



South Africa Morning Sheet

- **Headline CPI inflation printed at 3.2% y/y in July from 2.2% in June, mostly due to higher fuel prices; we still see the inflation outlook as no major deterrent to further rate cuts over the foreseeable future**
- **The Bloomberg analyst poll for August shows a median forecast of no change in the repo rate until Q4 21; GDP seen contracting 8.0% this year and rebounding partially by 3.0% in 2021**

Headline CPI inflation bounced back into the target range. July CPI data showed an increase in headline CPI inflation to 3.2% y/y from 2.2% in June. This was slightly higher than our forecast and the Thomson Reuters consensus of 3.1%. The increase was driven by the hike in fuel prices in early July, which was already well-known. The bi-annual survey of electricity tariffs showed an increase of 6.2% m/m in July, a little lower than the 6.9% indicated by the NERSA municipal tariff determination. Meanwhile, food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rose by just 0.1pp m/m to 4.3% with the major underlying food items showing no strong upside trend. This left the source of the slight upside surprise in headline inflation coming mainly from core CPI inflation (74.4% of the CPI basket), which printed at 3.2% y/y in July, higher than our forecast and the Thomson Reuters consensus of an unchanged print of 3.0%. The source of the upside surprise in core was limited. The main driver of the increase was the ‘miscellaneous good and services’ category, which accounts for 15.1% of the CPI basket, where inflation jumped to 6.7% y/y in July from 6.1% in June. Despite the marginal upside surprise in core CPI inflation, our view that headline CPI inflation is likely to track just above 3% through to Q1 of next year is broadly intact. In light of this, we still see scope for another 25bp rate cut this year. Our baseline forecast is for the cut to come at the September MPC meeting, though we see some risk that this could come in November, especially if the MPC chooses to wait to see more evidence on the nature of the recovery in economic activity after the relaxation of most of the lockdown restrictions, and if the October Medium Term Budget Policy Statement produces a sufficiently robust fiscal consolidation effort such that the rand strengthens (see *South Africa July CPI - Small upside surprise in core inflation is narrowly based*, 26 Aug 2020).

Bloomberg released its August analyst forecast poll for South Africa conducted from 14 to 20 August 2020. The results, which includes responses from 29 analysts, were broadly similar to the Thomson Reuters Econometer poll results published earlier this week. On GDP, the median forecast is for a decline of 42.1% q/q saar in Q2 20 and for a full year contraction of 8.0% (-7.5% previously). Consensus expects a partial GDP rebound of 3.0% in 2021 and growth of 1.9% in 2022. Headline CPI inflation is seen averaging below the mid-point of the SARB target range over the forecast horizon at 3.3% in 2020, 4.1% in 2021 and 4.2% in 2022. However, consensus expects the SARB MPC to keep the repo rate on hold at the current level of 3.50% through to Q4 2021. However, we reiterate we see scope for further monetary policy easing this year.

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FIGURE 1
New data releases and key events

Date	Time	Event	Period	Survey	Absa	Prior	Prior-1	Comments
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.
31-Aug	8:00	Private sector credit extension, % y/y	Jul	--	5.6	5.6	6.3	Lending growth likely to have remained broadly stable in July as lockdown relation likely lifted an improvement in borrowing on a m/m basis.
31-Aug	14:00	Merchandise trade balance, ZARbn	Jul	--	12.5	46.6	19.7	The merchandise trade data have been highly volatile in recent months but we expect another surplus in July due to a combination of weak domestic demand and broadly firmer export commodity prices.
1-Sep	11:00	Absa manufacturing PMI, index	Aug	--	--	51.2	53.9	Activity levels continued to improve in July as lockdown restrictions were relaxed.
1-Sep	16:00	NAAMSA vehicle sales, % y/y	Aug	--	-27.5	-29.6	-30.7	Vehicle sales likely continued to contract sharply on a year-on-year basis.
3-Sep	9:15	IHS Markit economy-wide PMI, index	Aug	--	--	44.9	42.5	Despite the easing of lockdown restrictions, the Markit PMI has surprisingly remained below the 50-point mark.
3-Sep	12:00	Provisional financing data	Aug	--	--	--	--	The provisional financing data are a good signal of the likely main budget balance for the month.

