

## SA Trade Statistics for October 2015

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**Pretoria, 30 November 2015** – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for October 2015 that recorded a trade deficit of R21.39 billion. This figure includes trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS).

### **Including trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS)**

The R21.39 billion deficit for October 2015 is due to exports of R86.35 billion and imports of R107.74 billion. Exports decreased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R5.49 billion (6.0%) and imports increased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R14.64 billion (15.7%).

The R21.39 billion deficit is 1.8% less than the deficit recorded in October 2014 of R21.79 billion. Exports of R86.35 billion are 2.4% less than the exports recorded in October 2014 of R88.47 billion. Imports of R107.74 billion are 2.3% less than the imports recorded in October 2014 of R110.26 billion.

The cumulative deficit for 2015 of R59.39 billion is 37.6% less than the deficit for the comparable period in 2014 of R95.14 billion.

The month of September 2015 trade balance deficit was revised upwards by R0.38 billion from the previous month's preliminary deficit of R0.89 billion to a revised deficit of R1.26 billion.

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### Trade highlights by category

The month-on-month export movements:

| R' million                    | Including BLNS: |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Section:                      |                 |         |
| Precious Metals & Stones      | - R3 070        | - 19.3% |
| Vegetable Products            | - R1 817        | - 35.7% |
| Mineral Products              | - R1 238        | - 6.5%  |
| Vehicle & Transport Equipment | - R1 069        | - 8.7%  |
| Machinery & Electronics       | + R 505         | + 5.7%  |

The month-on-month import movements:

| R' million                    | Including BLNS: |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Machinery & Electronics       | + R 4 595       | + 19.2% |
| Vehicle & Transport Equipment | + R3 658        | + 45.1% |
| Mineral Products              | + R2 007        | + 17.1% |
| Chemical Products             | + R1 598        | + 15.8% |
| Vegetable Products            | - R1 421        | - 44.8% |

### Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from September 2015 to October 2015 are given below.

#### Africa:

Exports: R27 779 million – this is an increase of R 732 million from September 2015

Imports: R11 276 million – this is an increase of R4 073 million from September 2015

Trade surplus: R16 502 million – This is a 16.8% decrease in comparison to the R19 843 million surplus recorded in September 2015.

#### America:

Exports: R8 052 million – this is a decrease of R 491 million from September 2015

Imports: R11 522 million – this is an increase of R1 043 million from September 2015

Trade deficit: R3 470 million – This is a 79.2% increase in comparison to the R1 936 million deficit recorded in September 2015.

#### Asia:

Exports: R25 103 million – this is a decrease of R 558 million from September 2015

Imports: R48 743 million – this is an increase of R4 289 million from September 2015

Trade deficit: R23 640 million – This is a 25.8% increase in comparison to the R18 793 million deficit recorded in September 2015.

#### Europe:

Exports: R19 594 million – this is a decrease of R3 756 million from September 2015

Imports: R34 627 million – this is an increase of R4 787 million from September 2015

Trade deficit: R15 033 million – This is a 131.6% increase in comparison to the R6 490 million deficit recorded in September 2015.

#### Oceania:

Exports: R1 139 million – this is an increase of R 19 million from September 2015

Imports: R1 340 million – this is an increase of R 299 million from September 2015

Trade deficit: R 201 million – This is a deterioration compared to the R 79 million surplus recorded in September 2015.

## **Excluding trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS)**

The trade data excluding BLNS for October 2015 recorded a trade deficit of R31.22 billion.

### **Summary**

The R31.22 billion deficit for October 2015 is as a result of exports of R73.66 billion and imports of R104.88 billion. Exports decreased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R5.95 billion (7.5%) and imports increased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R14.78 billion (16.4%).

The cumulative deficit for 2015 is R147.75 billion compared to R180.63 billion in 2014.

