

South Africa Morning Sheet

- The June mining output data was a lot weaker than we had expected, leaving Q2 output down 76.3% q/q saar (vs our forecast of a 70.4% decline), implying downside risks to our Q2 GDP forecast
- Load shedding returned yesterday after 27 days of respite, as Eskom warned that this
 could persist into 2021; adding downside risk to economic recovery prospects over the
 next year

Q2 Mining output fell by more than what we forecast on a quarter-on-quarter basis. Stats SA reported yesterday that mining output fell by 1.4% m/m sa in June which was well below our optimistic forecast of a 15.0% m/m sa rise as the economy moved to Level 3 lockdown from Level 4. Thus, mining production in June fell by 28.2% y/y compared with a 27.6% decline in May. This unexpectedly weak print was due to PGMs (-27.3% m/m sa) and coal (-7.8%), which more than offset higher gold (+10.1%) and iron ore (+17.0%) production. Looking at seasonally adjusted data across the major mining categories, gold output was down 26.0% compared with pre-COVID-19 levels (i.e. Q1 20), iron ore production was down 44.1%, PGMs output fell 52.1% and coal production declined 13.1%. Overall, on a quarter-on-quarter basis, mining output fell 76.3% saar in Q2, which was worse than our official forecast of a 70.4% decline. On its own, this adds some downside risks to our Q2 GDP forecast of a 44.1% q/q saar drop.

Eskom yesterday implemented load shedding for the first time since 16 July. Yesterday from 8:00 to 22:00, Eskom implemented Stage 2 load shedding (involving 2,000MW of rotational power cuts) due to a rise in generating plant breakdowns. Eskom said that breakdowns this week have taken down more than 13,500MW of generating capacity, while planned maintenance outages amounted to 5,000MW. Eskom is scheduled to resume load shedding this morning at 08:00 am until 10:00 pm, and said this could continue over the weekend. We believe that persistent load shedding would add downside risk to our already subdued GDP forecast of -8.3% in 2020. As Figure 8 in the Morning Sheet shows, hours shed so far in 2020 have been substantial. We calculate 1,373 MWh shed in 2020 so far, compared with 1,286 MWh in all of 2019. Meanwhile, Eskom's CEO, Andre de Ruyter, has warmed that bouts of load shedding are likely to persist well into the next year. We believe this would constraint the post-COVID GDP recovery.

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FIGURE 1 New data releases and key events

Date	Time	Event	Period	Survey	Absa	Prior	Prior-1	Comments
21-Aug	12:00	NCR Consumer Credit Market	Q1 20					The data will be a key indicator of consumer credit health before the pandemic hit South Africa.
24-Aug	14:30	Statistics of Liquidations and insolvencies	Jul			134.0	195.0	These data may show some of the early effects of lockdown restrictions on firms' balance sheets but there is likely to be a lag.
25-Aug	9:00	Leading indicator, index	Jun			95.7	96.3	The forward-looking properties of the leading indicator are likely to be weak at this stage given the nature of the unfolding shock.
26-Aug	10:00	Headline inflation, % y/y	Jul		3.2	2.2	2.1	Headline CPI inflation likely bounced back into the 3-6% target range due to the increase in fuel prices on the back of higher Brent crude oil prices.
26-Aug	10:00	Core inflation, % y/y	Jul		3.0	3.0	3.1	Core inflation likely remained at the lower end of the 3-6% inflation target range due to weak demandpull inflation.
27-Aug	11:30	Producer Price Index, % y/y	Jul		1.7	0.5	0.4	PPI inflation likely rose in July as a result of lower rate of fuel deflation.
28-Aug	14:00	Main budget balance, ZARbn	Jul		-116.8	-22.3	-52.3	In line with the provisional financing data and seasonal factors, we forecast a main budget deficit in July.

