



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
12th June 2015

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

During the week ending 12th June 2015, average deposit rates remained unchanged for all classes of deposits. Average deposit rates for savings deposits stood at 3.43%, while those for fixed deposits of 1 month and 3 months tenors were 8.31% and 10.03%, respectively.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates

2015	Savings Deposits (%)	1-Month Deposits (%)	3-Months Deposits (%)
15-May	3.43	8.60	10.28
22-May	3.43	8.56	10.28
29-May	3.43	8.58	10.31
05-June	3.43	8.31	10.03
12-June	3.43	8.31	10.03

Source: Banking Institutions, 2015

Lending Rates

Weighted lending rates for individuals at commercial banks remained unchanged at 12.07%, during the week ending 12th June 2015. The weighted lending rates for corporate clients at commercial banks, however, declined from 8.74% during the previous week, to 8.73% during the week under review.

Table 2: Lending Rates

2015	Lending Rates (%)	
	Commercial Banks (weighted)	
	Individuals	Corporate clients
15-May	12.78	8.83
22-May	12.76	8.81
29-May	12.74	8.79
05-June	12.07	8.74
12-June	12.07	8.73

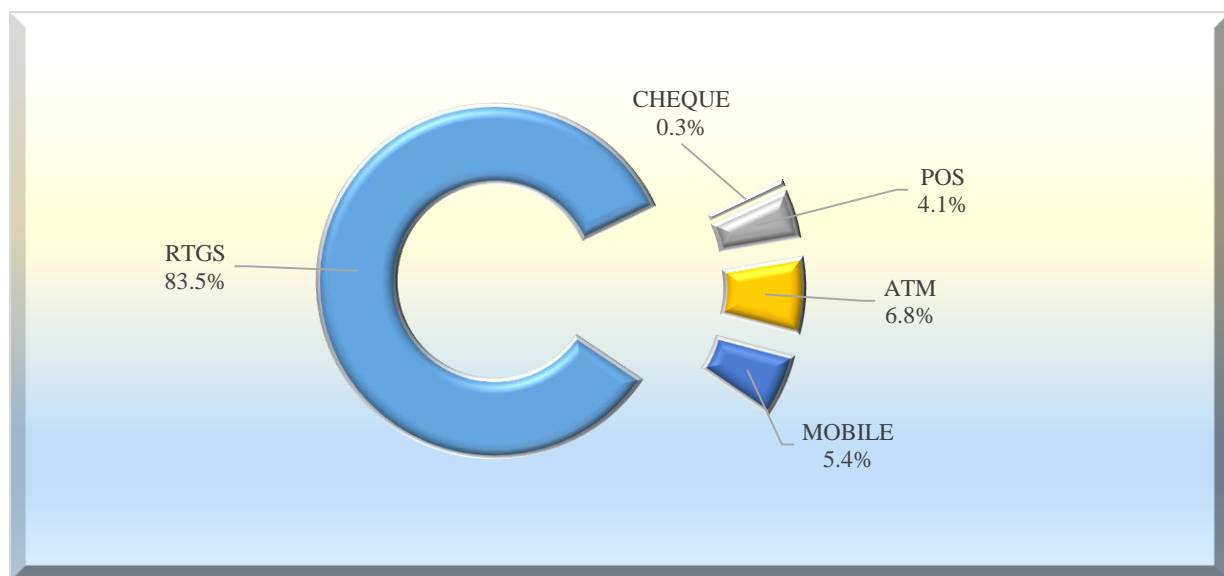
Source: Banking Institutions, 2015

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

During the week ending 12th June 2015, transactions processed through the National Payment System (NPS) stood at US\$1 116 million, a 4% increase from US\$1 072 million in the previous week. In tandem, the value of transactions processed through the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) rose by 17%, to close the week under review at US\$ 931.5 million.

In terms of contribution, RTGS system payments accounted for 83.47% of the total value of transactions processed through the NPS, followed by Automated Teller Machines (ATM's), 6.78%; Mobile, 5.39%; Point of Sale (POS), 4.07%; and cheque transactions, 0.30%.