### **Trade highlights by category**

The month-on-month export movements:

| <b>R' million</b>              |                        |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| <b>Section:</b>                | <b>Excluding BLNS:</b> |         |
| Precious Metals & Stones       | - R2 953               | - 19.4% |
| Vegetable Products             | - R1 872               | - 40.9% |
| Mineral Products               | - R1 224               | - 7.1%  |
| Vehicles & Transport Equipment | - R 885                | - 8.1%  |
| Machinery & Electronics        | + R 351                | + 5.0%  |

The month-on-month import movements:

| <b>R' million</b>              |                        |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| <b>Section:</b>                | <b>Excluding BLNS:</b> |         |
| Machinery & Electronics        | + R4 613               | + 19.5% |
| Vehicles & Transport Equipment | + R3 672               | + 45.5% |
| Mineral Products               | + R2 018               | + 17.3% |
| Chemical Products              | + R1 559               | + 16.6% |
| Vegetable Products             | - R1 422               | - 45.4% |

### **Trade highlights by world zone**

The world zone results other than Africa from September 2015 to October 2015 are given above.

#### **Africa:**

Exports: R15 091 million – this is an increase of R 278 million from September 2015

Imports: R8 414 million – this is an increase of R4 212 million from September 2015

Trade surplus: R6 677 million – This is a 37.1% decrease in comparison to the R10 611 million surplus recorded in September 2015.

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## SA Trade Release Table (including BLNS)