R indicates "revised". Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 2
Review of recent key domestic data releases

Main indicators	Release date	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Comments
Mining output, % y/y	13-Aug	Jun		-28.2	-27.6	Overall, on a q/q basis, mining output fell by 76.3% saar in Q2, worse than our official forecast of a 70.4% decline.
Retail sales, % y/y	12-Aug	Jun	-3.6	-7.5	-11.9	Retail sales volumes rose by 6.4% m/m sa in June after a 68.7% increase in May as more activity was allowed under Level 3 of lockdown; on a y/y basis, retail sales are down by 7.5% in June.
Manufacturing output, % y/y	11-Aug	Jun	-25.3	-16.3	-32.4	Despite improving in May and June as the government relaxed lockdown restrictions, manufacturing output is down by 76.2% q/q saa in Q2 compared to an 8.1% fall in Q1.
IHS Markit economy-wide PMI, index	5-Aug	Jul		44.9	42.5	According to IHS Markit, output fell by 'the slowest since before the government imposed lockdown measures to stop the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in March'.
Provisional financing data	4-Aug	Jul				The National Treasury provisional financing data for July signals a main budget deficit of R116.8bn.
Absa manufacturing PMI, index	3-Aug	Jul		51.2	53.9	Activity continues to recover from low levels. The business activity sub- index of the Absa PMI remained fairly strong at 62.9 in July compared with 64.6 in June.
NAAMSA vehicle sales, % y/y	3-Aug	Jul		-29.6	-30.7	The July sales remained subdued as a result of passenger car sales which fell by 35.9% y/y to 18.9k units compared to a 33.3% rise in the preceding month.
Merchandise trade balance, ZARbn	31-Jul	Jun		46.6	19.7	Quarterly, the merchandise trade surplus was a seasonally adjusted annualised R78.4bn in Q2 compared to R203.2bn in Q1.
Producer Price Index, % y/y	30-Jul	Jun	0.6	0.5	0.4	Headline PPI inflation (i.e. PPI inflation for final manufactured goods) rose slightly to 0.5% y/y in June from 0.4% in May, mainly due to the increase in fuel prices during the month.
Main budget balance, ZARbn	30-Jul	Jun		-22.3	-52.3	June main budget data showed a deficit of R22.3bn as tax revenues cratered under the pressure of the ongoing shock of the pandemic
Crop Estimates Committee	29-Jul	2020				The sixth total maize production forecast rose by 37.9% y/y to $15.5mn$ in 2020.
Headline inflation, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	2.2	2.2	2.1	Headline inflation rose due to a lower rate of fuel price deflation in June
Core inflation, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	3.0	3.0	3.1	Decelerating housing cost growth seems principally responsible for pulling core CPI slightly lower in June.
Private sector credit extension, % y/y	29-Jul	Jun	6.5	5.6	6.3	Credit extension growth decelerated for both households and corporates.
Quarterly Employment Statistics	28-Jul	Q1 20				Total employment in the formal non-agricultural sector fell by $3k q/q$ to $10.2mn$ in Q1. Against the weak labour market, real average monthly earnings (including bonuses and overtime) fell by $1.7\% q/q$ in Q1 compared to a 0.1% decline in Q4.
Statistics of Liquidations and insolvencies	27-Jul	Jun		134.0	195.0	Liquidations were down 9.7% y/y and 17.8% in May and June, respectively, with the subdued prints likely reflecting the length of time it takes to liquidate a company.

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 ${\tt Source: Thomson\ Reuters, Bloomberg, Absa\ Research.}$

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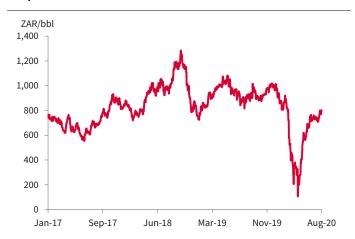
FIGURE 3 **Key market indicators**

