



# Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## 1. INTEREST RATES

### Deposit Rates

During the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, average deposit rates for all deposit classes remained unchanged from the previous week rates.

**Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)**

Date	Savings Deposits (%)	1-Month Deposits (%)	3-Month Deposits (%)
<b>02-Nov-18</b>	3.94	3.84	4.03
<b>09-Nov-18</b>	3.94	3.61	4.12
<b>16-Nov-18</b>	3.97	3.62	4.09
<b>23-Nov-18</b>	4.16	3.66	3.93
<b>30-Nov-18</b>	4.16	3.66	3.93

Source: Banking Institutions, 2018

### Lending Rates

Commercial bank weighted lending rates for corporate clients shed-off 0.04 percentage points, from 7.42% on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 to 7.38% on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Lending rates for individuals, however, remained unchanged during the same period.

**Table 2: Lending Rates**

Date	Lending Rates <sup>1</sup> (%)	
	Commercial Banks (weighted)	
	Individuals	Corporate clients
<b>02-Nov-18</b>	9.51	7.31
<b>09-Nov-18</b>	9.50	7.38
<b>16-Nov-18</b>	9.49	7.40
<b>23-Nov-18</b>	9.49	7.42
<b>30-Nov-18</b>	9.49	<b>7.38</b>

Source: Banking Institutions, 2018

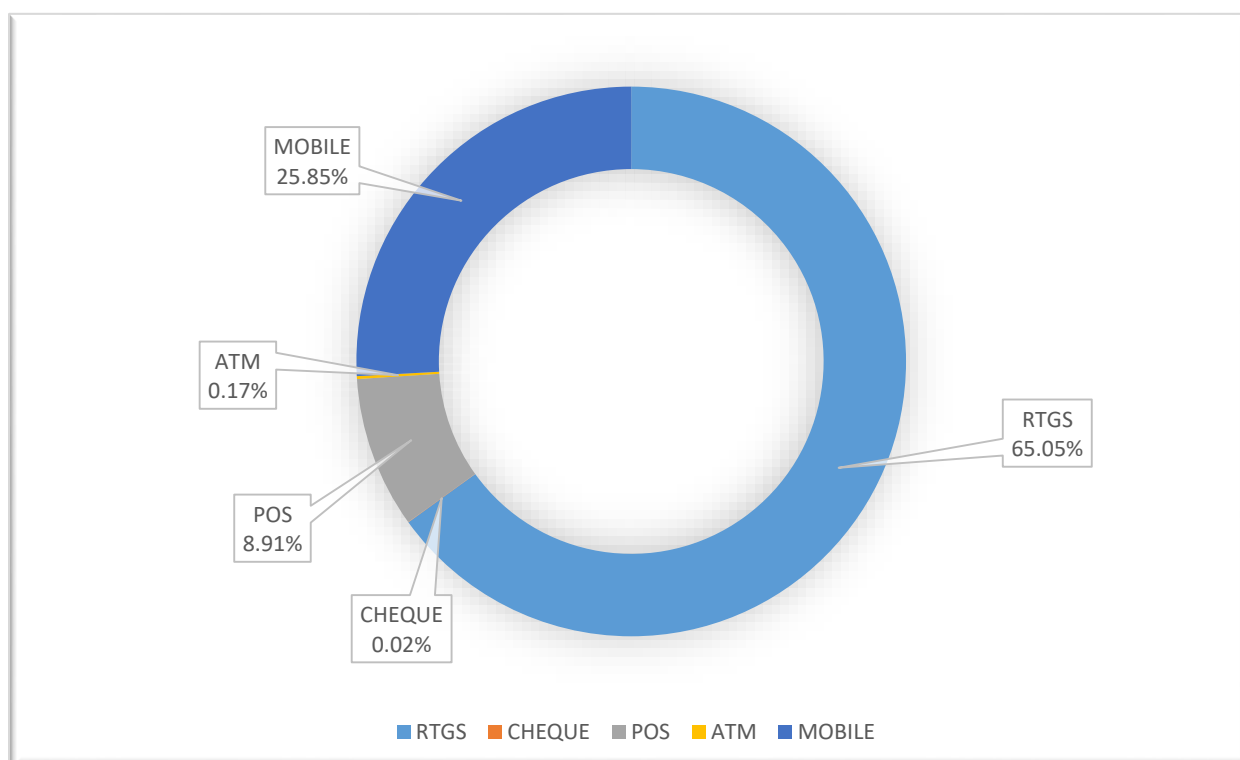
<sup>1</sup> Minimum weighted lending rates offered by commercial banks.