| Harmonised Sections |                                  | Monthly Trade       |                       | Cumulative Trade    |                                       | Exports          |                        |                                     |                                     | Imports          |                        |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Roman Section       | Description                      | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio Exports/Imports | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio <sup>5)</sup> (Exports/Imports) | Month % of total | Month Total 2015 (R'm) | Cumulative 2014 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Month % of total | Month Total 2015 (R'm) | Cumulative 2014 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) |
| I, Ch 1-5           | Animals/Animal Products          | (188)               | 0.85                  | (1 808)             | 0.86                                  | 1.23             | 1 064                  | 10 030                              | 10 726                              | 1.16             | 1 252                  | 10 126                              | 12 534                              |
| II, Ch 6-14         | Vegetable Products               | 1 529               | 1.87                  | 24 715              | 2.28                                  | 3.80             | 3 278                  | 41 869                              | 44 037                              | 1.62             | 1 749                  | 17 298                              | 19 322                              |
| III, Ch 15          | Fats and Oils                    | (653)               | 0.25                  | (3 032)             | 0.47                                  | 0.25             | 220                    | 2 627                               | 2 701                               | 0.81             | 872                    | 6 824                               | 5 733                               |
| IV, Ch 16-24        | Prepared Foods                   | 952                 | 1.29                  | 9 939               | 1.38                                  | 4.90             | 4 235                  | 35 406                              | 36 018                              | 3.05             | 3 283                  | 24 428                              | 26 080                              |
| V, Ch 25-27         | Mineral Products                 | 4 133               | 1.30                  | 32 335              | 1.22                                  | 20.71            | 17 880                 | 195 928                             | 179 946                             | 12.76            | 13 748                 | 220 224                             | 147 611                             |
| VI, Ch 28-38        | Chemical Products                | (5 761)             | 0.51                  | (39 495)            | 0.58                                  | 6.88             | 5 945                  | 51 834                              | 54 901                              | 10.86            | 11 706                 | 85 573                              | 94 396                              |
| VII, Ch 39-40       | Plastics and Rubber              | (2 657)             | 0.43                  | (19 659)            | 0.48                                  | 2.32             | 2 001                  | 19 858                              | 18 060                              | 4.32             | 4 659                  | 35 091                              | 37 720                              |
| VIII, Ch 41-43      | Hides, Skins and Leather         | (36)                | 0.93                  | 258                 | 1.07                                  | 0.52             | 453                    | 3 995                               | 4 087                               | 0.45             | 489                    | 3 441                               | 3 829                               |
| IX, Ch 44-46        | Wood and articles thereof        | (6)                 | 0.99                  | 1 005               | 1.24                                  | 0.60             | 521                    | 4 679                               | 5 239                               | 0.49             | 527                    | 3 870                               | 4 234                               |
| X, Ch 47-49         | Pulp and Paper Products          | 13                  | 1.01                  | 2 310               | 1.17                                  | 2.12             | 1 827                  | 14 682                              | 15 871                              | 1.68             | 1 814                  | 12 896                              | 13 561                              |
| XI, Ch 50-63        | Textiles and Clothing            | (2 822)             | 0.35                  | (21 892)            | 0.35                                  | 1.78             | 1 539                  | 10 947                              | 11 934                              | 4.05             | 4 361                  | 29 591                              | 33 825                              |
| XII, Ch 64-67       | Footwear and Accessories         | (1 209)             | 0.21                  | (9 206)             | 0.20                                  | 0.38             | 327                    | 2 143                               | 2 306                               | 1.42             | 1 535                  | 10 020                              | 11 512                              |
| XIII, Ch 68-70      | Stone, Plaster, etc              | (726)               | 0.43                  | (5 982)             | 0.45                                  | 0.64             | 550                    | 4 263                               | 4 809                               | 1.18             | 1 276                  | 9 567                               | 10 791                              |
| XIV, Ch 71          | Precious Stones                  | 12 173              | 18.64                 | 142 329             | 21.70                                 | 14.90            | 12 863                 | 128 067                             | 149 206                             | 0.64             | 690                    | 10 176                              | 6 877                               |
| XV, Ch 72-83        | Base Metals                      | 4 735               | 1.83                  | 54 276              | 2.07                                  | 12.12            | 10 465                 | 108 399                             | 104 955                             | 5.32             | 5 730                  | 41 958                              | 50 679                              |
| XVI, Ch 84-85       | Machinery and Appliances         | (19 217)            | 0.33                  | (143 892)           | 0.37                                  | 10.76            | 9 293                  | 81 972                              | 83 141                              | 26.46            | 28 509                 | 207 010                             | 227 033                             |
| XVII, Ch 86-89      | Transport Equipment              | (483)               | 0.96                  | 12 948              | 1.14                                  | 13.06            | 11 280                 | 85 578                              | 108 145                             | 10.92            | 11 763                 | 86 434                              | 95 198                              |
| XVIII, Ch 90-92     | Precision Products, etc          | (1 871)             | 0.33                  | (17 224)            | 0.29                                  | 1.07             | 928                    | 6 151                               | 6 960                               | 2.60             | 2 799                  | 22 058                              | 24 184                              |
| XX, Ch 94-96        | Misc Manufactured Articles       | (1 365)             | 0.39                  | (9 296)             | 0.43                                  | 1.02             | 877                    | 6 799                               | 6 932                               | 2.08             | 2 242                  | 14 671                              | 16 228                              |
| XXI, Ch 97          | Works of Art/Antiques            | 211                 | 10.89                 | 443                 | 2.50                                  | 0.27             | 232                    | 425                                 | 739                                 | 0.02             | 21                     | 432                                 | 296                                 |
| XXII                | Other Unclassified <sup>1)</sup> | 427                 | 3.94                  | 3 310               | 3.74                                  | 0.66             | 572                    | 2 764                               | 4 516                               | 0.13             | 145                    | 1 322                               | 1 206                               |
| XXIII, Ch 98        | Special Provisions <sup>2)</sup> | (8 571)             | 0.00                  | (71 773)            | 0.00                                  | 0.00             | 2                      | 25                                  | 14                                  | 7.96             | 8 574                  | 60 575                              | 71 787                              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>Total SA Rand</b>             | <b>(21 393)</b>     | <b>0.80</b>           | <b>(59 394)</b>     | <b>0.94</b>                           | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>86 351</b>          | <b>818 443</b>                      | <b>855 240</b>                      | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>107 743</b>         | <b>913 586</b>                      | <b>914 634</b>                      |