	Previous close	Daily change	7 day change	1 month change	3 month change	1 year change	High in last year	Low over last year
USD/ZAR	17.42	-0.2%	0.0%	5.1%	-5.4%	13.1%	19.09	13.99
EUR/ZAR	20.58	0.0%	-0.6%	8.6%	3.1%	19.7%	20.78	15.67
GBP/ZAR	22.75	0.0%	-0.6%	9.0%	1.3%	22.4%	23.54	18.00
AUD/ZAR	12.45	-0.4%	-1.2%	7.1%	4.5%	19.7%	12.64	9.71
ZAR/JPY	6.13	0.2%	1.2%	-4.8%	5.3%	-10.7%	7.79	5.64
EUR/USD	1.18	0.3%	-0.6%	3.5%	9.3%	6.0%	1.19	1.07
3m JIBAR	3.44	-5.8bp	-18.3bp	-40.8bp	-104.1bp	-339.1bp	6.85	3.44
R208	3.56	-3.5bp	0.0bp	4.5bp	-22.5bp	-319.5bp	6.85	3.46
R186 (2026)	7.39	-2.0bp	-17.5bp	-16.5bp	-41.5bp	-100.0bp	11.22	7.23
US 2-year	0.17	0.6bp	4.4bp	1.2bp	-2.2bp	-137.6bp	1.89	0.11
US 10-year	0.72	4.6bp	16.9bp	8.4bp	-3.8bp	-89.4bp	2.02	0.50
All Share	57,417	0.4%	2.1%	2.2%	14.4%	-0.3%	59001.87	37963.01
S&P 500	3,380	1.4%	1.4%	5.5%	15.1%	13.2%	3386.15	2237.40
Gold	1,953	1.8%	-5.6%	7.6%	12.7%	28.5%	2063.19	1454.25
Platinum	957	2.8%	-4.7%	14.2%	23.8%	11.5%	1020.20	586.51
Brent	45.9	4.3%	-0.5%	4.6%	83.0%	-21.4%	71.55	5.62
CDS Spreads	289.59	-12.7bp	-23.4bp	-21.2bp	-87.2bp	91.6bp	492.47	157.78

Note: Bond yield changes are denoted in basis points.

Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 4
ZAR price of oil



Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 6 **ZAR performance**



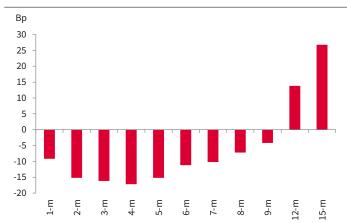
Note: Rise/fall in Nominal effective exchange rate implies ZAR ap/depreciation. Source: Thomson Reuters

FIGURE 5
SA petrol price movements, as of 12 Aug 2020

	Petrol 95 unleaded	Petrol 93 unleaded	Diesel 0.05%	Diesel 0.005%
Pump price (c/l)	1,517	1,488	1,349	1,353
Basic fuel price (c/l)	575	566	581	586
Daily over/under recovery (c/l)	-5	-15	16	16
Avg. over/under recovery (c/l)	12	3	3	4
o/w due to int'l price	30	21	22	23
o/w due to FX rate	-18	-18	-19	-19

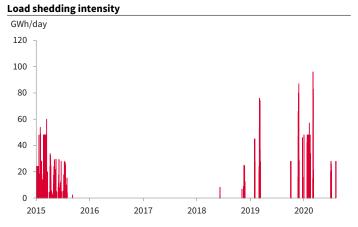
Source: CEF, Absa Research

FIGURE 7
Implied change in the reporate based on FRA curve



Note: Calculated by subtracting 3-month Jibar from the corresponding FRA rate. Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 8



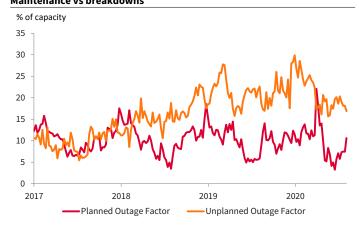
Source: Eskom, Absa Research

FIGURE 10 Latest changes in water dam levels

	As at 3 August (%)	pp∆ from previous week	pp∆ from previous year	Long-run average
Eastern Cape	51.5	-0.1	-5.1	58.4
Free State	80.2	-0.5	-3.6	79.8
Gauteng	99.1	-0.2	7.3	95.1
Kwazulu-Natal	58.9	-0.5	-1.9	58.4
Lesotho	22.0	-0.8	-3.2	34.2
Limpopo	63.2	-0.9	5.7	65.7
Mpumalanga	70.7	-0.5	2.5	72.7
Northern Cape	89.9	-4.0	5.5	82.6
North West	68.8	-0.7	4.4	67.4
Eswatini	73.2	-0.8	-15.9	80.0
Western Cape	61.2	0.5	-0.2	43.1
Grand total	68.2	-0.4	-2.1	68.5

