



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
10th November 2017

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

During the week ending 10th November 2017, average deposit rates for savings deposits, deposits of 1 month and 3 month tenors remained unchanged at 4.22%, 4.02% and 4.14%, respectively.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)

Date	Savings Deposits (%)	1-Month Deposits (%)	3-Months Deposits (%)
13-October-17	4.22	4.09	4.12
20-October-17	4.22	4.09	4.12
27-October-17	4.22	4.03	4.09
03-November-17	4.22	4.02	4.14
10-November-17	4.22	4.02	4.14

Source: Banking Institutions, 2017

Lending Rates

Commercial bank weighted lending rates for individual and corporate clients increased by 0.03 and 0.04 percentage points, to close the week under review at 9.69% and 7.09%, respectively.

Table 2: Lending Rates

Date	Lending Rates ¹ (%)	
	Commercial Banks (weighted)	
	Individuals	Corporate clients
13-October-17	9.19	7.00
20-October-17	8.95	7.18
27-October-17	9.66	7.06
03-November-17	9.66	7.05
10-November-17	9.69	7.09

Source: Banking Institutions, 2017

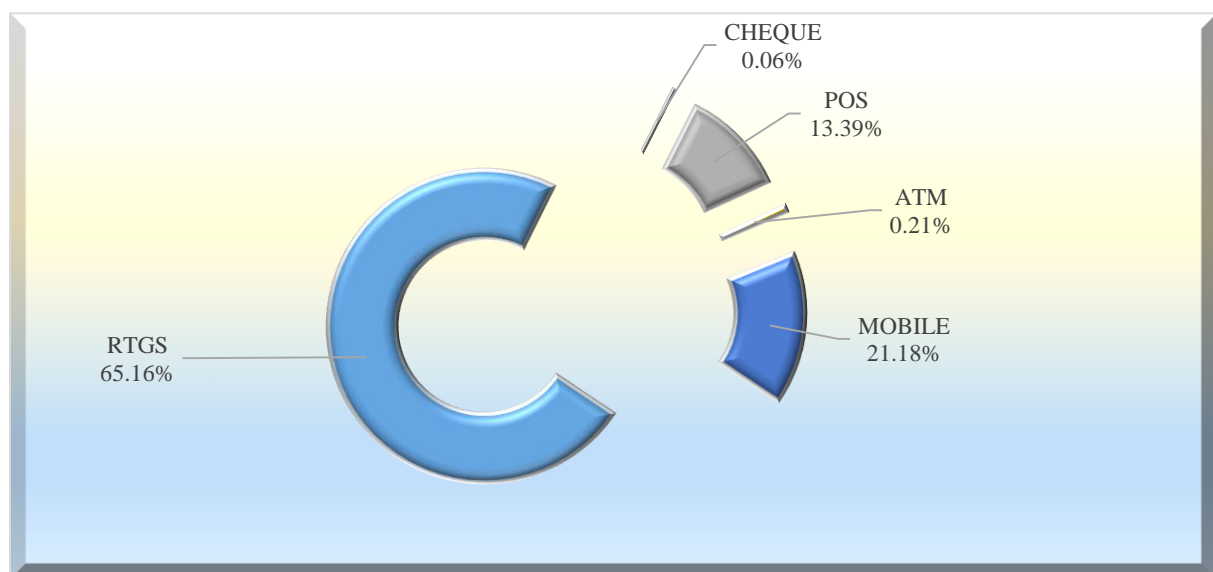
¹ Minimum weighted lending rates offered by commercial banks.

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The total value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) amounted to US\$1 883.67 million during the week ending 10th November 2017, down from US\$2 171.00 million registered in the previous week. Transactions processed through the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system declined by 18%, to close the week under review at US\$1 227.38 million.

In value terms, NPS transactions were distributed as follows: RTGS, 65.16%; Mobile, 21.18%; Point of Sale (POS), 13.39%; Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), 0.21%; and Cheque, 0.06%, as shown in Figure 1.