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|                    | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio Exports/Imports | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio <sup>5)</sup> (Exports/Imports) | Month % of total | Month Total 2015 (R'm) | Cumulative 2014 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Month % of total | Month Total 2015 (R'm) | Cumulative 2014 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) | Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm) |
| AFRICA             | 16 502              | 2.46                  | 154 010             | 2.57                                  | 32.17            | 27 779                 | 248 920                             | 252 106                             | 10.47            | 11 276                 | 124 313                             | 98 097                              |
| AMERICA            | (3 470)             | 0.70                  | (17 869)            | 0.82                                  | 9.32             | 8 052                  | 76 175                              | 82 347                              | 10.69            | 11 522                 | 92 062                              | 100 216                             |
| ASIA               | (23 640)            | 0.52                  | (165 334)           | 0.60                                  | 29.07            | 25 103                 | 253 302                             | 249 504                             | 45.24            | 48 743                 | 414 657                             | 414 838                             |
| EUROPE             | (15 033)            | 0.57                  | (85 796)            | 0.70                                  | 22.69            | 19 594                 | 185 553                             | 201 137                             | 32.14            | 34 627                 | 268 763                             | 286 933                             |
| OCEANIA            | (201)               | 0.85                  | (2 204)             | 0.83                                  | 1.32             | 1 139                  | 8 317                               | 10 628                              | 1.24             | 1 340                  | 12 046                              | 12 832                              |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 3 846               | 17.36                 | 49 403              | 29.73                                 | 4.73             | 4 081                  | 45 077                              | 51 123                              | 0.22             | 235                    | 1 745                               | 1 720                               |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT      | 603                 | -                     | 8 396               | -                                     | 0.70             | 603                    | 1 098                               | 8 396                               | -                | -                      | -                                   | -                                   |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>(21 393)</b>     | <b>0.80</b>           | <b>(59 394)</b>     | <b>0.94</b>                           | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>86 351</b>          | <b>818 443</b>                      | <b>855 240</b>                      | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>107 743</b>         | <b>913 586</b>                      | <b>914 634</b>                      |

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|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Gold Imports <sup>4)</sup> | 7 069        | 5 252         | 5 666      | 5 733      | 5 316    | 5 769     | 5 220     | 5 324       | 5 591          | 6 083        |

### Notes:

1) Other Unclassified: Military equipment, unknown countries, ships & aircraft stores & films

2) Special Provisions: Motor car parts for Motor Industry Development Programme (MIDP)

3) Current month data is preliminary and all other data is revised

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## SA Trade Release Table (excluding BLNS)