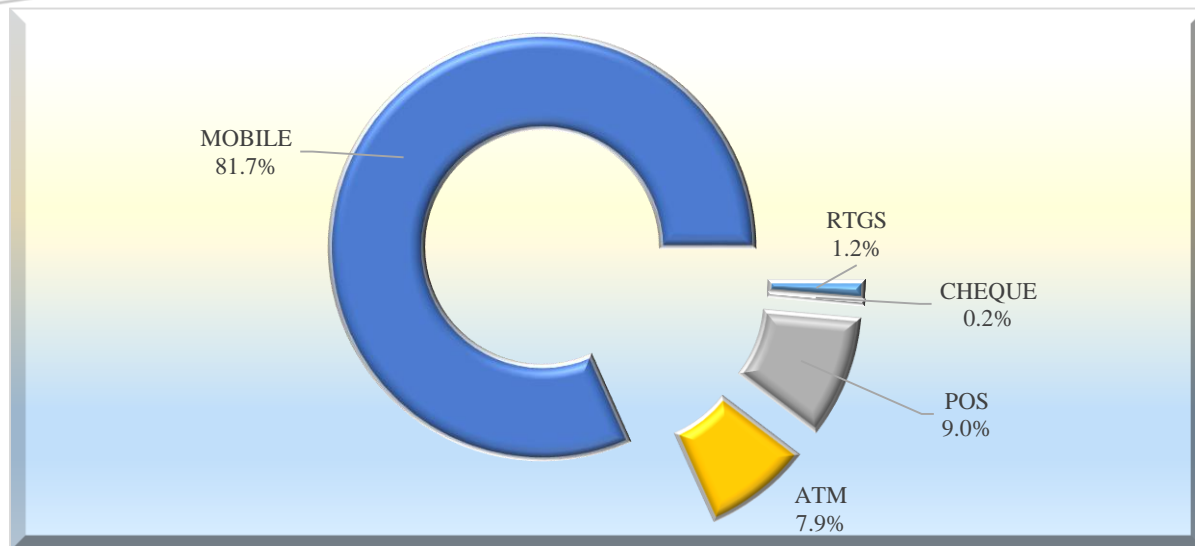
Figure 1: Proportions of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

In terms of volume, Mobile-based transactions accounted for 81.70% of total transactions; POS, 8.99%; ATM's, 7.89%; RTGS, 1.18% and Cheques, 0.24%.

Figure 2: Proportions of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 05 JUNE 2015	WEEK ENDING 12 JUNE 2015	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION
VALUES IN USD (millions)				
RTGS	794.28	931.49	17%	83.47%
CHEQUE	2.27	3.38	49%	0.30%
POS	60.87	45.37	-25%	4.07%
ATMS	106.62	75.64	-29%	6.78%
MOBILE	108.34	60.11	-45%	5.39%
TOTAL	1072.38	1115.99		100%
VOLUMES				
RTGS	45,912	43,082	-6%	1.18%
CHEQUE	6,743	8,561	27%	0.24%
POS	391,108	327,155	-16%	8.99%
ATMs	376,545	287,264	-24%	7.89%
MOBILE	4,530,711	2,972,905	-34%	81.70%
TOTAL	5,351,019	3,638,967		100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

3. TOBACCO SALES

A cumulative total of 158 576 369 kilograms of tobacco had been sold as at 12th June 2015 (day 69 of the 2015 tobacco selling season), reflecting a 9.66% decline from 175 528 821 kilograms sold during the same period in 2014. The average selling price for the golden leaf was 6.97% lower at US\$2.96 per kg, compared to US\$3.18 per kg registered during the same period in 2014.

In value terms, total sales amounted to US\$469.13 million, 16% lower than the US\$558.21 million realised during the corresponding period in 2014.

Table 4: Cumulative Tobacco Sales: Day 69 (12/06/15)

	2014	2015	Variance (%)
Cumulative Quantity Sold (kgs)	175,528,821	158,576,369	-9.66%
Cumulative Average Price(US\$/kg)	3.18	2.96	-6.97%
Cumulative Value (US\$)	558,209,297	469,134,781	- 16%

Source: Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB), 2015

4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending 12th June 2015, the weekly average international commodity prices for platinum, nickel and crude oil firmed, while those for gold and copper softened as shown in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Metals and Crude Oil Prices

Period	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2015	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (05 June)	1,184.52	1,104.20	5,969.00	12,808.00	63.95
08-June	1,173.10	1,097.50	5,910.00	13,085.00	62.87
09-June	1,179.20	1,111.50	5,988.50	13,535.00	64.69
10-June	1,187.00	1,115.00	6,045.00	13,535.00	65.92
11-June	1,179.50	1,108.50	5,906.00	13,535.00	64.99
12-June	1,181.03	1,096.50	5,888.00	13,060.00	64.62
Weekly Average (12 June)	1,179.97	1,105.80	5,947.50	13,350.00	64.62
Weekly Change (%)	<i>(0.4)</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>(0.4)</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>1.0</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO, Reuters and Bloomberg

Gold

Gold prices declined by 0.4% to a weekly average of US\$1 179.97/oz, during the week under analysis. Prices softened on the back of appreciation of the US dollar. In addition, the speculation about the likely interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve, in response to the improving US economic performance, continued to weigh down on gold prices.

