.0	69.1	0.0	89.5	81.9	68.9
	Oct	44.4	69.0	0.0	97.7	85.3	58.1
	Nov	43.3	158.0	0.0	74.2	63.2	78.1
	Dec	58.8	41.5	0.0	0.0	126.5	49.8
2011	Jan	91.5	225.1	0.0	73.7	114.7	125.6
	Feb	64.4	30.8	0.0	64.6	91.7	55.8
	Mar	57.5	30.5	0.0	70.3	92.8	52.4
	Apr	35.2	60.9	0.0	81.1	107.3	49.7
	May	36.5	89.7	0.0	55.8	101.1	55.2
	Jun	40.8	104.8	0.0	81.7	72.3	63.4
	Jul	59.3	74.3	0.0	93.8	111.8	68.6
	Aug	58.5	92.5	0.0	75.2	69.5	69.4
	Sept	92.3	80.5	0.0	73.4	99.4	86.4
	Oct	30.6	99.7	0.0	89.2	122.0	59.0
	Nov	75.0	71.6	0.0	60.8	90.4	72.4
	Dec	83.8	102.0	0.0	71.3	119.7	87.9
2012	Jan	40.8	121.2	0.0	77.4	132.7	69.8
	Feb	64.7	85.8	42.7	62.4	117.5	72.1
	Mar	59.9	108.6	52.8	64.5	109.0	75.5
	Apr	85.9	92.5	49.3	71.5	118.0	87.0
	May	84.0	119.4	59.8	47.8	142.3	91.7
	Jun	79.9	107.1	58.3	89.8	109.6	89.3
	Jul	80.1	113.1	60.4	82.5	55.2	88.1
	Aug	80.3	120.7	57.7	73.9	116.4	91.7

		Diamonds	Uranium	Copper concentrate	Zinc concentrate	Gold Bullion	Index
	Sept	66.4	126.9	76.0	89.1	83.9	86.0
	Oct	74.0	128.8	69.6	89.4	91.2	91.1
	Nov	91.6	112.5	39.6	104.2	95.5	98.3
	Dec	90.7	113.7	63.3	87.4	121.4	97.5
2013	Jan	71.8	118.1	64.7	87.2	64.9	85.6
	Feb	94.4	56.5	60.5	93.2	84.1	83.3
	Mar	66.6	101.7	38.7	112.7	89.8	81.8
	Apr	64.7	93.0	46.0	102.2	81.9	77.0
	May	85.5	117.0	51.6	102.8	64.4	94.7
	Jun	79.4	127.6	63.9	65.6	84.7	90.9
	Jul	75.5	116.7	56.9	78.5	106.7	88.0
	Aug	73.2	107.2	53.8	111.8	121.4	88.3
	Sept	93.9	115.6	42.1	101.0	106.2	100.5
	Oct	93.9	110.6	46.7	83.0	101.1	97.0
	Nov	79.0	121.2	47.7	112.0	99.4	94.5
	Dec	80.3	71.7	64.8	82.6	106.7	79.1
2014	Jan	72.9	81.6	58.6	100.2	93.7	79.0
	Feb	88.7	85.6	33.3	71.5	91.5	85.5
	Mar	72.6	100.9	40.1	84.1	102.2	82.4
	Apr	104.3	89.2	61.3	116.2	89.8	100.5
	May	97.7	93.0	57.6	99.4	101.1	96.4
	Jun	72.6	53.8	63.9	58.4	100.0	67.0
	Jul	75.8	73.6	82.4	96.1	90.9	78.1
	Aug	77.9	76.9	43.2	80.7	103.9	78.6
	Sept	89.5	72.1	62.9	79.5	103.9	84.0
	Oct	118.1	98.7	44.3	89.4	101.1	108.3
	Nov	80.6	84.8	47.8	74.8	90.9	81.2
	Dec	54.1	77.7	61.6	85.5	269.4	72.6
2015	Jan	80.5	94.6	38.6	51.7	234.9	86.9
	Feb	82.2	54.4	37.4	69.8	258.1	79.9
	Mar	86.4	53.7	59.8	93.4	300.4	86.7

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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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