Source: Department of Water and Sanitation, Absa Research

FIGURE 9
Maintenance vs breakdowns



Source: Eskom, Absa Research

FIGURE 11 Rainfall

millimeters	May-20	% Δ from LT average	Feb-Apr average	% Δ from LT average
Eastern Cape	28.7	20.6	70.6	5.9
Free State	0.0	-100.0	77.9	17.0
Gauteng	0.0	-100.0	101.0	31.9
Kwazulu-Natal	4.8	-82.6	101.9	11.1
Limpopo	0.7	-93.6	74.4	1.0
Mpumalanga	0.2	-98.6	73.2	-13.6
Northern Cape	1.5	-88.8	30.9	-1.8
North West	0.0	-100.0	72.7	14.4
Western Cape	40.6	-27.5	19.7	-44.2
Weighted average	9.2	-55.1	57.5	2.1

 ${\tt Source: South \, African \, Weather \, Service, \, Absa \, Research}$

FIGURE 12
Absa exchange rate forecasts (end of period)

Period end	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Monthly						
Jun-20	16.50	17.99	2.32	6.48	20.30	10.40
Jul-20	16.30	17.83	2.30	6.57	20.11	10.33
Aug-20	16.20	17.75	2.29	6.61	20.02	10.30
Sep-20	16.00	17.60	2.27	6.69	19.84	10.24
Oct-20	15.90	17.62	2.26	6.73	19.84	10.30
Nov-20	15.85	17.62	2.26	6.75	19.84	10.33
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Jan-21	15.81	17.77	2.26	6.77	20.11	10.50
Feb-21	15.84	17.84	2.26	6.76	20.24	10.55
Mar-21	15.90	17.97	2.27	6.73	20.51	10.65
Apr-21	16.04	18.14	2.29	6.71	20.72	10.76
May-21	16.11	18.22	2.30	6.70	20.82	10.81
Quarterly						
Jun-20	16.50	17.99	2.32	6.48	20.30	10.40
Sep-20	16.00	17.60	2.27	6.69	19.84	10.24
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Mar-21	15.90	17.97	2.27	6.73	20.51	10.65
Jun-21	16.25	18.40	2.32	6.68	21.03	10.92
Sep-21	16.40	18.83	2.36	6.62	21.56	11.19
Dec-21	16.60	19.26	2.41	6.57	22.08	11.45
Annual						
Dec-20	15.75	17.64	2.25	6.79	19.85	10.40
Dec-21	16.60	19.26	2.41	6.57	22.08	11.45
Dec-22	17.25	20.53	2.61	6.23	23.81	12.59
Dec-23	18.00	21.60	2.71	5.89	25.02	13.14

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 13
Absa exchange rate forecasts (period average)

Period avg	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Monthly						
Jun-20	17.01	18.56	2.40	6.31	21.06	10.81
Jul-20	16.40	17.91	2.31	6.53	20.20	10.36
Aug-20	16.25	17.79	2.30	6.59	20.07	10.32
Sep-20	16.10	17.68	2.28	6.65	19.93	10.27
Oct-20	15.95	17.61	2.27	6.71	19.84	10.27
Nov-20	15.88	17.62	2.26	6.74	19.84	10.32
Dec-20	15.80	17.63	2.25	6.77	19.84	10.36
Jan-21	15.78	17.71	2.25	6.78	19.98	10.45
Feb-21	15.83	17.80	2.26	6.76	20.18	10.52
Mar-21	15.87	17.90	2.27	6.74	20.38	10.60
Apr-21	15.97	18.05	2.28	6.72	20.62	10.71
May-21	16.08	18.18	2.30	6.70	20.77	10.79
Quarterly						
Jun-20	17.75	19.45	2.51	6.05	22.15	11.34
Sep-20	16.25	17.79	2.30	6.59	20.07	10.32
Dec-20	15.88	17.62	2.26	6.74	19.84	10.32
Mar-21	15.83	17.80	2.26	6.76	20.18	10.52
Jun-21	16.08	18.18	2.30	6.70	20.77	10.79
Sep-21	16.33	18.61	2.34	6.65	21.29	11.05
Dec-21	16.50	19.04	2.38	6.59	21.82	11.32
Annual						
Dec-20	16.36	18.02	2.32	6.60	20.54	10.55
Dec-21	16.18	18.41	2.32	6.68	21.02	10.92
Dec-22	16.92	19.89	2.51	6.40	22.94	12.02
Dec-23	17.63	21.06	2.66	6.06	24.41	12.87