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
Headline inflation, % y/y	26-Aug	Jul	3.1	3.2	2.2	Most of the rise was driven by an already well-telegraphed hike in fuel prices.
Core inflation, % y/y	26-Aug	Jul	3.0	3.2	3.0	Core inflation was lifted by higher inflation in the 'alcohol and tobacco' and miscellaneous categories.
Leading indicator, index	25-Aug	Jun	--	94.1	91.6	The composite leading business cycle indicator rose by 2.7% m/m in June due to an increase in seven of the nine available component time series.
Statistics of Liquidations and insolvencies	24-Aug	Jul	--	193	134	Liquidations and insolvencies data still do not reflect the effects of COVID-19, likely due to case backlogs as a result of lower capacity at courts and simply the time it takes to liquidate a firm, even in normal conditions.
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 in real terms in June on a month-on-month basis but was still quite weak on a year-on-year basis at -50.3% in June.
Mining output, % y/y	13-Aug	Jun	--	-28.2	-27.6	Overall, on a quarter-on-quarter 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 year-on-year 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 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.

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	16.87	0.2%	-2.3%	2.1%	-3.0%	10.2%	19.09	13.99
EUR/ZAR	19.96	0.1%	-2.4%	3.1%	4.3%	17.5%	20.78	15.67
GBP/ZAR	22.27	0.6%	-1.5%	4.3%	4.5%	18.4%	23.54	18.00
AUD/ZAR	12.20	0.7%	-1.6%	3.3%	6.1%	18.1%	12.64	9.71
ZAR/JPY	6.28	-0.5%	2.3%	-1.1%	1.5%	-9.0%	7.79	5.64
EUR/USD	1.18	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	7.5%	6.7%	1.19	1.07
3m JIBAR	3.44	0.0bp	0.0bp	-25.8bp	-58.3bp	-337.5bp	6.84	3.44
R208	3.55	0.0bp	0.0bp	9.0bp	-0.5bp	-306.5bp	6.85	3.46
R186 (2026)	7.42	3.5bp	-4.5bp	-15.5bp	-28.0bp	-77.5bp	11.22	7.23
US 2-year	0.15	0.1bp	0.6bp	3.6bp	-1.2bp	-136.0bp	1.80	0.11
US 10-year	0.69	0.5bp	0.2bp	14.1bp	1.5bp	-82.9bp	1.94	0.50
All Share	56,114	-0.9%	-0.8%	1.7%	12.8%	1.9%	59001.87	37963.01
S&P 500	3,444	0.4%	2.6%	7.4%	17.7%	18.9%	3478.73	2237.40
Gold	1,953	1.3%	0.6%	-0.9%	13.6%	25.9%	2063.19	1454.25
Platinum	929	0.2%	-0.1%	-1.9%	13.6%	9.0%	1020.20	586.51
Brent	46.8	4.2%	1.4%	7.9%	39.7%	-21.1%	71.55	5.62
CDS Spreads	286.6	-9.8bp	-11.6bp	-4.8bp	-67.5bp	98.6bp	492.47	157.78

Note: Bond yield changes are denoted in basis points.

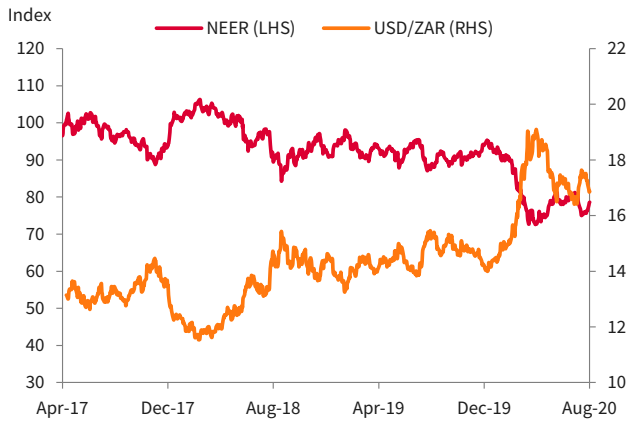
Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 4
ZAR price of oil



Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

FIGURE 6
ZAR performance



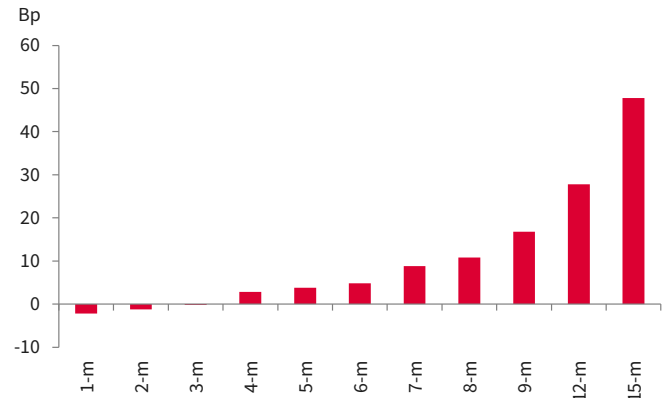
Note: Rise/fall in Nominal effective exchange rate implies ZAR ap/depreciation.
Source: Thomson Reuters

FIGURE 5
SA petrol price movements, as of 25 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)	576	568	558	561
Daily over/under recovery (c/l)	-6	-17	39	41
Avg. over/under recovery (c/l)	3	-6	17	17
o/w due to int'l price	20	10	34	34
o/w due to FX rate	-17	-16	-17	-17

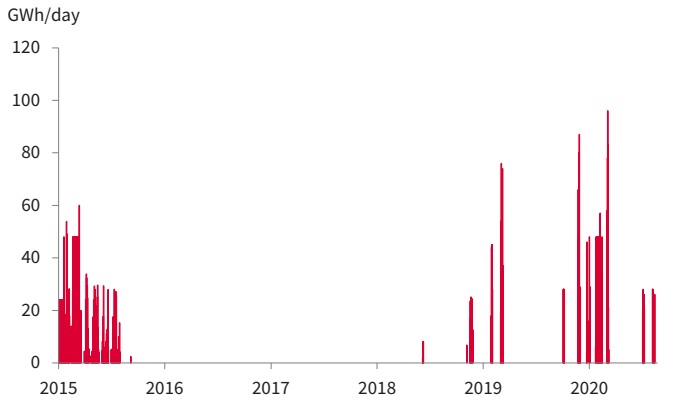
Source: CEF, Absa Research

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



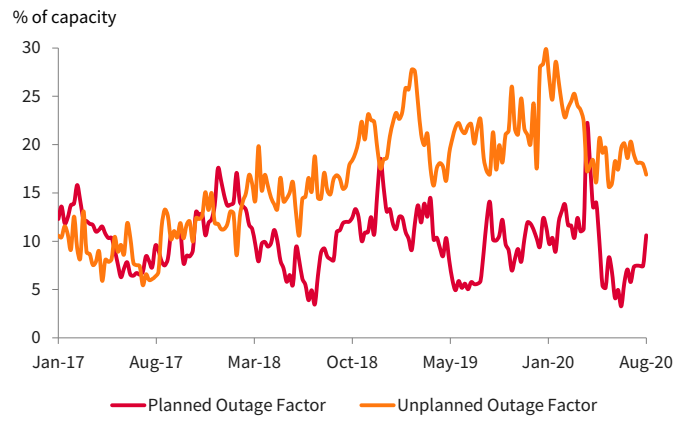
Note: Calculated by subtracting 3-month Jibar from the corresponding FRA rate.
Source: Thomson Reuters, Absa Research

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
Eastern Cape	50.9	-0.3	-5.3	58.3
Free State	78.9	-0.8	-3.5	79.8
Gauteng	98.0	-0.8	7.5	95.1
Kwazulu-Natal	58.0	-0.5	-1.8	58.4
Lesotho	20.9	-1.1	-2.9	34.0
Limpopo	62.1	-0.5	5.8	65.6
Mpumalanga	69.8	-0.4	2.9	72.7
Northern Cape	91.7	-1.2	7.1	82.7
North West	67.7	-0.5	4.0	67.4
Eswatini	70.3	-1.5	-15.4	79.9
Western Cape	66.7	4.4	0.8	43.3
Grand total	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
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