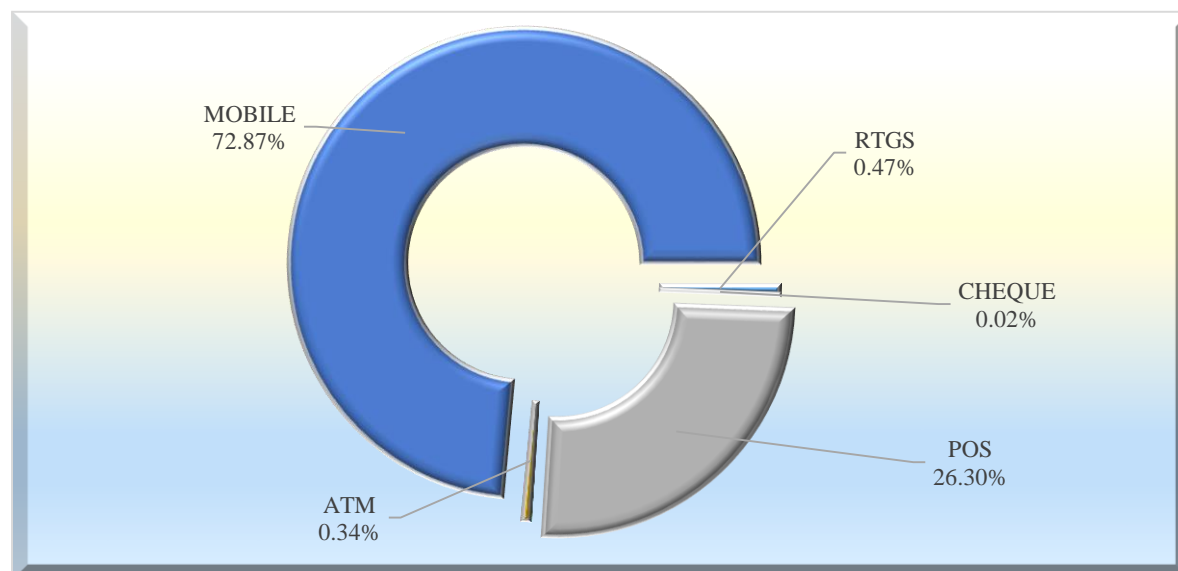
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2017

NPS transaction volumes stood at 29 045 275 during the week under review, up from 27 639 902 recorded in the previous week. The distribution of NPS transaction volumes was as follows: Mobile, 72.87%; POS, 26.30%; RTGS, 0.47%; Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), 0.34%; and Cheque, 0.02%, as shown in figure 2.

Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms`



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2017

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 03 November 2017	WEEK ENDING 10 November 2017	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION
VALUES IN USD (millions)				
RTGS	1,497.69	1,227.38	-18%	65.16%
CHEQUE	1.07	1.21	13%	0.06%
POS	233.47	252.29	8%	13.39%
ATMS	5.55	3.89	-30%	0.21%
MOBILE	433.22	398.90	-8%	21.18%
TOTAL	2,171.00	1,883.67	-13%	100%
VOLUMES				
RTGS	159,310	135,846	-15%	0.47%
CHEQUE	5,655	6,049	7%	0.02%
POS	7,160,710	7,639,724	7%	26.30%
ATMs	132,638	97,823	-26%	0.34%
MOBILE	20,181,589	21,165,833	5%	72.87%
TOTAL	27,639,902	29,045,275	5%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2017

4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 10th November 2017, the weekly average international commodity prices of gold, platinum, nickel and crude oil firmed. Copper prices, however, declined during the same week, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices

	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2017	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Week ending (30 Oct - 3 Nov)	1,274.37	923.00	6,903.20	12,227.00	61.14
6-Nov	1271.25	920.00	6922.00	12830.00	64.17
7-Nov	1275.98	926.00	6966.00	12880.00	63.59
8-Nov	1283.13	927.50	6851.50	12695.00	63.49
9-Nov	1284.40	933.50	6851.50	12695.00	63.86
10-Nov	1284.38	937.00	6832.50	12375.00	63.63
Week ending (6 - 10 Nov)	1,279.83	928.80	6,884.70	12,695.00	63.75
<i>Weekly Change (%)</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>(0.3)</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.3</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg

Gold

Gold prices continued on an upward trend, registering a 0.4% gain from a weekly average of US\$1 274.37/oz in the previous week, to US\$1 279.83/oz during the week ending 10th November 2017. This followed heightened uncertainties over the outcome of tax reforms in the US, which saw investors shifting to gold as a safe haven asset.

Platinum

Platinum prices increased by 0.6%, from a weekly average of US\$923.00/oz recorded in the prior week to US\$928.80/oz during the week under review. The increase was supported by prospects of strong demand for the metal as a safe haven asset.

Copper

Copper prices fell by 0.3% to close the week under analysis at US\$6 884.70/tonne, from a weekly average of US\$6 903.20/ton in the previous week. The prices were weighed down by declining global demand as reflected by rising global inventories.

Nickel

Nickel prices rose by 3.8% to close at US\$12 695.00/tonne, during the week ending 10th November 2017. This was on the back of the expected increase in demand for the metal, following indications of growth in the electric vehicle industry.

