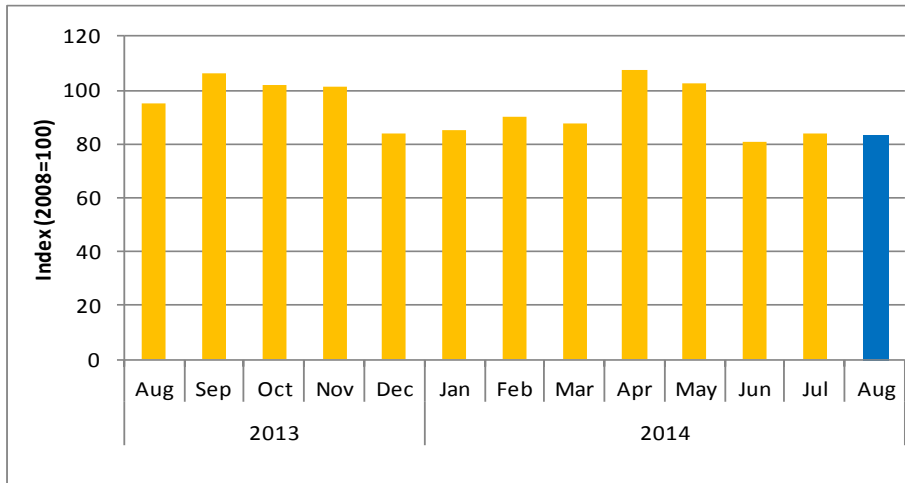




Chart 1: Overall Mining Production Index



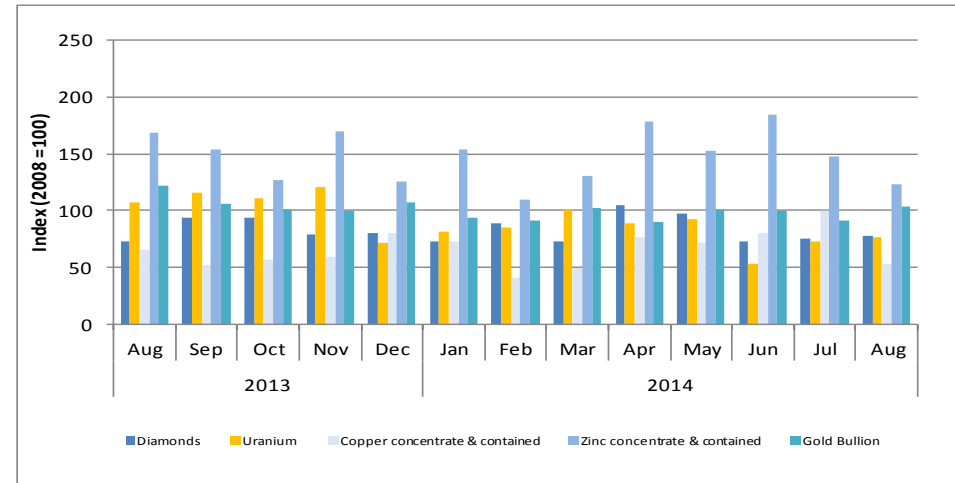
The composite mining index shows a mixed trend with an average index of 93.0, which is below the base index level of 2008. The composite index level stood at 83.4 in August 2014.

The overall mining production index decrease to 83.4 points in August 2014 from 83.9 points recorded in July 2014. This shows decline of 0.5 points or 0.6 per cent m/m and a decline of 11.4 points or 12.0 per cent y/y.

The decline in overall mining production index during the month under review can be attributed to Zinc and Copper that recorded the declines in production. However, Diamond, Uranium and Gold recorded increases in production.

(Chart2) Despite the labour unrest, Diamond production Index stood at 77.9 in August 2014, increasing by 2.1 points which represents an increase of 2.8 per cent m/m, while y/y increased by 4.7 points signifying an increase of 6.5 per cent.

Chart 2: Production Indices of Selected Minerals



In August 2014, Uranium production index stood at 76.9 points, representing an increase of 3.4 points or 4.6 per cent m/m and a decline of 30.3 points representing 28.2 per cent y/y.

Copper production index decreased to 53.6 points in August from 100.2 recorded in July 2014, showing declines on m/m and y/y by recording 46.5 per cent and 18.9 per cent, respectively.

Gold production index increased to 103.9 points in August 2014 from 90.9 points in July 2014, representing an increase of 14.3 per cent m/m, and a decline of 14.4 per cent y/y.

Zinc production index stood at 122.9 during the month of August 2014. This represents decline of 16.5 per cent m/m and 27.2 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.

Table 1: Mining composite index of the selected minerals

		Diamonds	Uranium	Copper concentrate & contained	Zinc concentrate & contained	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
	Sep	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
	Sep	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	117.8	132.7	74.2
	Feb	64.7	85.8	53.8	94.7	117.5	75.7
	Mar	59.9	108.6	65.4	99.8	109.0	79.5
	Apr	85.9	92.5	61.2	109.1	118.0	91.3
	May	84.0	119.4	72.6	73.5	142.3	94.6
	Jun	79.9	107.1	72.1	136.2	109.6	94.6
	Jul	80.1	113.1	74.1	126.1	55.2	93.0
	Aug	80.3	120.7	70.7	113.5	116.4	96.2
	Sep	66.4	126.9	93.0	137.5	83.9	91.5
	Oct	74.0	128.8	84.9	137.9	91.2	96.6
	Nov	91.6	112.5	49.0	159.6	95.5	104.5
	Dec	90.7	113.7	78.3	133.3	121.4	102.7

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		Diamonds	Uranium	Copper concentrate & contained	Zinc concentrate & contained	Gold Bullion	Index
2013	Jan	71.8	118.1	79.9	132.7	64.9	90.8
	Feb	94.4	56.5	74.7	141.4	84.1	88.7
	Mar	66.6	101.7	48.0	174.3	89.8	88.7
	Apr	64.7	93.0	58.4	158.1	81.9	83.2
	May	85.5	117.0	64.2	158.9	64.4	101.0
	Jun	79.4	127.6	78.9	100.0	84.7	94.9
	Jul	75.5	116.7	70.8	120.0	106.7	92.7
	Aug	73.2	107.2	66.1	168.9	121.4	94.7
	Sep	93.9	115.6	51.8	154.3	106.2	106.5
	Oct	93.9	110.6	57.3	126.7	101.1	101.9
	Nov	79.0	121.2	60.0	170.1	99.4	101.0
	Dec	80.3	71.7	80.9	125.7	106.7	84.0
2014	Jan	72.9	81.6	73.3	153.3	93.7	84.9
	Feb	88.7	85.6	40.9	110.1	91.5	89.8
	Mar	72.6	100.9	49.8	130.1	102.2	87.5
	Apr	104.3	89.2	76.3	178.5	89.8	107.5
	May	97.7	93.0	71.6	152.8	101.1	102.4
	Jun	72.6	53.8	79.8	184.7	100.0	81.0
	Jul	75.8	73.6	100.2	147.2	90.9	83.9
	Aug	77.9	76.9	53.6	122.9	103.9	83.4

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Methodology notes and data sources

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.

Base year of monthly sectoral reports: 2008

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