Source: South African Weather Service, Absa Research

FIGURE 12

Absa exchange rate forecasts (end of period)

Period end	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Spot	16.76	19.80	2.42	6.35	22.00	12.02
Monthly						
Aug-20	16.54	19.12	2.35	6.46	20.99	11.61
Sep-20	16.00	18.88	2.29	6.63	20.64	11.36
Oct-20	15.90	18.76	2.27	6.67	20.51	11.29
Nov-20	15.85	18.70	2.26	6.69	20.45	11.25
Dec-20	15.75	18.59	2.25	6.73	20.32	11.18
Jan-21	15.81	18.72	2.27	6.70	20.46	11.29
Feb-21	15.84	18.79	2.27	6.69	20.53	11.34
Mar-21	15.90	18.92	2.29	6.67	20.67	11.45
Apr-21	16.04	19.12	2.31	6.64	20.90	11.56
May-21	16.11	19.22	2.32	6.62	21.02	11.62
Jun-21	16.25	19.42	2.34	6.59	21.25	11.73
Jul-21	16.31	19.62	2.36	6.56	21.48	11.84
Quarterly						
Sep-20	16.00	18.88	2.29	6.63	20.64	11.36
Dec-20	15.75	18.59	2.25	6.73	20.32	11.18
Mar-21	15.90	18.92	2.29	6.67	20.67	11.45
Jun-21	16.25	19.42	2.34	6.59	21.25	11.73
Sep-21	16.40	19.92	2.39	6.52	21.83	12.01
Dec-21	16.60	20.42	2.44	6.45	22.41	12.28
Mar-22	16.75	20.70	2.48	6.39	22.63	12.45
Annual						
Dec-20	15.75	18.59	2.25	6.73	20.32	11.18
Dec-21	16.60	20.42	2.44	6.45	22.41	12.28
Dec-22	17.25	21.56	2.61	6.20	23.29	12.94
Dec-23	18.00	22.32	2.73	5.89	24.66	12.78

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 13

Absa exchange rate forecasts (period average)

Period avg	USDZAR	EURZAR	CNYZAR	ZARJPY	GBPZAR	AUDZAR
Spot	16.76	19.80	2.42	6.35	22.00	12.02
Monthly						
Aug-20	17.24	20.34	2.48	6.16	22.52	12.35
Sep-20	16.27	19.00	2.32	6.54	20.82	11.48
Oct-20	15.95	18.82	2.28	6.65	20.58	11.32
Nov-20	15.88	18.73	2.27	6.68	20.48	11.27
Dec-20	15.80	18.64	2.26	6.71	20.38	11.22
Jan-21	15.78	18.65	2.26	6.72	20.39	11.24
Feb-21	15.83	18.75	2.27	6.70	20.49	11.32
Mar-21	15.87	18.85	2.28	6.68	20.60	11.39
Apr-21	15.97	19.02	2.30	6.65	20.79	11.50
May-21	16.08	19.17	2.31	6.63	20.96	11.59
Jun-21	16.18	19.32	2.33	6.61	21.13	11.67
Jul-21	16.28	19.52	2.35	6.58	21.37	11.78
Quarterly						
Sep-20	16.77	19.53	2.40	6.35	21.54	11.88
Dec-20	15.88	18.73	2.27	6.68	20.48	11.27
Mar-21	15.83	18.75	2.27	6.70	20.49	11.32
Jun-21	16.08	19.17	2.31	6.63	20.96	11.59
Sep-21	16.33	19.67	2.36	6.56	21.54	11.87
Dec-21	16.50	20.17	2.42	6.48	22.12	12.14
Mar-22	16.68	20.56	2.46	6.42	22.52	12.37
Annual						
Dec-20	16.48	18.73	2.35	6.54	20.98	11.25
Dec-21	16.18	19.50	2.35	6.59	21.36	11.73
Dec-22	16.93	20.99	2.53	6.32	22.85	12.61
Dec-23	17.63	21.94	2.67	6.05	23.97	12.86

Source: Bloomberg, Absa Research.