Crude Oil

Crude oil prices firmed by 4.3%, from a weekly average of US\$61.14/barrel recorded in the prior week to US\$63.75/barrel during the week under review. Prices rallied on the back of supply concerns, following reports that OPEC extended its production cuts deadline.

5. EXCHANGE RATES

The U.S dollar strengthened against the rand, pound, pula and euro during the week under analysis, as investors awaited outcomes on the proposed tax reforms.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates per US\$

	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2017				
Weekly Average (30 Oct- 3 Nov)	14.0965	0.7579	10.5352	0.8600
6-Nov	14.2171	0.7650	10.5876	0.8612
7-Nov	14.1130	0.7595	10.5764	0.8614
8-Nov	14.2153	0.7594	10.5820	0.8623
9-Nov	14.1650	0.7615	10.5708	0.8617
10-Nov	14.2522	0.7610	10.5597	0.8590
Weekly Average (6 - 10 Nov)	14.1925	0.7613	10.5753	0.8611
<i>Appr(+)/Depr(-) (%) of the USD</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>

Source: Reuters, 2017

6. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 10th November 2017, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) maintained a positive momentum for the second consecutive week. Resultantly, the industrial index increased by 1.13% to close the week under review at 531.55 points. This was attributed to gains realized in Lafarge Cement, (44%); Cafca, (19.97%); Zimbabwe Newspapers, (17.69%); British American Tobacco, (14.29%); and CFI Holdings, (10.24%). Partially offsetting the gains were losses realized in Ariston, (16.67%); National Foods, (5.33%); Afdis, (4.59%); Pretoria Portland Cement, (3.72%); and Zimre Property Investments, (3.70%).

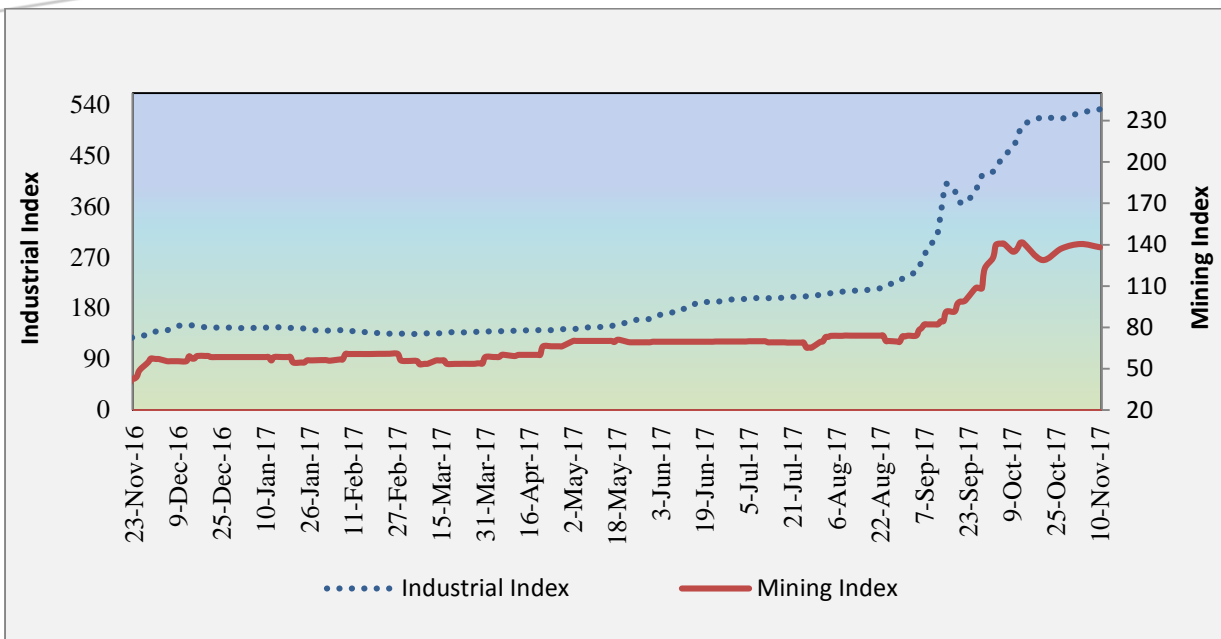
The mining index, however, declined by 1.69% to close the week under analysis at 138.12 points. This was on account of losses in Bindura Nickel Corporation, (12.28%); Falgold, (9.45%) and Rio Zim, (3.23%). Hwange Colliery Company traded at the previous week price level.

Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) Statistics

	Industrial Index (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (US\$)	Market Turnover (US\$)	Volume of Shares
20-October-17	517.71	128.87	14,708,590,105	33,093,179	105,125,024
27-October-17	514.30	137.25	14,626,384,163	47,219,737	78,855,156
03-November-17	525.63	140.50	14,948,742,418	38,391,493	32,101,054
10-November-17	531.55	138.12	15,121,184,803	39,653,381	54,851,247
Weekly Change (%)	1.13	-1.69	1.15	3.29	70.87

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2017

Figure 3 : Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Indices

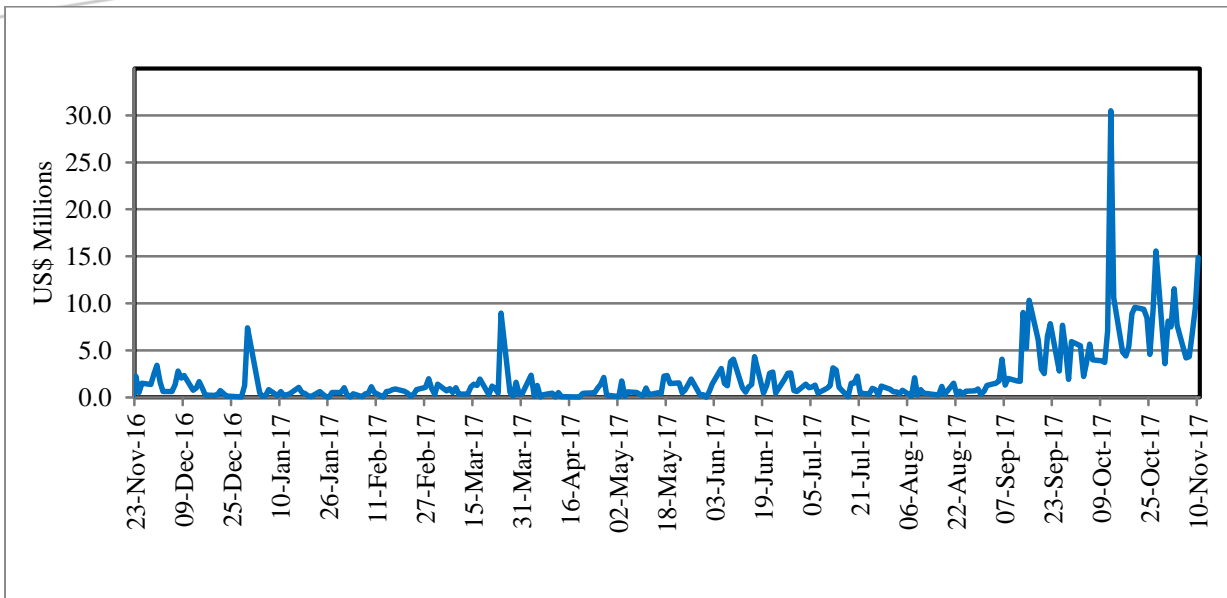


Source: Zimbabwe Stock exchange, 2017

Market Turnover and Volume

During the week ending 10th November 2017, the volume of shares traded stood at 54 851 247 shares, a 70.87% increase from the previous week. Similarly, the ZSE market turnover increased by 3.29% to US\$39.65 million during the week under review. The week under review witnessed two block trades of 5.8 million Econet shares and 0.1 million Old Mutual shares, exchanging hands at 186 cents and 1430.7 cents, respectively.