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| I, Ch 1-5           | Animals/Animal Products          | (246)               | 0.75                  | (1 618)             | 0.83                                  | 1.00             | 738                    | 7 424                               | 7 927                               | 0.94             | 984                    | 8 011                               | 9 545                               |
| II, Ch 6-14         | Vegetable Products               | 998                 | 1.58                  | 19 858              | 2.05                                  | 3.68             | 2 708                  | 36 598                              | 38 826                              | 1.63             | 1 710                  | 16 909                              | 18 968                              |
| III, Ch 15          | Fats and Oils                    | (758)               | 0.13                  | (3 899)             | 0.32                                  | 0.15             | 113                    | 1 746                               | 1 819                               | 0.83             | 871                    | 6 810                               | 5 718                               |
| IV, Ch 16-24        | Prepared Foods                   | 99                  | 1.03                  | 3 831               | 1.17                                  | 3.99             | 2 938                  | 26 161                              | 25 873                              | 2.71             | 2 839                  | 20 800                              | 22 041                              |
| V, Ch 25-27         | Mineral Products                 | 2 262               | 1.17                  | 13 969              | 1.09                                  | 21.67            | 15 964                 | 177 373                             | 161 123                             | 13.06            | 13 702                 | 219 585                             | 147 154                             |
| VI, Ch 28-38        | Chemical Products                | (6 192)             | 0.44                  | (43 993)            | 0.51                                  | 6.48             | 4 775                  | 42 917                              | 45 119                              | 10.46            | 10 966                 | 80 503                              | 89 112                              |
| VII, Ch 39-40       | Plastics and Rubber              | (3 193)             | 0.31                  | (24 369)            | 0.35                                  | 1.93             | 1 425                  | 15 069                              | 12 990                              | 4.40             | 4 618                  | 34 747                              | 37 358                              |
| VIII, Ch 41-43      | Hides, Skins and Leather         | (59)                | 0.87                  | 122                 | 1.04                                  | 0.54             | 394                    | 3 626                               | 3 599                               | 0.43             | 454                    | 3 147                               | 3 477                               |
| IX, Ch 44-46        | Wood and articles thereof        | (75)                | 0.82                  | 433                 | 1.13                                  | 0.47             | 346                    | 3 394                               | 3 812                               | 0.40             | 421                    | 3 188                               | 3 379                               |
| X, Ch 47-49         | Pulp and Paper Products          | (210)               | 0.88                  | 280                 | 1.02                                  | 2.11             | 1 556                  | 12 380                              | 13 491                              | 1.68             | 1 765                  | 12 484                              | 13 211                              |
| XI, Ch 50-63        | Textiles and Clothing            | (2 942)             | 0.24                  | (23 363)            | 0.23                                  | 1.23             | 909                    | 6 250                               | 6 946                               | 3.67             | 3 851                  | 26 703                              | 30 309                              |
| XII, Ch 64-67       | Footwear and Accessories         | (1 414)             | 0.06                  | (10 637)            | 0.06                                  | 0.12             | 88                     | 634                                 | 677                                 | 1.43             | 1 502                  | 9 829                               | 11 314                              |
| XIII, Ch 68-70      | Stone, Plaster, etc              | (895)               | 0.29                  | (7 492)             | 0.30                                  | 0.50             | 368                    | 2 856                               | 3 185                               | 1.20             | 1 263                  | 9 475                               | 10 676                              |
| XIV, Ch 71          | Precious Stones                  | 11 734              | 21.85                 | 138 469             | 32.39                                 | 16.69            | 12 297                 | 121 678                             | 142 880                             | 0.54             | 563                    | 7 318                               | 4 411                               |
| XV, Ch 72-83        | Base Metals                      | 3 913               | 1.69                  | 47 255              | 1.95                                  | 13.02            | 9 591                  | 101 035                             | 97 089                              | 5.41             | 5 678                  | 40 824                              | 49 834                              |
| XVI, Ch 84-85       | Machinery and Appliances         | (20 833)            | 0.26                  | (157 956)           | 0.30                                  | 10.03            | 7 388                  | 66 917                              | 66 580                              | 26.91            | 28 221                 | 205 307                             | 224 536                             |
| XVII, Ch 86-89      | Transport Equipment              | (1 704)             | 0.85                  | (11)                | 1.00                                  | 13.62            | 10 031                 | 71 745                              | 94 899                              | 11.19            | 11 735                 | 86 075                              | 94 910                              |
| XVIII, Ch 90-92     | Precision Products, etc          | (2 036)             | 0.27                  | (18 616)            | 0.23                                  | 1.02             | 752                    | 4 784                               | 5 518                               | 2.66             | 2 788                  | 22 024                              | 24 133                              |
| XX, Ch 94-96        | Misc Manufactured Articles       | (1 729)             | 0.22                  | (11 964)            | 0.25                                  | 0.66             | 486                    | 4 260                               | 4 032                               | 2.11             | 2 215                  | 14 583                              | 15 996                              |
| XXI, Ch 97          | Works of Art/Antiques            | 211                 | 10.92                 | 439                 | 2.48                                  | 0.31             | 232                    | 420                                 | 734                                 | 0.02             | 21                     | 430                                 | 295                                 |
| XXII                | Other Unclassified <sup>1)</sup> | 425                 | 3.98                  | 3 283               | 3.80                                  | 0.77             | 567                    | 2 697                               | 4 458                               | 0.14             | 142                    | 1 288                               | 1 175                               |
| XXIII, Ch 98        | Special Provisions <sup>2)</sup> | (8 573)             | 0.00                  | (71 776)            | 0.00                                  | 0.00             | 0                      | 17                                  | 11                                  | 8.17             | 8 574                  | 60 575                              | 71 787                              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>Total SA Rand</b>             | <b>(31 218)</b>     | <b>0.70</b>           | <b>(147 754)</b>    | <b>0.83</b>                           | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>73 663</b>          | <b>709 980</b>                      | <b>741 588</b>                      | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>104 881</b>         | <b>890 614</b>                      | <b>889 342</b>                      |

