



Weekly Economic Highlights

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. INTEREST RATES	1
2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY	2
4. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS	3
5. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS	4
6. EQUITY MARKETS.....	5

Week Ending
19th November 2021

1. INTEREST RATES

Deposit Rates

Minimum and maximum lending rates for savings deposits and deposits of 1- month and 3- month tenors increased, during the week ending 19th November 2019, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Average Deposit Rates (per annum)

Date	Savings deposits (%)		1- Month deposit rates (%)		3- Month deposit rates (%)	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
22-Oct-21	2.79	5.29	8.08	13.00	9.26	14.03
29-Oct-21	2.79	5.29	8.08	13.00	9.26	14.03
5-Nov-21	2.79	5.29	8.06	12.67	9.08	13.92
12-Nov-21	2.79	5.29	8.06	12.67	9.08	13.92
19-Nov-21	2.96	5.33	10.47	13.34	10.71	15.05

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

Lending Rates

Minimum lending rates for individuals and corporates at commercial banks declined during the week under analysis. Maximum lending rates for individuals and corporates, however, registered an increase during the same week, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)

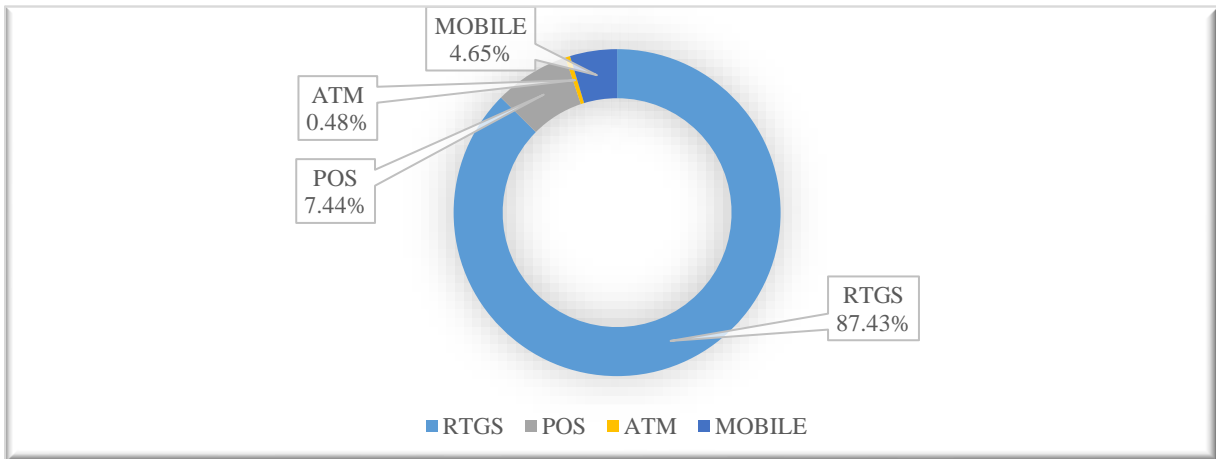
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
22-Oct-21	41.86	58.68	45.81	58.54
29-Oct-21	41.86	58.68	45.81	58.54
5-Nov-21	39.20	58.55	43.97	59.14
12-Nov-21	39.20	58.55	43.97	59.14
19-Nov-21	39.13	58.74	38.10	64.38

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

During the week under review, the value of National Payment Systems (NPS) transactions stood at \$170.75 billion, up from \$149.63 billion in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions increased by 19.27% to close at \$129.27 billion, in the same week. In value terms, NPS transactions were distributed as follows: RTGS, 87.43%, POS, 7.44%; Mobile, 4.65%; and ATM, 0.48%.