## 2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The total value of National Payment System (NPS) transactions increased by 21.5%, from US\$2.4 billion recorded in the previous week to US\$2.8 billion, during the week under review. Total Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions, which accounted for 65.1% of the total NPS transactions, amounted to US\$1.88 billion, 24.5% up from US\$1.5 billion recorded in the previous week.

The distribution of the other payment streams was as follows: Mobile, 25.85%; POS, 8.91%; ATM, 0.17%; and Cheque, 0.02%. Figure 1 shows the distribution of NPS transactions during the week under analysis.

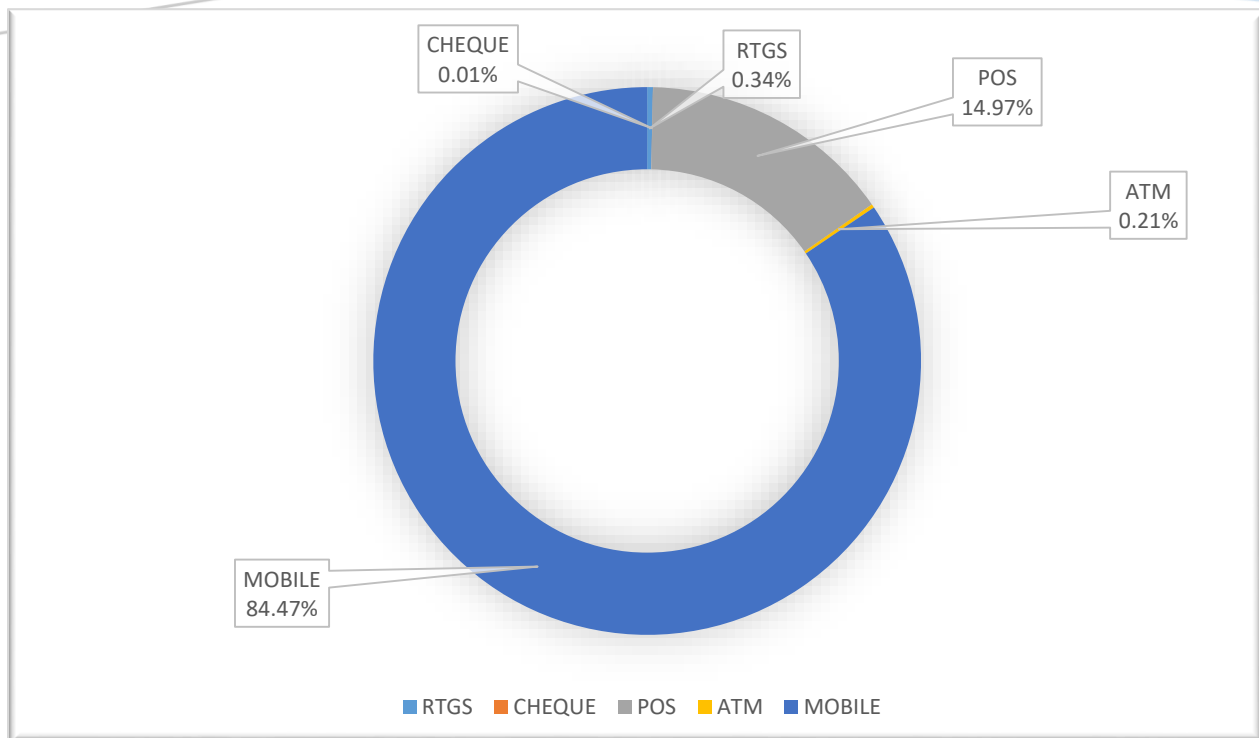
**Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms**



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2018

The volume of transactions processed through the NPS increased by 6.49%, from 34.67 million transactions in the previous week to 36.92 million transactions, during the week under review. Mobile transactions at 84.47% dominated NPS transaction volumes, followed by POS, 14.97%; RTGS, 0.34%; ATMs, 0.21%; and Cheques, 0.01%, as shown in Figure 2.

**Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms**



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2018

**Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity**

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 23 <sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2018	WEEK ENDING 30 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
<b>VALUES IN US\$ (millions)</b>				
<b>RTGS</b>	1,504.31	1,883.47	25.21%	65.05%
<b>CHEQUE</b>	0.82	0.70	-13.94%	0.02%
<b>POS</b>	235.93	257.98	9.34%	8.91%
<b>ATM</b>	4.17	4.81	15.52%	0.17%
<b>MOBILE</b>	638.05	748.64	17.33%	25.85%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,383.26</b>	<b>2,895.60</b>	<b>21.50%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>VOLUMES</b>				
<b>RTGS</b>	96,629	124,898	29.26%	0.34%
<b>CHEQUE</b>	3,482	3,435	-1.35%	0.01%
<b>POS</b>	5,313,212	5,525,355	3.99%	14.97%
<b>ATM</b>	77,313	75,770	-2.00%	0.21%
<b>MOBILE</b>	29,179,111	31,188,882	6.89%	84.48%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,669,747</b>	<b>36,918,340</b>	<b>6.49%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2018

### 3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

The average international commodity prices of gold, platinum, copper, nickel and crude oil decreased during the week under review, as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4: International Commodity Prices**

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Crude Oil</b>
<b>2018</b>	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
<b>Weekly Average (19 - 23 Nov )</b>	<b>1,224.24</b>	<b>844.40</b>	<b>6,227.50</b>	<b>11,123.00</b>	<b>62.90</b>
26-Nov	1,225.03	843.50	6,186.00	10,820.00	60.18
27-Nov	1,223.13	842.00	6,116.00	10,800.00	60.95
28-Nov	1,213.23	831.00	6,225.50	10,845.00	58.66
29-Nov	1,226.35	821.50	6,225.50	10,845.00	59.57
30-Nov	1,219.00	807.50	6,206.00	11,030.00	59.30
<b>Weekly Average (26 - 30 Nov )</b>	<b>1,221.35</b>	<b>829.10</b>	<b>6,191.80</b>	<b>10,868.00</b>	<b>59.73</b>
<i>Weekly Change (%)</i>	<i>(0.24)</i>	<i>(1.81)</i>	<i>(0.57)</i>	<i>(2.29)</i>	<i>(5.03)</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2018

#### **Gold**

Gold prices decreased by 0.24%, from a weekly average of US\$1,224.24/oz during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 to US\$1,221.35/oz, in the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The demand for the yellow metal fell mainly on account of the anticipated increase in interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

#### **Platinum**

The price of platinum price retreated by 0.81%, from US\$844.40/oz recorded in the previous week to US\$829.10/oz during the week under analysis, mainly on account of a stronger dollar.

#### **Copper**

Copper prices fell by 0.57%, from a weekly average of US\$ 6,227.50/ton in the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 to US\$ 6,191.80/ton during the week under review, as investors awaited the outcome of the G20 summit meeting held in Argentina from the 30<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

## Nickel

Nickel prices declined by 2.29%, from a weekly average of US\$11,123.00/ton in the previous week to US\$10,868.00/ton, during the week under review.

## Crude Oil

Crude oil prices fell by 5.03%, from a weekly average of US\$ US\$62.90/barrel during the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 to US\$59.73/barrel, during the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This was mainly on account of the build-up in U.S. crude oil inventories.

## EXCHANGE RATES

The US dollar appreciated against the pound Sterling and the euro during the week under review. During the same period, however, the greenback depreciated against the South African rand and Botswana pula.

**Table 5: International Exchange Rates per US\$**

	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2018</b>				
<b>Weekly Average (19 - 23 Nov)</b>	<b>13.9877</b>	<b>0.7796</b>	<b>10.5865</b>	<b>0.8766</b>
26-Nov	13.8249	0.7801	10.5652	0.8813
27-Nov	13.8881	0.7802	10.5263	0.8817
28-Nov	13.9150	0.7845	10.5932	0.8853
29-Nov	13.7566	0.7787	10.5988	0.8785
30-Nov	13.6632	0.7823	10.5097	0.8778
<b>Weekly Average (26- 30 Nov)</b>	<b>13.8095</b>	<b>0.7812</b>	<b>10.5587</b>	<b>0.8809</b>
<i>Appr(+)/Depr(-) (%) of the USD</i>	<i>-1.27</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>-0.26</i>	<i>0.49</i>

Source: Reuters, 2018

## 4. EQUITY MARKETS

A 1.47% gain was recorded for the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) All Share Index, from 158.07 points recorded in the previous week, to close the week under review at 160.40 points. The Top 10 Index, which closed the previous week at 160.71 points, increased by 1.76% to close the week under analysis at 164.98 points.