FIGURE 14

Detailed CPI inflation forecasts

Date	CPI index	CPI %/y	Core CPI index	Core CPI %/y	Food CPI index	Food CPI %/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	63.6	915.7
20-Feb	115.2	4.6	114.4	3.8	114.0	4.2	55.7	836.6
20-Mar	115.6	4.1	115.1	3.7	114.3	4.2	31.9	531.5
20-Apr	115.0	3.0	114.9	3.2	114.7	4.4	18.5	342.6
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
20-Jul	116.4	3.2	115.8	3.2	115.5	4.3	42.9	727.1
Aug-20F	116.7	3.2	115.9	3.2	115.9	4.2	43.7	710.8
Sep-20F	116.8	3.0	116.2	3.3	116.2	4.2	45.6	733.8
Oct-20F	116.9	3.1	116.3	3.3	116.2	4.3	43.6	695.2
Nov-20F	116.9	3.0	116.4	3.3	116.5	4.3	43.8	695.5
Dec-20F	117.2	3.0	116.6	3.3	116.8	4.2	44.0	695.5
Jan-21F	117.5	3.0	116.7	3.2	118.5	4.4	44.1	695.5
Feb-21F	118.8	3.1	118.2	3.3	119.0	4.3	44.5	703.7
Mar-21F	119.4	3.3	119.0	3.3	119.3	4.3	45.0	713.7
Apr-21F	119.6	4.0	119.0	3.6	119.7	4.3	45.9	733.4
May-21F	119.7	4.7	119.0	3.7	120.0	4.3	46.5	748.1
Jun-21F	120.1	4.5	119.4	3.8	120.4	4.4	47.1	760.6
Jul-21F	121.1	4.1	119.9	3.5	120.6	4.4	47.5	771.9
Aug-21F	121.2	3.9	119.9	3.5	121.0	4.4	47.9	782.5
Sep-21F	121.6	4.1	120.3	3.5	121.3	4.4	48.3	792.2
Oct-21F	121.6	4.0	120.2	3.3	121.4	4.5	48.7	801.0
Nov-21F	121.7	4.1	120.3	3.3	121.7	4.5	49.0	808.8
Dec-21F	122.1	4.2	120.6	3.4	122.1	4.5	49.3	815.7
Quarterly averages								
19.Q1	110.1	4.2	110.1	4.4	109.5	3.0	63.1	884.6
19.Q2	112.0	4.5	111.4	4.2	110.3	3.3	69.8	1002.0
19.Q3	113.1	4.1	112.3	4.2	111.1	3.7	62.1	911.2
19.Q4	113.6	3.8	112.7	3.9	111.7	3.7	64.4	945.9
20.Q1	115.0	4.4	114.2	3.7	113.9	4.0	50.4	761.3
20.Q2	114.7	2.4	114.9	3.1	115.0	4.3	29.4	522.0
20.Q3F	116.6	3.1	116.0	3.2	115.9	4.3	44.1	723.9
20.Q4F	117.0	3.0	116.4	3.3	116.5	4.3	43.8	695.4
21.Q1F	118.6	3.1	118.0	3.3	118.9	4.4	44.5	704.3
21.Q2F	119.8	4.4	119.1	3.7	120.0	4.4	46.5	747.3
21.Q3F	121.3	4.0	120.0	3.5	121.0	4.4	47.9	782.2
21.Q4F	121.8	4.1	120.4	3.4	121.8	4.5	49.0	808.5
Annual averages								
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	4.2	110.7	3.4	64.8	935.9
2020F	115.8	3.2	115.4	3.3	115.3	4.2	41.9	675.7
2021F	120.4	3.9	119.4	3.5	120.4	4.4	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					
Output (% q/q saar)															
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	3.0	3.1	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.3
Core CPI inflation	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.5	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	5.3	4.7	4.8
External and government accounts (% of GDP)															
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
Interest rates and exchange rate (eop)															
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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