



Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending
17th November 2017

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

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, during the week ending 17th November 2017.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)

Date	Savings Deposits (%)	1-Month Deposits (%)	3-Months Deposits (%)
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
17-November-17	4.22	4.02	4.14

Source: Banking Institutions, 2017

Lending Rates

Commercial bank weighted lending rates for corporate clients stood at 7.06% during the week under review, down from 7.09% recorded in the previous week. Weighted lending rates for individual clients, however, remained unchanged at 9.69%.

Table 2: Lending Rates

Date	Lending Rates ¹ (%)	
	Commercial Banks (weighted)	
	Individuals	Corporate clients
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
17-November-17	9.69	7.06

Source: Banking Institutions, 2017

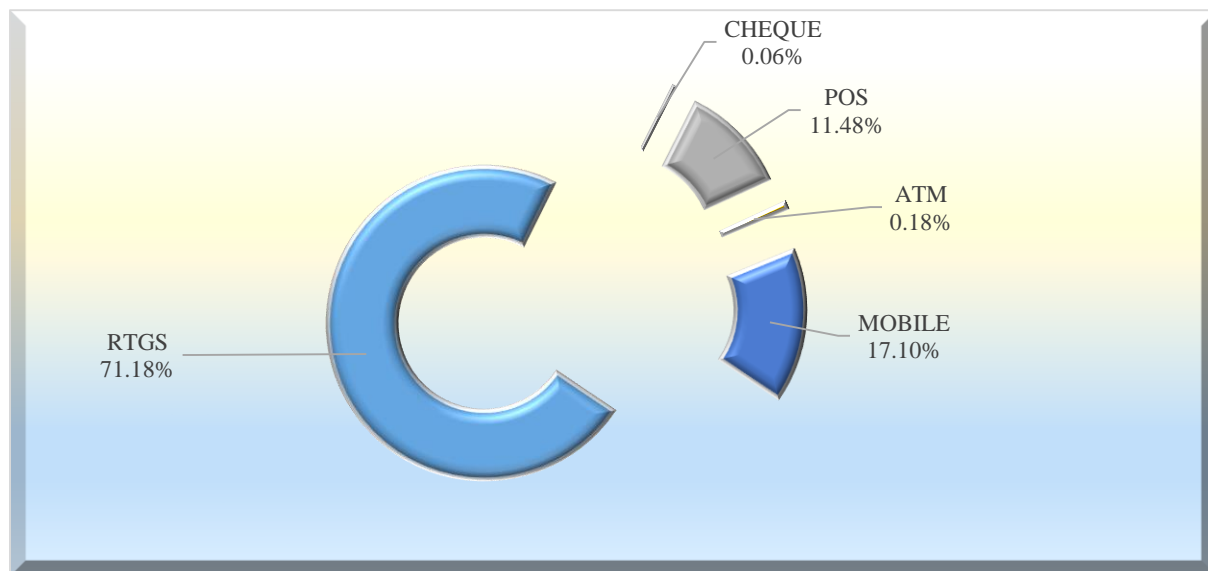
¹ Minimum weighted lending rates offered by commercial banks.

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

During the week ending 17th November 2017, the total value of transactions processed through the National Payment Systems (NPS) stood at US\$2 055.13 million, a 9% increase from the US\$1 883.67 million recorded in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions recorded a 19% increase, from US\$1 227.38 million in the previous week to US\$1 462.76 million during the week under analysis.

The NPS was dominated by RTGS transactions which contributed 71.18% of the total value of transactions, followed by Mobile 17.10%; Point of Sale (POS), 11.48%; Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), 0.18%; and Cheque, 0.06%, as shown in Figure 1.