Figure 4: Daily Market turnover

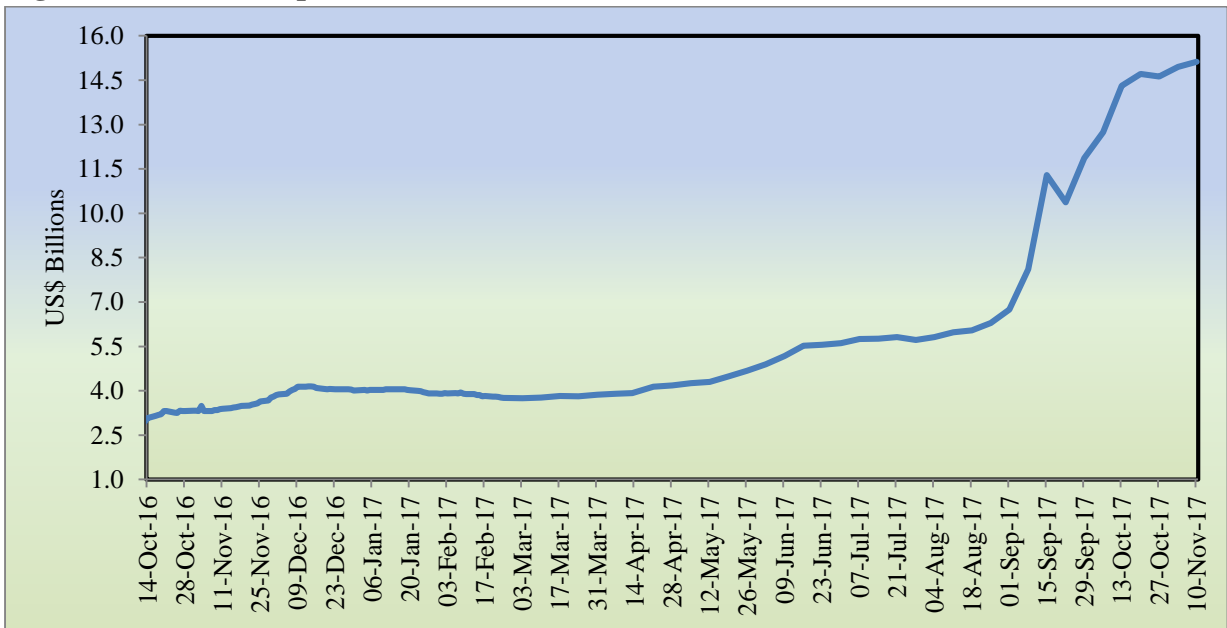


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2017

Market Capitalization

The ZSE market capitalisation registered a 1.15% increase, from US\$14.95 billion in the previous week, to close the week under review at US\$15.12 billion. This was largely due to positive trading on the local bourse.

Figure 5 : Market Capitalization



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2017

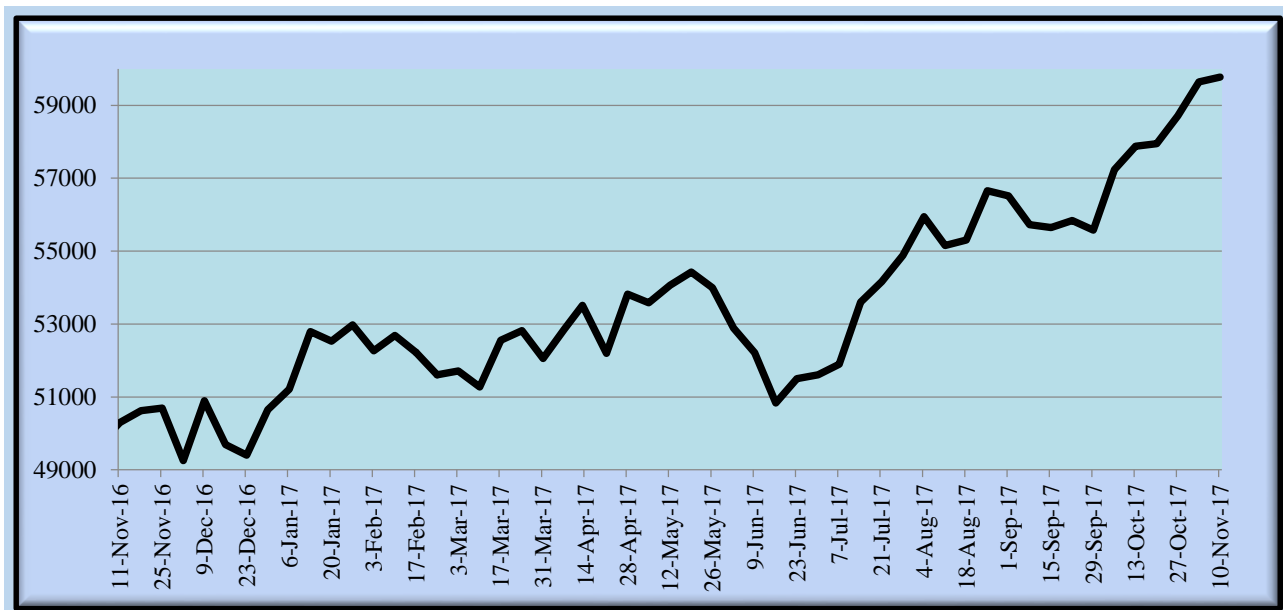
Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Development

The JSE All Share index registered a 0.23% increase, from 59 638.21 points in the previous week, to close the week ending 10th November 2017 at 59 776.12 points. JSE market capitalization declined from R16.38 trillion to R16.28 trillion during the week under review.

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillion)
06-October-17	57 231.87	15.65
13-October-17	57 876.60	15.76
20-October 17	57 948.66	15.94
27-October-17	58 714.04	16.13
03-November-17	59 638.21	16.38
10-November-17	59 776.12	16.28
% Change	0.23	-0.61

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>

Figure 6: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>

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