The industrial index gained 7.96 points to close the week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 538.66 points. This was largely driven by share price gains registered in Rainbow Tourism Group (25%), Zimre Property Investments (20%), TSL Limited (14.99%), Starafrika Corporation (10%) and ZB Financial Holdings Limited (5.98%).

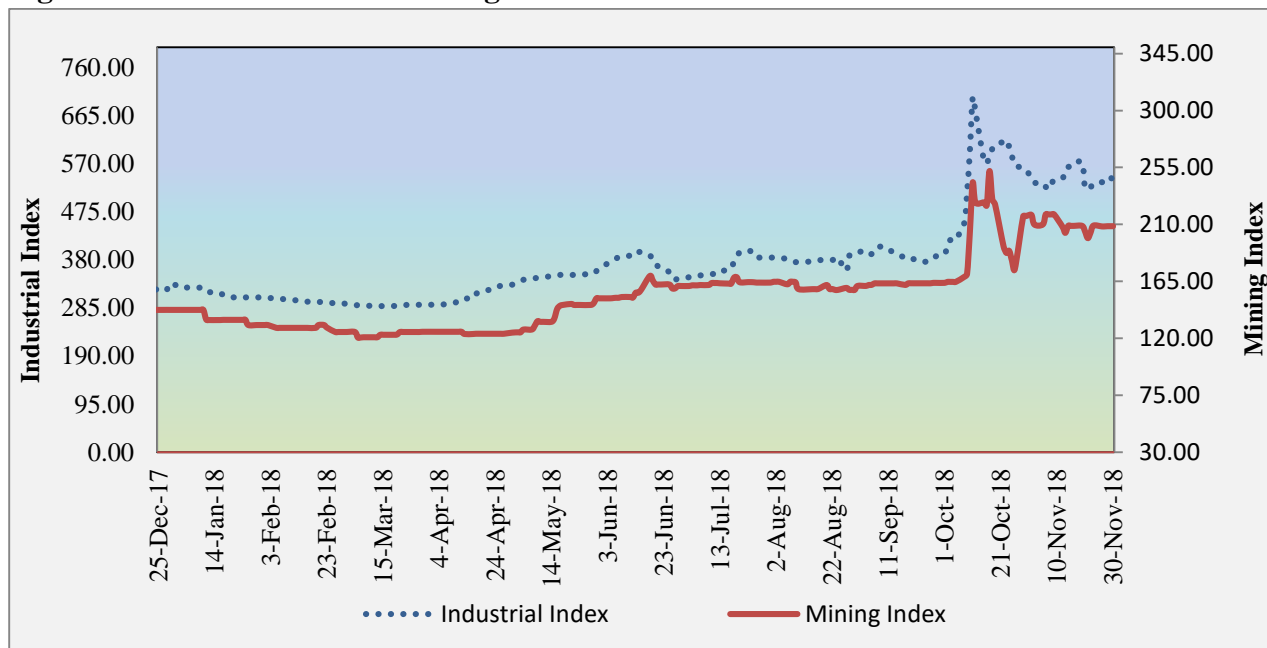
The mining index, however, declined by 0.22%, as Bindura Nickel Corporation recorded a 0.85% loss. RioZim Limited traded at the previous week price level, while Falgold did not register any trades.

**Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics**

	All Share Index <sup>2</sup> (points)	Top 10 index <sup>3</sup> (points)	Industrial Index (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (US\$)	Market Turnover (US\$)	Volume of Shares
02-November-18	158.49	160.71	532.06	209.86	17,351,794,804	15,187,072	27,710,549
09-November-18	159.96	164.30	537.17	208.11	17,636,859,001	27,854,020	43,269,359
16-November-18	167.55	177.95	569.25	208.81	18,917,390,876	11,738,201	23,221,101
23-November 18	158.07	162.12	530.70	209.03	17,081,676,265	43,837,248	37,203,497
30-November 18	160.40	164.98	538.66	208.56	17,316,627,742	27,657,844	45,190,887
<b>Weekly Change (%)</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>-36.91</b>	<b>21.47</b>