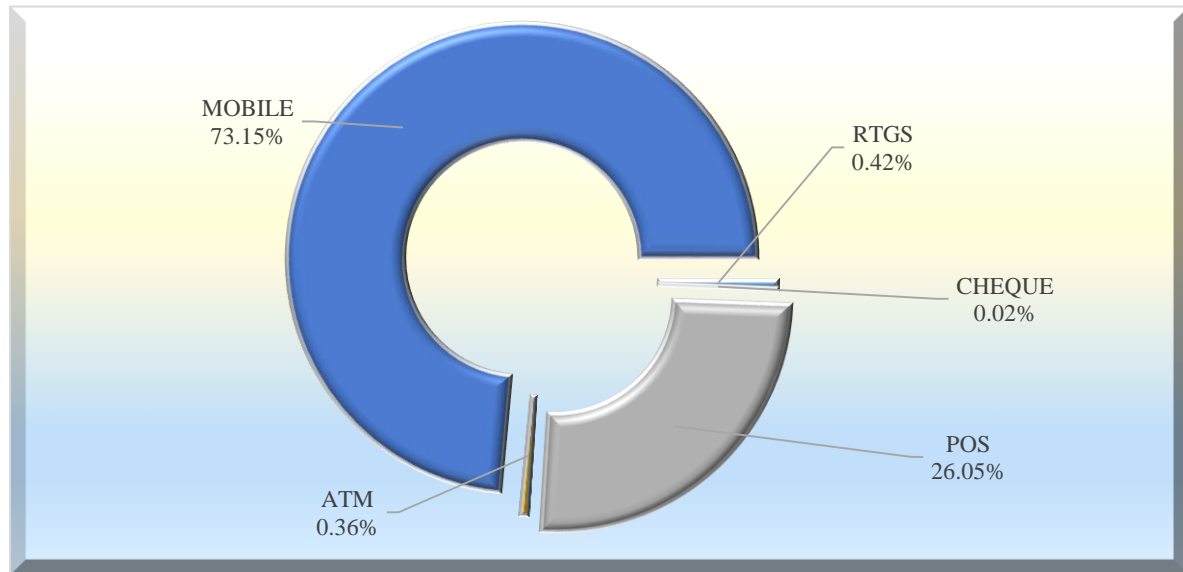
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2017

The total volume of transactions processed through the NPS was 26 487 177 during the week under review, reflecting a 9% decrease from 29 045 275 transactions recorded in the prior week. The distribution of NPS transaction volumes was as follows: Mobile, 73.15%; POS, 26.05%; RTGS, 0.42%; ATMs, 0.36%; 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 10 November 2017	WEEK ENDING 17 November 2017	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION
VALUES IN USD (millions)				
RTGS	1,227.38	1,462.76	19%	71.18%
CHEQUE	1.21	1.17	-3%	0.06%
POS	252.29	235.94	-6%	11.48%
ATMS	3.89	3.77	-3%	0.18%
MOBILE	398.90	351.48	-12%	17.10%
TOTAL	1,883.67	2,055.13	9%	100%
VOLUMES				
RTGS	135,846	110,382	-19%	0.42%
CHEQUE	6,049	6,016	-1%	0.02%
POS	7,639,724	6,900,834	-10%	26.05%
ATMs	97,823	94,116	-4%	0.36%
MOBILE	21,165,833	19,375,829	-8%	73.15%
TOTAL	29,045,275	26,487,177	-9%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2017

4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

The weekly average international commodity prices of copper, nickel and crude oil retreated, during the week ending 17th November 2017. Platinum prices, however, firmed, whilst gold prices remained unchanged, 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 (6 - 10 Nov)	1,279.83	928.80	6,884.70	12,695.00	63.75
13-Nov	1278.18	931.50	6818.50	12250.00	63.14
14-Nov	1274.15	927.00	6888.00	12340.00	61.73
15-Nov	1283.95	933.50	6756.00	11750.00	61.86
16-Nov	1278.85	931.00	6771.00	11685.00	61.32
17-Nov	1284.10	935.00	6776.00	11535.00	62.71
Week ending (13 - 17 Nov)	1,279.85	931.60	6,801.90	11,912.00	62.15
<i>Weekly Change (%)</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>(1.2)</i>	<i>(6.2)</i>	<i>(2.5)</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg

Gold

Gold prices closed the week under review unchanged from the previous week level of US\$1 279.83/oz. Prices remained unchanged as investors awaited minutes of the Fed meeting held this month.

Platinum

Platinum prices surged by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$928.80/ounce recorded in the previous week to US\$931.60/ounce during the week ending 17th November 2017. The prices were supported by increasing demand from the jewellery industry, against a background of declining global production.

Copper

Copper prices slumped by 1.2%, to close the week under review at US\$6 801.90/ton. This was largely on account of negative market sentiment, coupled with the weak demand outlook in China, the world's largest consumer of the base metal.

Nickel

Nickel prices declined by 6.2%, from a weekly average of US\$12 695.00/ton registered in the previous week to close the week under review at an average of US\$11 912.00/ton. Oversupply worries, amid rising global inventories, largely accounted for the decline.

