The composite mining index shows a mixed trend with an average index of 93.0, which is below the base index level of 2008. The composite index level stood at 83.4 in August 2014.

The overall mining production index decrease to 83.4 points in August 2014 from 83.9 points recorded in July 2014. This shows decline of 0.5 points or 0.6 per cent m/m and a decline of 11.4 points or 12.0 per cent y/y.

The decline in overall mining production index during the month under review can be attributed to Zinc and Copper that recorded the declines in production. However, Diamond, Uranium and Gold recorded increases in production.

(Chart2) Despite the labour unrest, Diamond production Index stood at 77.9 in August 2014, increasing by 2.1 points which represents an increase of 2.8 per cent m/m, while y/y increased by 4.7 points signifying an increase of 6.5 per cent.

In August 2014, Uranium production index stood at 76.9 points, representing an increase of 3.4 points or 4.6 per cent m/m and a decline of 30.3 points representing 28.2 per cent y/y.

Copper production index decreased to 53.6 points in August from 100.2 recorded in July 2014, showing declines on m/m and y/y by recording 46.5 per cent and 18.9 per cent, respectively.

Gold production index increased to 103.9 points in August 2014 from 90.9 points in July 2014, representing an increase of 14.3 per cent m/m, and a decline of 14.4 per cent y/y.

Zinc production index stood at 122.9 during the month of August 2014. This represents decline of 16.5 per cent m/m and 27.2 per cent y/y.

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Methodology notes and data sources

Data Sources: Ministry of Mines and Energy is the source of monthly sectoral data.

Note: The data collected for monthly sectoral reports are for selected minerals, namely: Diamond, uranium, copper, Zinc and Gold.

Base year of monthly sectoral reports: 2008