



## South Africa Morning Sheet

- **July inflation data are due out this week; we expect headline CPI inflation to bounce back into the target range at 3.2% y/y in July from 2.2% in June and PPI inflation to print at 1.7% from 0.5% in June, both driven by higher fuel prices**
- **The National Treasury's main budget data for July are likely to reflect a deficit of R116.8bn, an increase of nearly 18% compared with the same month last year**
- **The SARB is due to publish its June leading indicator on Tuesday, though we believe the nature of the unfolding crisis renders its forward-looking properties weaker than usual**
- **Liquidations and insolvencies data for July are due out today, and we believe they warrant close attention for any early signs of stress in the private sector**

### **The domestic macro release calendar will have a little more for the market to digest this week.**

July inflation prints are due out for release this week and these will be the last set of inflation data to be published ahead of the September MPC meeting. For the July CPI data due out on Wednesday at 10:00 local time, we forecast headline CPI to rise by 1.3% m/m after an increase of 0.5% in June, mainly due to the 12.3% m/m hike in fuel prices at the start of July. This should push headline CPI inflation back into the target range at 3.2% y/y (Thomson Reuters consensus: 3.1%) from 2.2% in June. We expect core CPI inflation to have remain unchanged at 3.0% y/y, in line with the Thomson Reuters consensus. Stats SA stated in a note last week that it will continue to run imputations in the July CPI data, though the relaxation of lockdown restrictions had reduced the components with no pricing information to just 4.5% of the CPI basket. The PPI data are scheduled for release on Thursday at 11:30 local time and we forecast headline PPI inflation (i.e. PPI for final manufactured goods) to rise to 1.7% y/y in July from 0.5% in June, also largely on the back of the m/m increase in fuel prices and in line with the Thomson Reuters forecast.

**Public finances will also come into focus this week as the National Treasury is due to publish the main budget data for July on Friday.** We expect the data to print a main budget deficit of R116.8bn compared with a deficit of R22.3bn in June. Our projected July deficit may appear somewhat alarming compared with the June print, but we remind investors that these data are highly seasonal, and part of that jump reflect such seasonal effects. Still, a main budget deficit outcome in line with our forecast would be 17.8% higher than the deficit in the same month last year. As we argued in our *Q3 Quarterly Perspectives* report, we see the main budget deficit for the current fiscal year hitting 16.6% of GDP.

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**Two other data releases out this week worth nothing are the SARB's leading indicator for June and Stats SA's data on liquidations and insolvencies for July.** While the leading indicator is typically a useful forward-looking read of near-term economic activity, we believe that the nature of the unfolding crisis has weakened the forward-looking properties of this index and there may be as much noise as there is signal at this stage. Meanwhile, in an environment of heightened concern about the risk of businesses shutting down, Stats SA's data on liquidations and insolvencies warrant close monitoring, in the July release scheduled for this afternoon and in the months to come.

FIGURE 1

## New data releases and key events

Date	Time	Event	Period	Survey	Absa	Prior	Prior-1	Comments
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	3.1	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	3.0	3.1	Core inflation likely remained at the lower end of the 3% - 6% inflation target range due to weak demand-pull inflation.
27-Aug	11:30	Producer Price Index, % y/y	Jul	1.7	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
Tourist accommodation income, %y/y	17-Aug	Jun	--	-95.3	-97.6	The extension of restrictions for leisure accommodation and the ongoing international travel restrictions delivered another poor month with income down 95.3% y/y in June after April and May were also sharply weak.
Land transport survey	17-Aug	Jun	--	--	--	Nominal income in freight and passenger transportation rose further in June as lockdown restrictions were eased but also remained sharply negative on a y/y basis.
Food and beverages	17-Aug	Jun	--	--	--	Income in the food and beverages sector more than tripled m/m in real terms in June but was still quite weak at -50.3% y/y in June.
Mining output, % y/y	13-Aug	Jun	--	-28.2	-27.6	Overall, on a q/q sa basis, mining output fell by 76.3% saar in Q2, which is 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 under Level 3 of lockdown; on a y/y basis, retail sales were 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 was down by 76.2% q/q saar 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.

R indicates "revised".

Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Absa Research.