Crude Oil

Crude oil prices retreated by 2.5% to US\$62.15/barrel during the week under analysis, from US\$63.75/barrel in the previous week. Prices were weighed down by rising US shale oil production which continued to offset efforts to cut global supplies by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

5. EXCHANGE RATES

The U.S dollar appreciated against the British pound, rand and pula during the week ending 17th November 2017. The greenback, however, depreciated against the euro during the same week.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates per US\$

	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2017				
Weekly Average (6 - 10 Nov)	14.1925	0.7613	10.5753	0.8611
13-Nov	14.4025	0.7615	10.5988	0.8579
14-Nov	14.4901	0.7623	10.6838	0.8566
15-Nov	14.3841	0.7611	10.6157	0.8481
16-Nov	14.3893	0.7593	10.6045	0.8491
17-Nov	14.1483	1.3233	10.5820	0.8469
Weekly Average (13 - 17 Nov)	14.3629	0.8735	10.6170	0.8517
<i>Appr(+)/Depr(-) (%) of the USD</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-1.1</i>

Source: Reuters, 2017

6. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 17th November 2017, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was characterized by bearish sentiment and profit taking, as a result of political developments in the country. Resultantly, the industrial index declined by 18.59% to close the week under review at 432.72%. Losses were recorded in Delta (36.37%); Edgars (35%); Econet (27.96%); CFI Holdings (22.01%); and PPC (21.11%). The losses were partially offset by gains realized in TSL (37.50%); Proplastics (11.84%); and National Foods (2.82%).

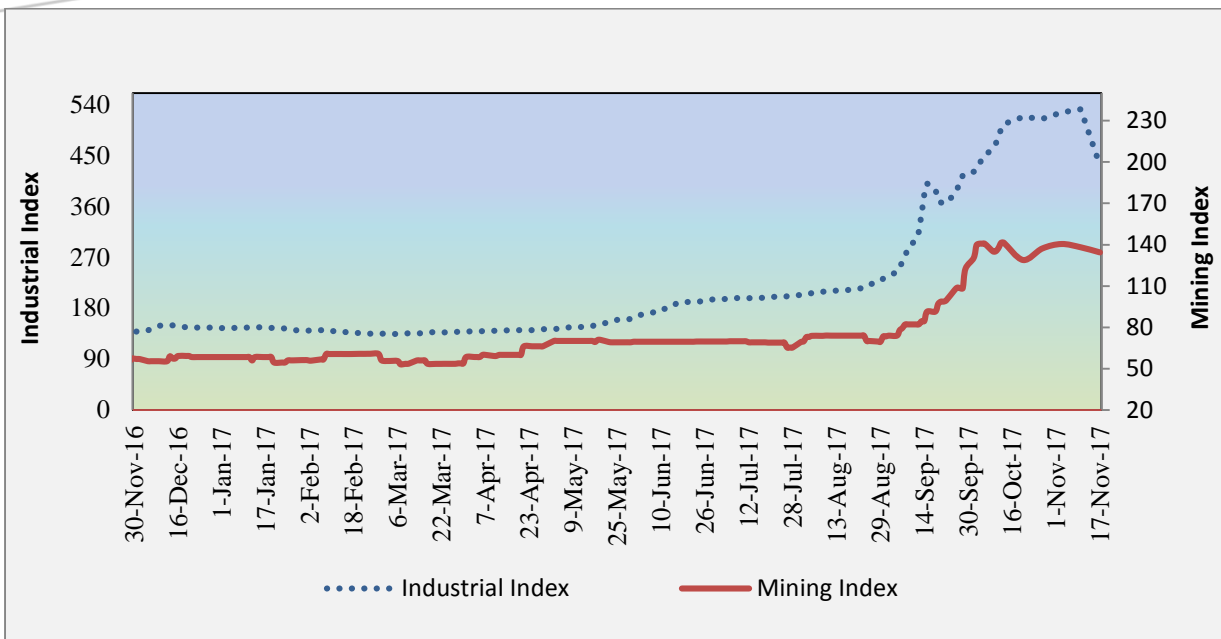
The resources index also declined by 2.69% to close the week under analysis at 134.40 points. This was on account of losses in Bindura Nickel Corporation, (10.00%). Falgold and Hwange Colliery Company remained inactive during the week under review.

Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) Statistics

	Industrial Index (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (US\$)	Market Turnover (US\$)	Volume of Shares
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
17-November-17	432.72	134.40	12,347,479,764	84,087,123	48,932,558
Weekly Change (%)	-18.59	-2.69	-18.34	112.06	-10.79

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2017

Figure 3 : Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Indices

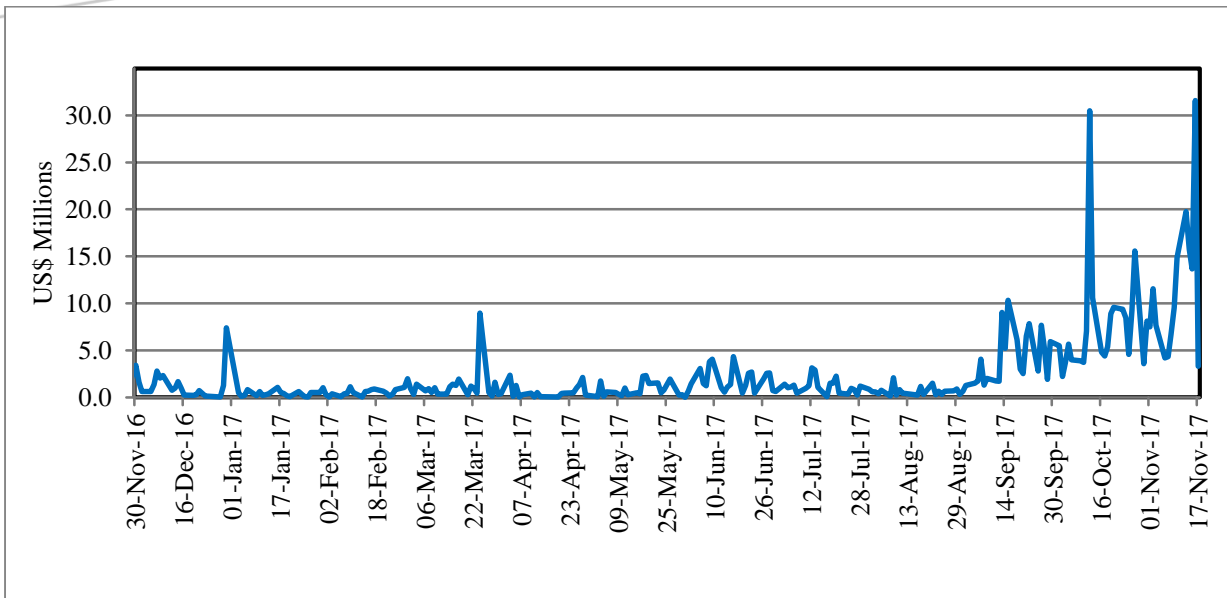


Source: Zimbabwe Stock exchange, 2017

Market Turnover and Volume

The volume of shares traded declined by 10.79% to 48.93 million, during the week ending 17th November 2017. Market turnover, however, increased by 112.06% from 39.65 million recorded in the prior week, to US\$84.09 million during the week under analysis. There were block trades, which saw 5.7 million Econet Wireless shares; 0.6 million Delta Corporation shares; and 0.1 million Old Mutual shares exchange hands at 187 cents, 321.25 cents and 1430 cents, respectively.