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 14

Detailed CPI inflation forecasts

Date	CPI index	СРІ % у/у	Core CPI index	Core CPI % y/y	Food CPI index	Food CPI % y/y	Brent \$/bbl	Brent R/bbl
Jan-19	109.2	4.0	109.0	4.4	109.4	3.0	59.0	815.9
eb-19	110.1	4.1	110.2	4.4	109.4	2.9	64.3	888.7
Mar-19	111.0	4.5	111.0	4.4	109.7	3.1	66.0	949.3
Apr-19	111.7	4.4	111.3	4.1	109.9	2.9	71.5	1010.6
May-19	112.0	4.5	111.3	4.1	110.2	3.2	72.1	1038.8
Jun-19	112.4	4.5	111.7	4.3	110.7	3.7	65.7	956.6
Jul-19	112.8	4.0	112.2	4.2	110.7	3.4	64.1	899.9
19-Aug	113.1	4.3	112.3	4.3	111.2	3.9	58.8	891.9
19-Sep	113.4	4.1	112.5	4.0	111.5	3.9	63.4	941.7
19-Oct	113.4	3.7	112.6	4.0	111.4	3.6	60.3	899.9
19-Nov	113.5	3.6	112.7	3.9	111.7	3.5	63.9	945.5
19-Dec	113.8	4.0	112.9	3.8	112.1	3.9	69.0	992.4
20-Jan	114.1	4.5	113.0	3.7	113.5	3.7	64.4	927.7
20-Feb	115.2	4.6	114.4	3.8	114.0	4.2	56.5	848.7
20-Mar	115.6	4.1	115.1	3.7	114.3	4.3	32.1	535.6
20-Apr	115.0	3.0	114.9	3.2	114.7	4.4	14.9	276.2
20-May	114.3	2.1	114.7	3.1	115.0	4.4	29.4	533.9
20-Jun	114.9	2.2	115.0	3.0	115.3	4.2	40.3	689.6
Jul-20F	116.3	3.1	115.5	2.9	115.4	4.3	40.3	660.6
Aug-20F	116.6	3.1	115.6	2.9	115.9	4.2	43.7	710.8
Sep-20F	116.8	3.0	115.9	3.0	116.2	4.2	45.6	733.8
Oct-20F	116.9	3.1	116.0	3.0	116.3	4.4	43.6	695.2
Nov-20F	117.0	3.1	116.2	3.1	116.6	4.4	43.8	695.5
Dec-20F	117.3	3.1	116.5	3.2	116.9	4.3	44.0	695.5
Jan-21F	117.6	3.0	116.5	3.1	118.4	4.3	44.1	695.5
Feb-21F	118.8	3.1	118.1	3.2	118.8	4.2	44.5	703.7
Mar-21F	119.4	3.3	118.8	3.2	119.1	4.2	45.0	713.7
Apr-21F	119.7	4.1	118.9	3.5	119.6	4.3	45.9	733.4
May-21F	119.8	4.8	118.8	3.5	120.2	4.5	46.5	748.1
Jun-21F	120.3	4.7	119.3	3.7	120.6	4.6	47.1	760.6
Jul-21F	121.0	4.0	119.8	3.7	120.7	4.6	47.5	771.9
Aug-21F	121.1	3.9	119.9	3.7	121.2	4.6	47.9	782.5
Sep-21F	121.5	4.1	120.2	3.7	121.5	4.6	48.3	792.2
Oct-21F	121.6	4.0	120.3	3.7	121.8	4.7	48.7	801.0
Nov-21F	121.8	4.1	120.5	3.7	121.9	4.6	49.0	808.8
Dec-21F	122.2	4.2	120.9	3.8	122.0	4.4	49.3	815.7
Quarterly averag		112	120.3	3.0	122.0		13.5	010.1
19.Q1	110.1	4.2	110.1	4.4	109.5	3.0	63.1	884.7
19.Q2	112.0	4.4	111.4	4.2	110.3	3.2	69.7	1002.0
19.Q2 19.Q3	113.1	4.1	112.3	4.1	111.1	3.7	62.1	911.2
19.Q4	113.6	3.7	112.7	3.9	111.7	3.7	64.4	945.9
20.Q1	115.0	4.4	114.2	3.7	113.9	4.1	51.0	770.7
20.Q1 20.Q2	114.7	2.4	114.9	3.1	115.0	4.3	28.2	499.9
20.Q2 20.Q3F	114.7	3.0	115.7	3.0	115.0	4.3	43.2	701.7
20.Q3F 20.Q4F	117.1	3.1	116.2	3.1	116.6	4.4	43.2	695.4
20.Q4F 21.Q1F	117.1	3.2	117.8	3.2	118.8	4.4	43.8	704.3
21.Q1F 21.Q2F	119.9	4.5	119.0	3.6	120.1	4.5	46.5	747.3
21.Q2F 21.Q3F	121.2	4.5	120.0	3.7	120.1	4.6	46.5	782.2
21.Q3F 21.Q4F	121.2	4.1	120.6	3.7	121.2	4.6	49.0	808.5
21.Q4F <mark>Annual averages</mark>		4.1	120.0	3.1	121.3	4.0	73.0	000.3
2015	92.0	4.6	93.0	5.5	92.0	16	52.7	665.6
			93.0	5.5		4.6	52. <i>1</i> 44.2	
2016	97.8	6.3		5.6	97.8	6.3		646.2
2017	103.0	5.3	102.8	4.7	103.0	5.3	54.8	731.1
2018	107.8	4.6	107.2	4.3	107.0	3.6	71.1	942.8
2019	112.2	4.1	111.6	4.1	110.7	3.4	64.8	935.9
2020F	115.8	3.2	115.2	3.2	115.3	4.2	41.5	666.9
2021F	120.4	4.0	119.3	3.5	120.5	4.5	47.0	760