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	17.15	-0.7%	-1.5%	2.8%	-2.9%	12.3%	19.09	13.99
EUR/ZAR	20.23	-1.1%	-1.8%	4.5%	5.2%	19.5%	20.78	15.67
GBP/ZAR	22.45	-1.6%	-1.6%	5.6%	3.7%	19.9%	23.54	18.00
AUD/ZAR	12.28	-1.1%	-1.6%	3.8%	6.7%	19.1%	12.64	9.71
ZAR/JPY	6.16	0.6%	0.9%	-3.5%	1.1%	-11.4%	7.79	5.64
EUR/USD	1.18	-0.5%	-0.4%	1.7%	8.2%	6.4%	1.19	1.07
3m JIBAR	3.44	0.0bp	0.0bp	-31.6bp	-61.6bp	-337.5bp	6.85	3.44
R208	3.55	-0.5bp	-0.5bp	5.0bp	0.5bp	-306.0bp	6.85	3.46
R186 (2026)	7.37	-6.5bp	-1.5bp	-16.5bp	-25.0bp	-89.5bp	11.22	7.23
US 2-year	0.15	0.6bp	-0.6bp	0.0bp	-3.9bp	-139.0bp	1.80	0.11
US 10-year	0.64	-0.4bp	-8.1bp	4.7bp	-4.9bp	-86.2bp	1.94	0.50
All Share	55,630	-1.4%	-2.6%	-0.8%	7.7%	1.8%	59001.87	37963.01
S&P 500	3,386	0.3%	0.7%	3.7%	16.2%	15.6%	3397.16	2237.40
Gold	1,939	-0.2%	-0.6%	2.4%	11.4%	28.9%	2063.19	1454.25
Platinum	919	0.1%	-2.3%	1.0%	8.9%	7.8%	1020.20	586.51
Brent	45.1	-1.6%	-3.9%	1.1%	28.3%	-26.5%	71.55	5.62
CDS Spreads	294.86	-6.3bp	5.3bp	-3.8bp	-45.5bp	103.7bp	492.47	157.78

Note: Bond yield changes are denoted in basis points.

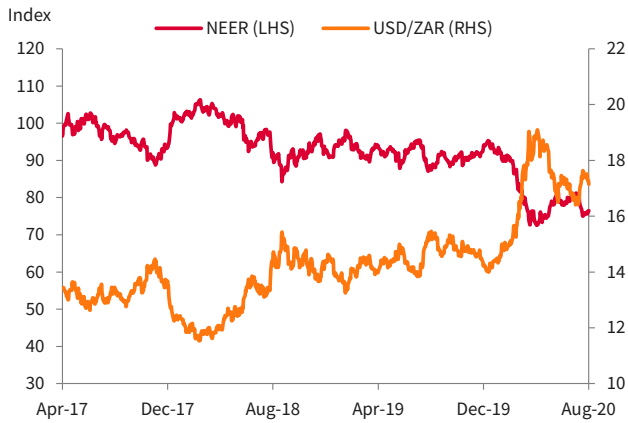
Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

**FIGURE 4**  
**ZAR price of oil**



Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

**FIGURE 6**  
**ZAR performance**



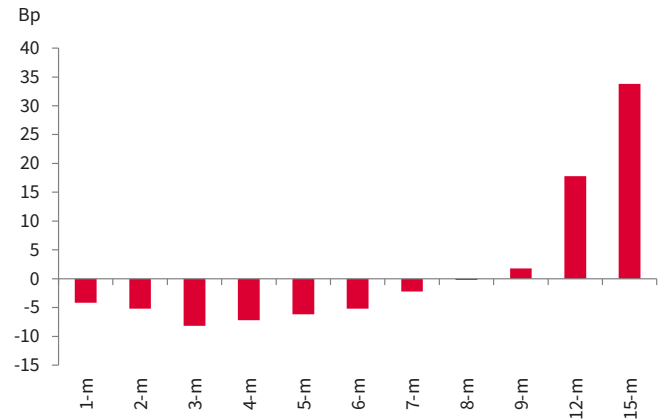
Note: Rise/fall in Nominal effective exchange rate implies ZAR ap/depreciation.  
Source: Thomson Reuters

**FIGURE 5**  
**SA petrol price movements, as of 20 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)	571	565	564	569
Daily over/under recovery (c/l)	-1	-14	34	33
Avg. over/under recovery (c/l)	5	-5	12	12
o/w due to int'l price	23	13	31	31
o/w due to FX rate	-18	-18	-19	-19