Platinum

Platinum prices firmed from US\$1 104.20/oz in the previous week, to close the week under review at US\$1,105.80/oz. The increase was underpinned by a positive US economic outlook, following reports that the economy is expanding.

Copper

Copper prices maintained a downward trend during the week, declining by 0.4% from a weekly average of US\$5 969/tonne in the previous week to US\$5 947.50/tonne. The fall in the price of the metal was due to rising supplies, against a background of slowing demand in China, the world's largest consumer of the metal.

Nickel

Nickel prices increased to US\$13 350/tonne during the week ending 12th June 2015, from US\$12 808/tonne in the previous week. The increase came amid expectations by investors that the Shanghai Exchange would approve more global nickel brands for delivery, thereby easing a supply bottleneck.

Crude Oil

Crude oil prices recovered during the week under review, registering a 1.0% increase to US\$64.62/barrel. Prices rose on the speculation that tropical storms could hamper oil production in the United States of America.

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 12th June 2015, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) registered significant losses in some mid cap and heavyweight counters. Consequently, the industrial index slumped by 0.84%, from 153.49 points in the previous week, to close the week under analysis at 152.20 points. The mining index, however, remained unchanged at 46.54 points.

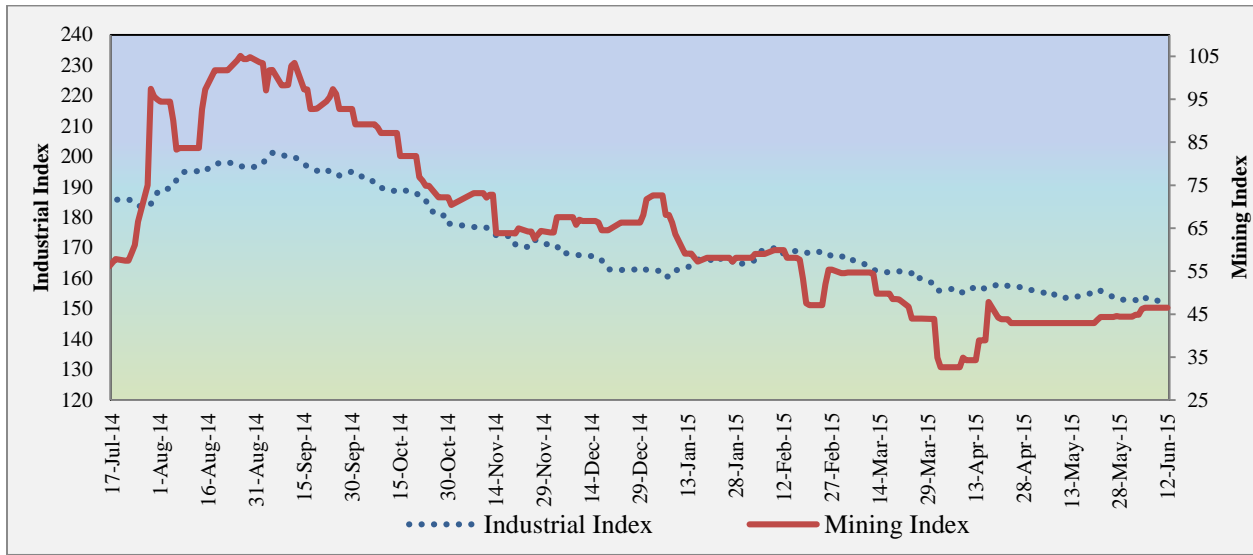
Major losses were recorded in Masimba Holdings (70%), Powerspeed (33.33%), Zimpapers (25%), First Mutual (23.33%), Turnall (20%), T.S.L. (10%), Econet (2.27%), Delta (0.95%) and PPC (0.09%).

Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) Statistics

Period	Industrial Index (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (US\$)	Market Turnover (US\$)	Volume of Shares
15-May-15	154.03	42.93	4,003,415,014	9,898,069	183,656,168
22-May-15	155.94	44.38	4,054,076,256	2,912,266	25,121,118
29-May-15	152.96	44.45	3,978,062,358	3,921,841	14,124,142
05-June-15	153.49	46.54	3,994,531,531	3,380,325	8,907,374
12-June-15	152.20	46.54	3,968,883,265	3,492,167	28,242,831

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2015

Figure 3 : Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Indices

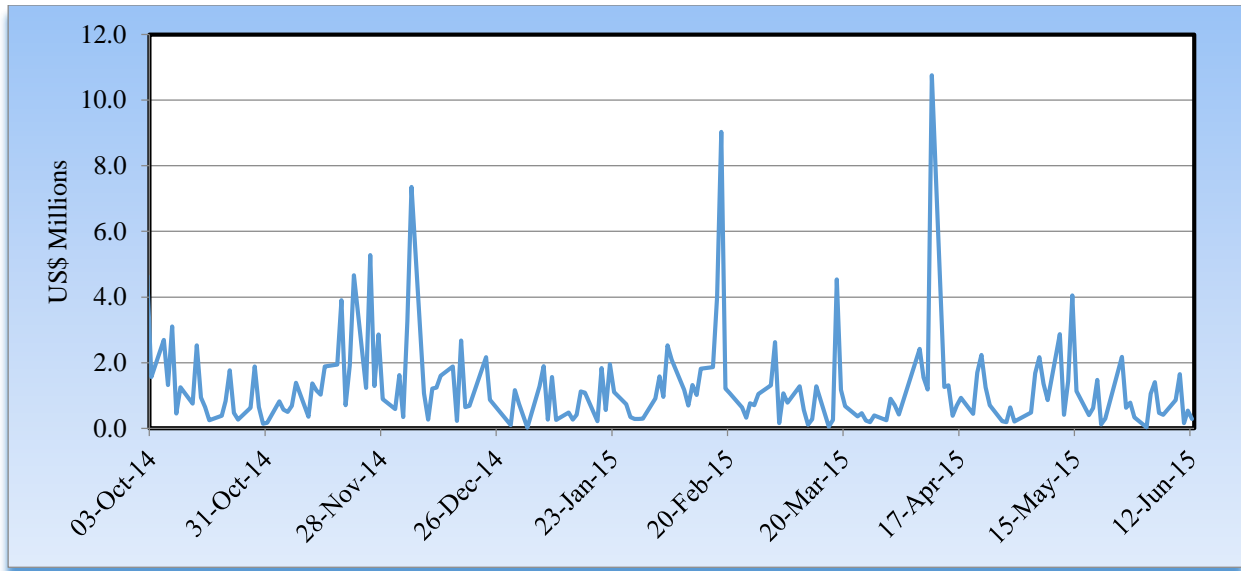


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2015

Market Turnover and Volume

Market turnover increased by from US\$3.38 million in the previous week, to US\$3.49 million during the week ending 12th June 2015. Notable trades were recorded in counters such as Innscor, Delta, Econet and Dawn. The volume of shares also increased from 8 907 374 in the previous week, to 28 242 831 during the week under analysis. The significant increase in share volumes was due to a special bargain registered by Dawn, which saw 13 272 007 shares exchanging hands at US\$0.02.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover

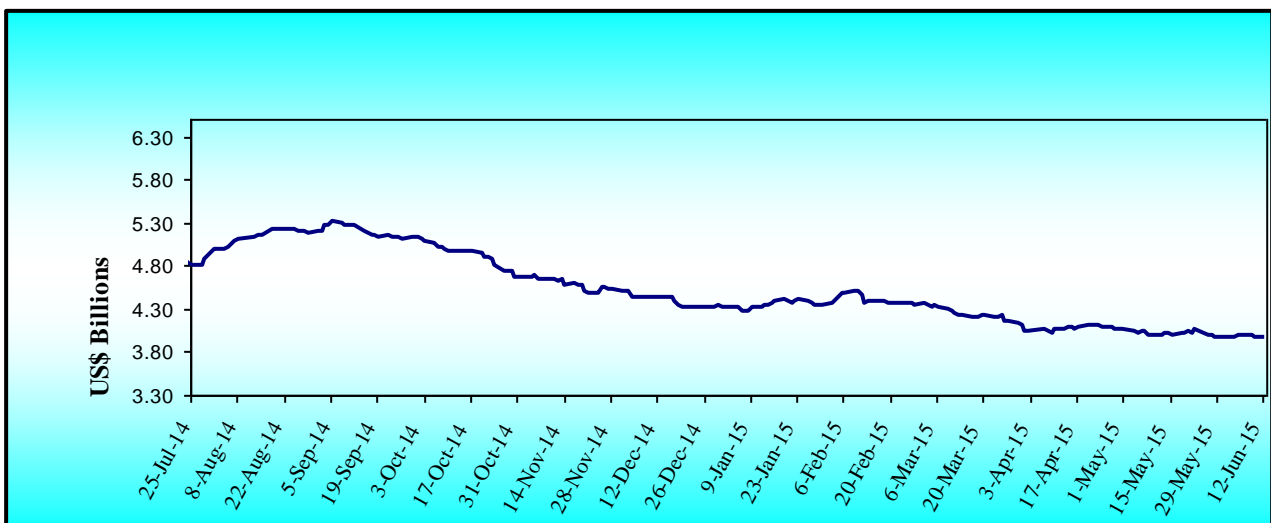


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2015

Market Capitalisation

In line with the decline in the industrial index, market capitalisation fell from US\$3.99 billion in the previous week, to close the week under review at US\$3.97 billion.

Figure 5 : Market Capitalization



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2015

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

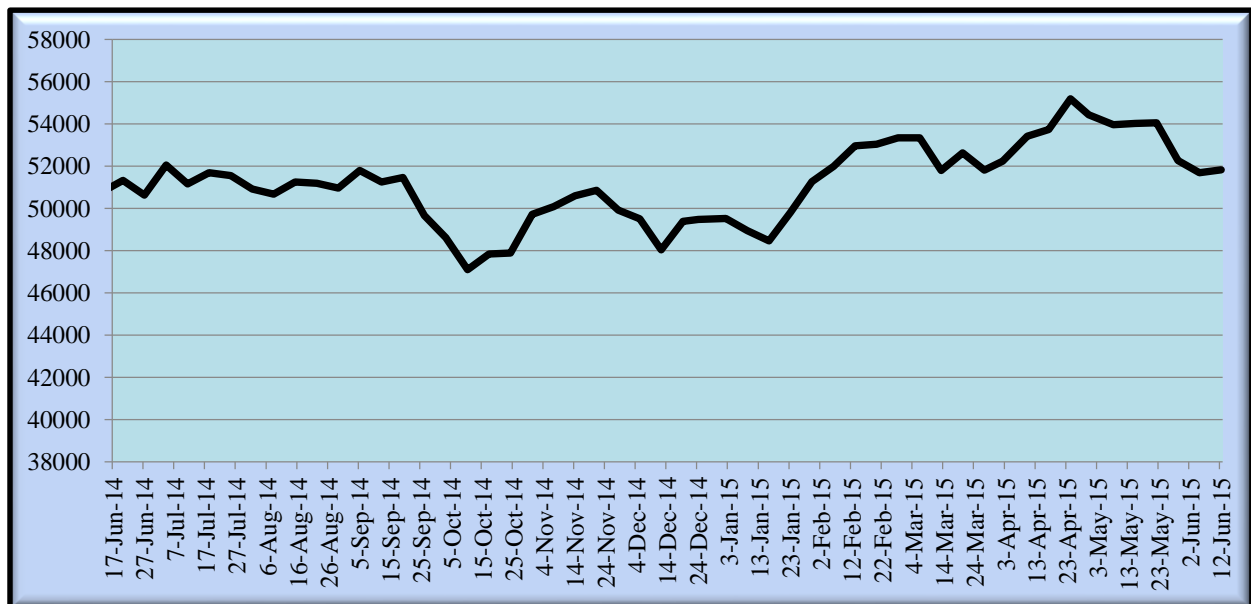
The JSE All Share index rose by 0.26% from the previous week's 51 694.25 points, to close the week under review at 51 828.76 points. Market capitalization stood at R12.00 trillion, up from R11.96 trillion in the previous week.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period- 2015	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (R trillion)
15-May	54,028.17	12,35
22-May	54,055.38	12,43
29-May	52,270.86	12,09
05-June	51,694.25	11,96
12-June	51,828.76	12,00

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

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



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