Figure 4: Daily Market turnover

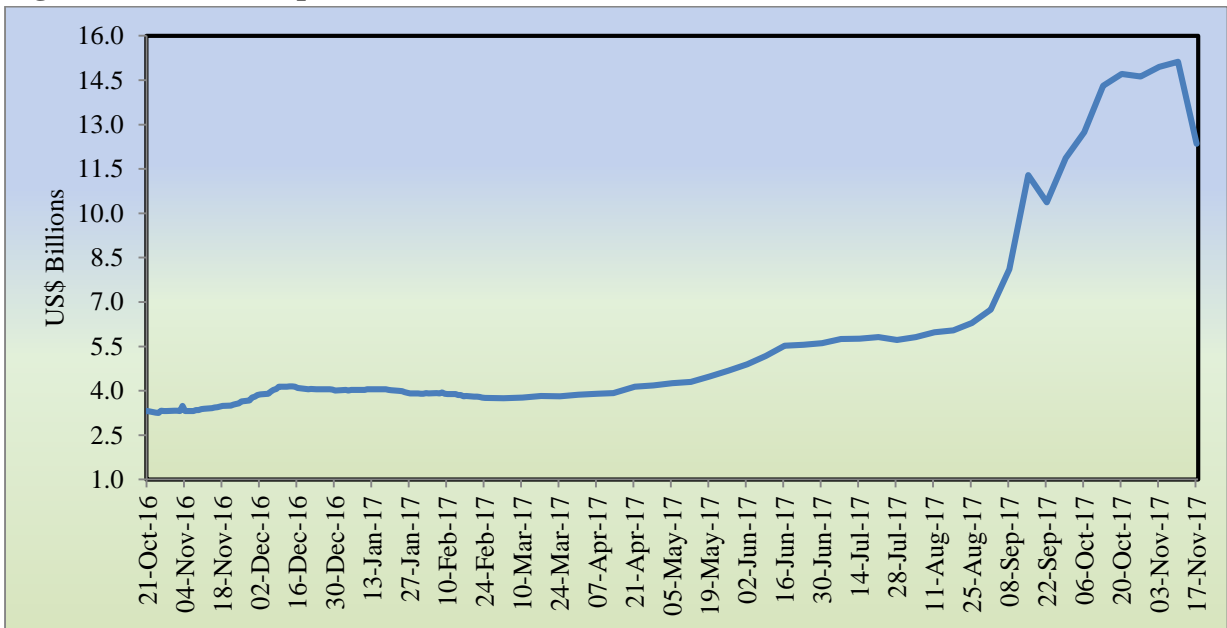


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2017

Market Capitalization

During the week under review, the ZSE market capitalization stood at US\$12.35 billion, an 18.34% loss from the US\$15.12 billion recorded in the previous week. This followed losses in both the industrial and mining indices.

Figure 5 : Market Capitalization



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2017

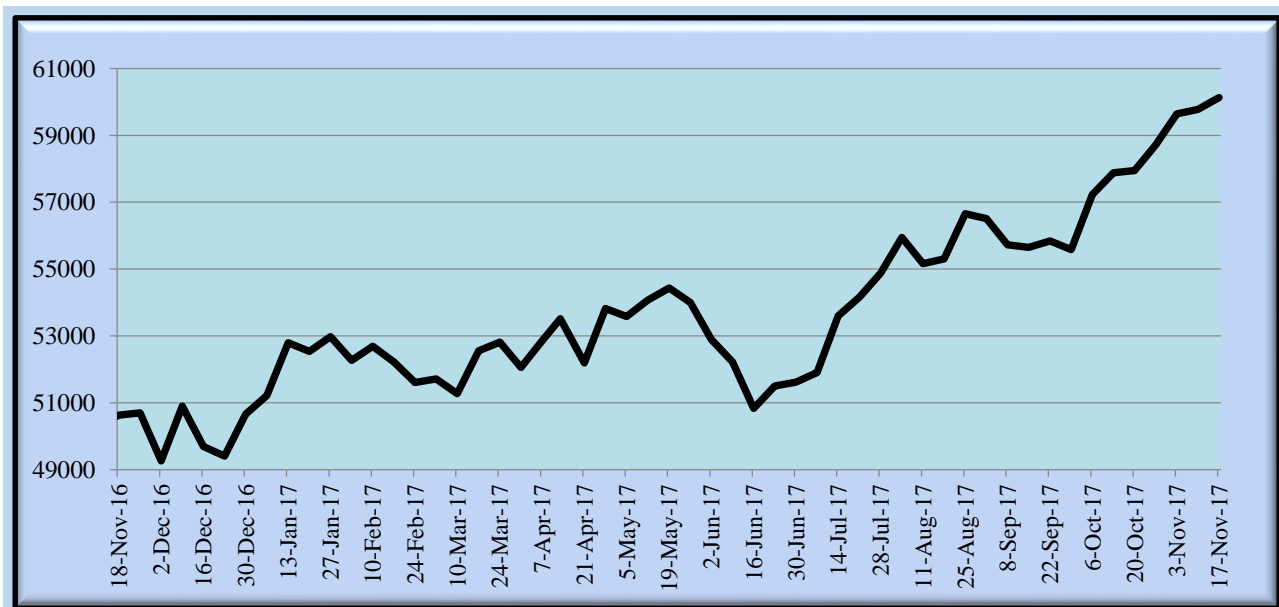
Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Development

The JSE All Share index registered a 0.59% increase, from 59 776.12 points in the previous week to close the week ending 17th November 2017 at 60 128.92 points. JSE market capitalization declined from R16.28 trillion to R16.13 trillion, during the week under review.

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillion)
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
17-November-17	60 128.92	16.13
% Change	0.59	-0.92

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

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



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