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2018

**Figure 3: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Indices**



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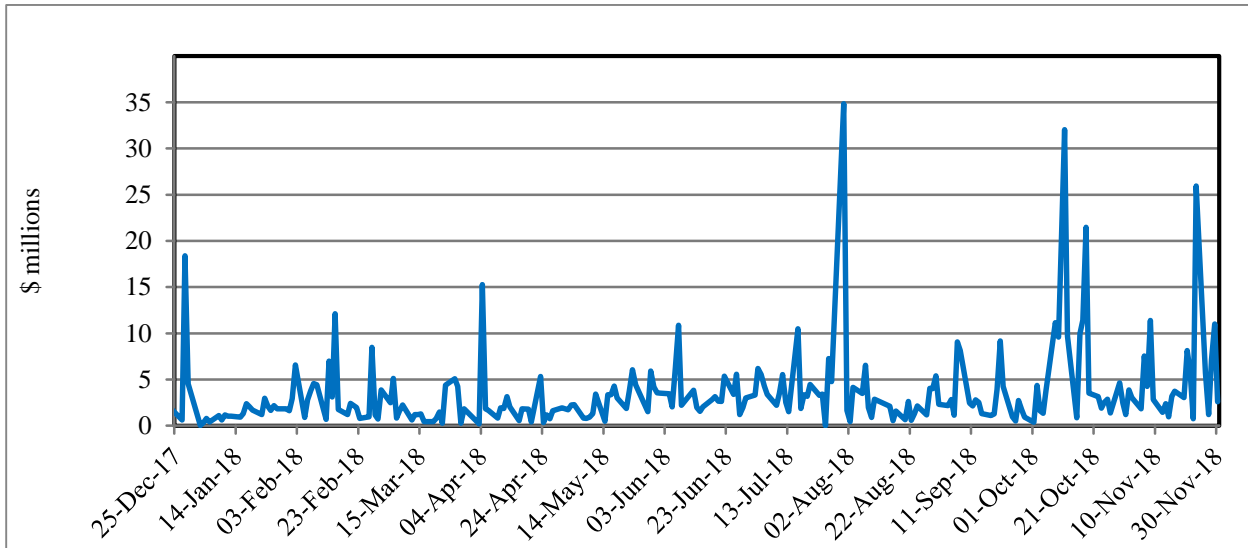
<sup>2</sup> The All Share index shows the changing average value of shares of all companies on the market.

<sup>3</sup> The Index is calculated using the market capitalisation method.

## Market Turnover and Volume

The weekly cumulative volume of trades on the ZSE increased by 21.47%, from 37.2 million shares in the previous week to 45.19 million shares, during the week under review. The cumulative value of trades, however, plummeted by 36.91% to \$27.66 million, during the same period.

**Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover**

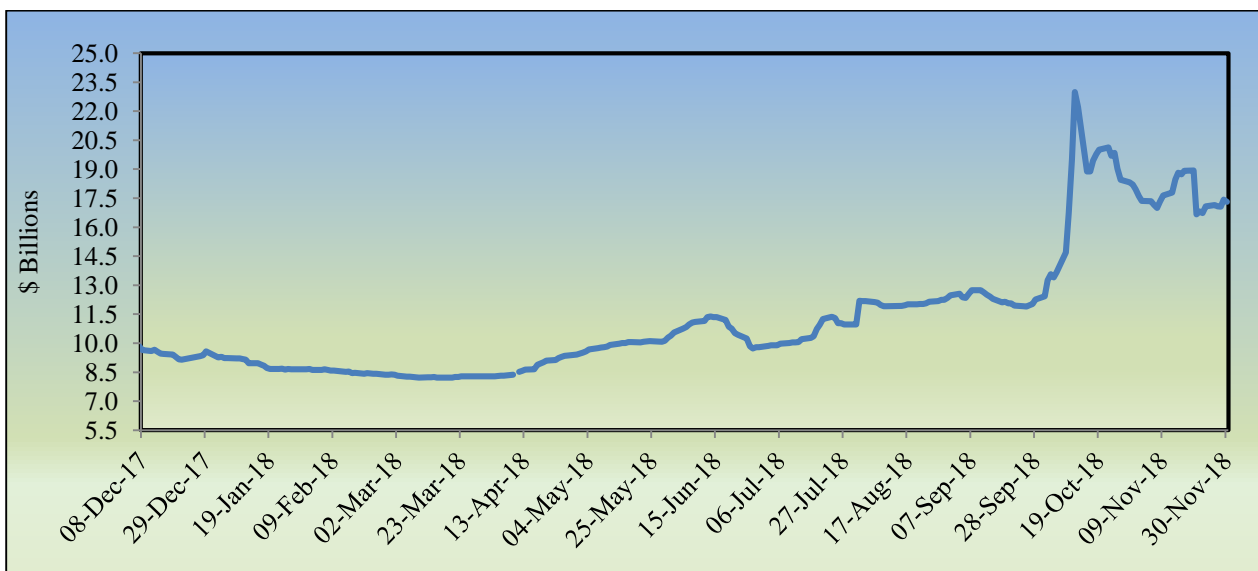


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2018

## Market Capitalization

The ZSE gained \$234.95 million worth of capitalization or 1.38% of the previous week value, to close the week under analysis at \$17.32 billion.

**Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization**





Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2018

## Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

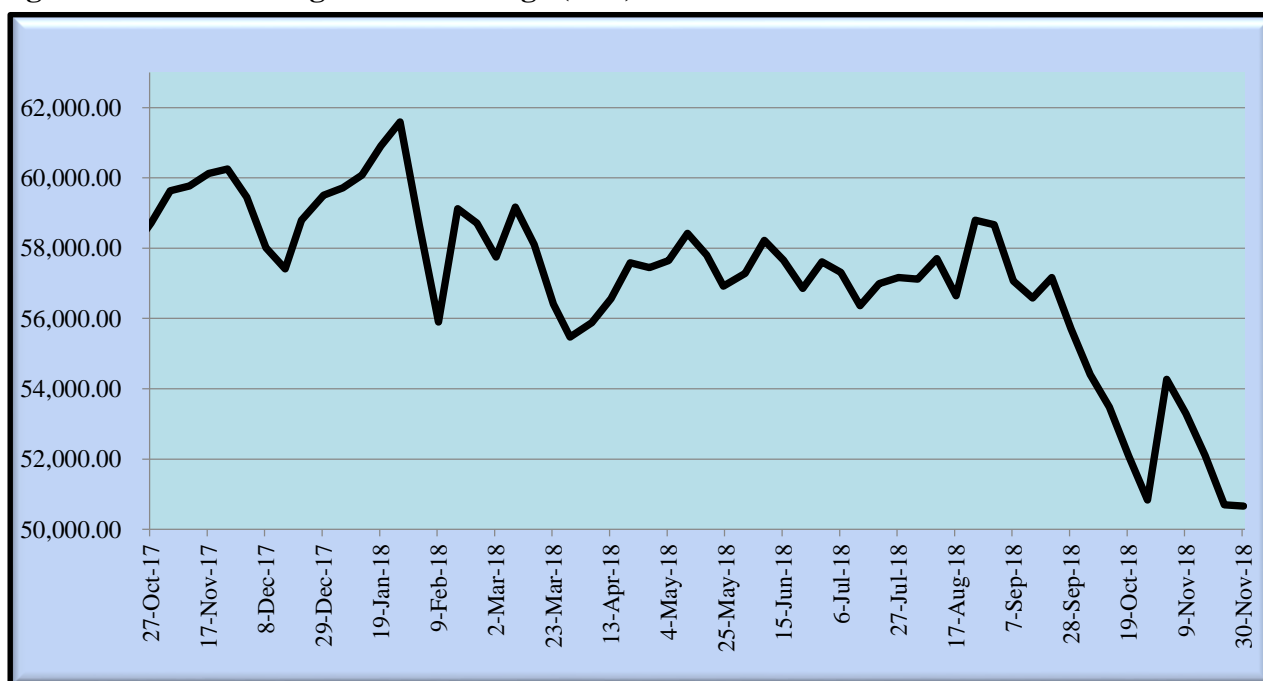
The JSE All Share Index lost 33.76 points, from 50,697.70 points recorded in the previous week, to close the week under review at 50,663.94 points. JSE market capitalization, however, remained largely unchanged at R12.52 trillion, during the same period.

**Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics**

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillion)
02-Nov-18	54,271.19	13.61
09-Nov-18	53,295.35	13.38
16-Nov-18	52,096.04	12.87
23-Nov-18	50,697.70	12.52
30-Nov-18	50,663.94	12.52
% Change	-0.07	0.01

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2018>

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



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2018>

**RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE**

**7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**