 $Note: {}^{\star}\mathsf{Crude} \ oil \ price \ assumptions \ embedded \ into \ our \ inflation \ forecasts \ are \ based \ on \ Bloomberg \ consensus \ forecasts \ for \ Brent. \ Source: \ Bloomberg, \ Absa \ Research.$

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FIGURE 15

Main macroeconomic variables in South Africa

	2019			20	20			20	21						
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F	2023F
Output (% q/q s	aar)														
Real GDP	-0.8	-1.4	-2.0	-44.0	20.5	7.5	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.2	-8.3	2.4	1.9	1.2
Real GDP (%y/y)	0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-14.4	-10.1	-8.2	-6.7	8.8	4.8	3.8	0.2	-8.3	2.4	1.9	1.2
Private consumption	0.3	1.4	0.7	-17.1	2.4	3.7	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.1	1.0	-2.3	1.4	1.2	1.3
Public consumption	1.4	-0.2	1.1	2.1	1.8	0.6	-2.0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.2	1.5	1.2	-0.9	-2.0	-1.9
Investment	4.1	-10.0	-20.5	-66.7	6.4	4.7	9.7	9.2	9.8	10.3	-0.9	-22.7	-0.1	1.3	1.8
Exports	3.5	2.3	-2.3	-56.4	27.5	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.9	-2.5	-11.1	2.0	1.7	1.8
Imports	-8.9	-8.5	-16.7	-54.2	43.3	4.8	3.8	2.5	2.6	2.2	-0.5	-14.7	2.1	1.9	0.9
Prices (% y/y)															
CPI inflation	4.1	3.7	4.4	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.2	4.3
Core CPI inflation	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.7
PPI inflation	4.5	2.9	4.1	0.6	2	3.7	4.3	6.5	5.6	4.6	4.6	2.6	5.2	4.7	4.8
External and go	vernment	accounts	(% of GDI	P)											
Current account	-3.7	-1.3	1.3	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-3.0	-0.2	-2.1	-2.8	-2.9
Main budget fiscal balance*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-6.6	-16.6	-12.0	-10.3	-8.4
Main primary balance*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-2.6	-11.6	-6.7	-4.5	-2.4
Government debt*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.5	84.6	87.7	94.1	97.4
Interest rates a	nd exchan	ge rate (e	op)												
Repurchase rate, %	6.50	6.50	5.25	3.75	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.50	6.50	3.25	3.50	4.25	4.75
Prime rate, %	10.00	10.00	8.75	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	10.00	6.75	7.00	7.75	8.25
USDZAR	15.17	13.98	17.80	17.38	16.00	15.75	15.90	16.25	16.40	16.60	13.98	15.75	16.60	17.25	18.00

Note:*For fiscal year commencing 1 April.

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