  

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| AFRICA             | 6 677               | 1.79                  | 65 649              | 1.90                                  | 20.49            | 15 091                 | 140 457                             | 138 454                             | 8.02             | 8 414                  | 101 340                             | 72 804                              |
| AMERICA            | (3 470)             | 0.70                  | (17 869)            | 0.82                                  | 10.93            | 8 052                  | 76 175                              | 82 347                              | 10.99            | 11 522                 | 92 062                              | 100 216                             |
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| EUROPE             | (15 033)            | 0.57                  | (85 796)            | 0.70                                  | 26.60            | 19 594                 | 185 553                             | 201 137                             | 33.02            | 34 627                 | 268 763                             | 286 933                             |
| OCEANIA            | (201)               | 0.85                  | (2 204)             | 0.83                                  | 1.55             | 1 139                  | 8 317                               | 10 628                              | 1.28             | 1 340                  | 12 046                              | 12 832                              |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 3 846               | 17.36                 | 49 403              | 29.73                                 | 5.54             | 4 081                  | 45 077                              | 51 123                              | 0.22             | 235                    | 1 745                               | 1 720                               |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT      | 603                 | -                     | 8 396               | -                                     | 0.82             | 603                    | 1 098                               | 8 396                               | -                | -                      | -                                   | -                                   |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>(31 218)</b>     | <b>0.70</b>           | <b>(147 754)</b>    | <b>0.83</b>                           | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>73 663</b>          | <b>709 980</b>                      | <b>741 588</b>                      | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>104 881</b>         | <b>890 614</b>                      | <b>889 342</b>                      |

  

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| Gold Imports <sup>4)</sup> | 7 069        | 5 252         | 5 666      | 5 733      | 5 316    | 5 769     | 5 220     | 5 324       | 5 591          | 6 083        |

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## Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

### Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for October 2015 recorded a trade surplus of R9.83 billion.

#### Summary

The R9.83 billion surplus for October 2015 is as a result of exports of R12.69 billion and imports of R2.86 billion.

Exports increased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R0.45 billion (3.7%) and imports decreased from September 2015 to October 2015 by R0.14 billion (4.6%).

The cumulative surplus for 2015 is R88.36 billion compared to R85.49 billion in 2014.

#### Trade Highlights by Category

The month-on-month export movements:

| R' million                     | BLNS:   |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Section:                       |         |         |
| Prepared Foodstuff             | + R 162 | + 14.3% |
| Machinery & Electronics        | + R 154 | + 8.8%  |
| Base Metals                    | + R 101 | + 13.0% |
| Vehicles & Transport Equipment | - R 183 | - 12.8% |
| Precious Metals & Stones       | - R 117 | - 17.2% |

The month-on-month import movements:

| R' million               | BLNS:   |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Section:                 |         |         |
| Precious Metals & Stones | - R 238 | - 65.2% |
| Base Metals              | - R 22  | - 29.8% |
| Textiles                 | + R 83  | + 19.5% |
| Chemical Products        | + R 39  | + 5.6%  |
| Prepared Foodstuff       | + R 21  | + 5.1%  |

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