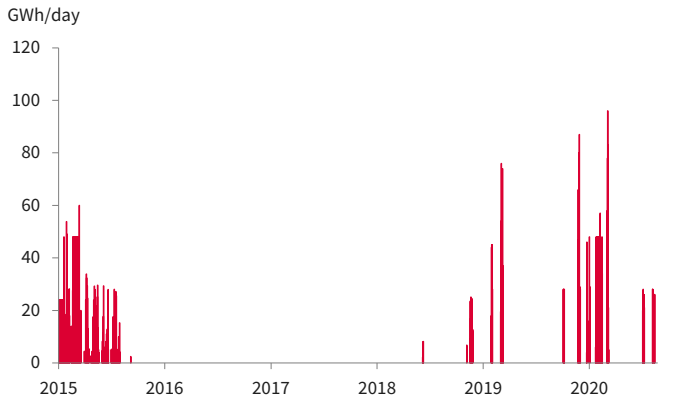
Source: CEF, Absa Research

**FIGURE 7**  
**Implied change in the repo rate based on FRA curve**



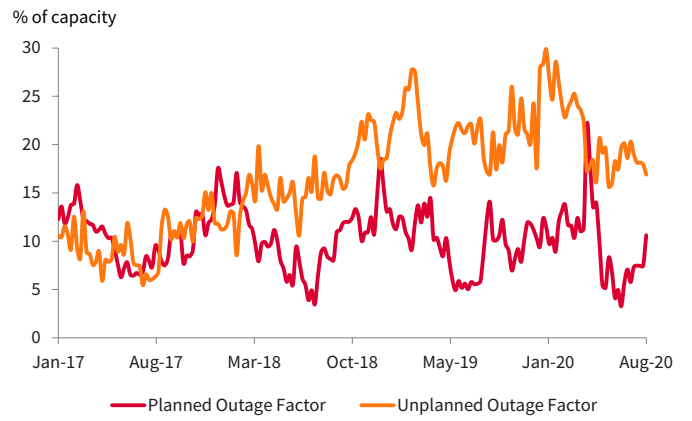
Note: Calculated by subtracting 3-month Jibar from the corresponding FRA rate.  
Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

**FIGURE 8**  
**Load shedding intensity**



Source: Eskom, Absa Research

**FIGURE 9**  
**Maintenance vs breakdowns**



Source: Eskom, Absa Research

**FIGURE 10**  
**Latest changes in water dam levels**

	As at 17 August (%)	ppΔ from previous week	ppΔ from previous year	Long-run average
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	50.9	-0.3	-5.3	58.3
<b>Free State</b>	78.9	-0.8	-3.5	79.8
<b>Gauteng</b>	98.0	-0.8	7.5	95.1
<b>Kwazulu-Natal</b>	58.0	-0.5	-1.8	58.4
<b>Lesotho</b>	20.9	-1.1	-2.9	34.0
<b>Limpopo</b>	62.1	-0.5	5.8	65.6
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	69.8	-0.4	2.9	72.7
<b>Northern Cape</b>	91.7	-1.2	7.1	82.7
<b>North West</b>	67.7	-0.5	4.0	67.4
<b>Eswatini</b>	70.3	-1.5	-15.4	79.9
<b>Western Cape</b>	66.7	4.4	0.8	43.3
<b>Grand total</b>	67.4	-0.4	-1.9	68.4

Source: Department of Water and Sanitation, Absa Research

**FIGURE 11**  
**Rainfall**

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

Source: South African Weather Service, Absa Research

FIGURE 12

## Absa exchange rate forecasts (end of period)

Period end	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
<b>Monthly</b>						
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
<b>Quarterly</b>						
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
<b>Annual</b>						
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
<b>Monthly</b>						
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
<b>Quarterly</b>						
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
<b>Annual</b>						
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	CPI % y/y	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
Feb-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
<b>Quarterly averages</b>								
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.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.Q2	114.7	2.4	114.9	3.1	115.0	4.3	28.2	499.9
20.Q3F	116.5	3.0	115.7	3.0	115.8	4.2	43.2	701.7
20.Q4F	117.1	3.1	116.2	3.1	116.6	4.4	43.8	695.4
21.Q1F	118.6	3.2	117.8	3.2	118.8	4.2	44.5	704.3
21.Q2F	119.9	4.5	119.0	3.6	120.1	4.5	46.5	747.3
21.Q3F	121.2	4.0	120.0	3.7	121.2	4.6	47.9	782.2
21.Q4F	121.9	4.1	120.6	3.7	121.9	4.6	49.0	808.5
<b>Annual averages</b>								
2015	92.0	4.6	93.0	5.5	92.0	4.6	52.7	665.6
2016	97.8	6.3	98.2	5.6	97.8	6.3	44.2	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	760.6

Note: \*Crude oil price assumptions embedded into our inflation forecasts are based on Bloomberg consensus forecasts for Brent. Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 15

Main macroeconomic variables in South Africa

	2019		2020				2021				2019	2020F	2021F	2022F	2023F
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F					
<b>Output (% q/q saar)</b>															
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
<b>Prices (% y/y)</b>															
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
<b>External and government accounts (% of GDP)</b>															
Current account	-3.7	-1.3	1.3	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-3.0	-0.7	-1.6	-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
<b>Interest rates and exchange rate (eop)</b>															
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

Note: \*For fiscal year commencing 1 April.

Source: SARB, National Treasury, Stats SA, Thomson Reuters, Absa Research.

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