



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
April 2012 (prelim)	R	52,153,915,467	R	62,027,805,820	R -9,873,890,353
March 2012	R	61,313,393,083	R	66,819,864,646	R -5,506,471,563
R Increase/Decrease	R	-9,159,477,616	R	-4,792,058,826	
% Growth		-14.9%		-7.2%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to April 2012 (Prelim)	R	223,479,584,979	R	259,930,599,165	R -36,451,014,186
January to April 2011	R	208,139,193,206	R	215,607,842,006	R -7,468,648,800
R Increase/Decrease	R	15,340,391,773	R	44,322,757,159	
% Growth		7.4%		20.6%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R2 813 million (-16%).  
 Section 14: Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R3 059 million (-23%).  
 Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 853 million (-11%).  
 Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 753 million (-14%).  
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 524 million (-10%).

#### IMPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R4 387 million (-25%).  
 Section 6: Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 469 million (-8%).  
 Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 866 million (6%).  
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 33 million (0%).  
 Section 23: Original equipment components increased by R 15 million (0%).