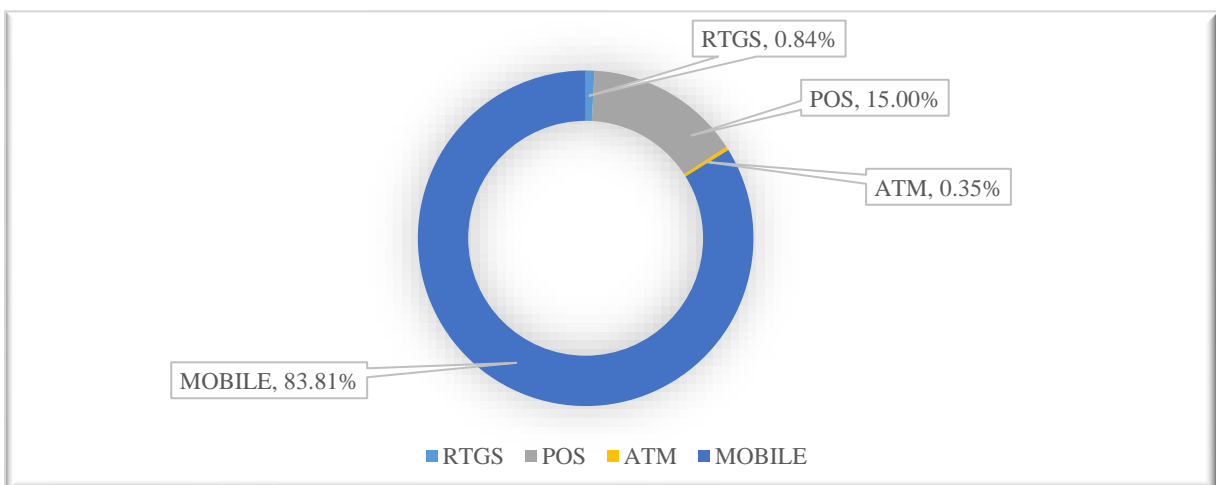
Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

The volume of NPS transactions fell by 7.34% to close at 24.52 million, during the week under review. The distribution of NPS transaction volumes was as follows: Mobile, 83.31%; POS, 15.00%; RTGS, 0.84%; and ATM, 0.35%, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Composition of NPS Transactions in Volume Terms



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 12 th November 2021	WEEK ENDING 19 th November 2021	% CHANGE	PROPORTION %
Values in ZW\$ Millions				
RTGS	125,156.24	149,277.99	19.27%	87.43%
POS	13,304.36	12,711.37	-4.46%	7.44%
ATM	897.76	812.78	-9.47%	0.48%
MOBILE	10,275.55	7,946.36	-22.67%	4.65%
TOTAL	149,633.91	170,748.50	14.11%	100%
Volumes				
RTGS	230,922	206,986	-10.37%	0.84%
POS	4,242,977	3,677,610	-13.32%	15.00%
ATM	98,167	85,765	-12.63%	0.35%
MOBILE	21,895,016	20,552,866	-6.13%	83.81%
TOTAL	26,467,082	24,523,227	-7.34%	100%

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

International prices for gold, platinum remained firm, during the week ending 19th November 2021. Copper, nickel and crude oil prices, however, retreated. Table 4 shows the developments in commodity prices, during the week under review.

Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices for the week ending 19th November 2021

2021	Gold US\$/ounce	Platinum US\$/ounce	Copper US\$/tonne	Nickel US\$/tonne	Crude Oil US\$/barrel
Weekly Average (8 - 12 November)	1,840.41	1,066.70	9,876.50	19,756.00	83.09
15-Nov	1,861.85	1,082.50	9,845.00	19,950.00	82.92
16-Nov	1,865.73	1,100.00	9,680.00	19,675.00	81.80
17-Nov	1,861.68	1,066.00	9,495.00	19,575.00	79.86
18-Nov	1,860.40	1,066.00	9,450.00	19,295.00	82.16
19-Nov	1,861.25	1,043.00	9,620.50	19,980.00	78.72
Weekly Average (15 - 19 November)	1,862.18	1,071.50	9,618.10	19,695.00	81.09
Weekly Change (%)	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-2.6</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-2.4</i>

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2021

Gold

Gold prices increased by 1.2%, from a weekly average of US\$1,840.41 per ounce in the previous week, to US\$1,862.18 per ounce during the week under analysis. Prices remained

bullish, amid mounting investor concerns over rising inflation, a development that boosted the safe haven demand for the yellow metal. The increase in price was, however moderated by a stronger US dollar and expectations that the US Federal Reserve would accelerate the pace of stimulus tapering, to curb broadening inflation risks.

Platinum

Platinum prices increased by 0.4%, from a weekly average of US\$1,066.70 per ounce to US\$1,071.50 per ounce, during the week ending 19th November 2021. This was due to strong industrial demand in the automotive sector.

Copper

Copper prices fell by 2.6%, from a weekly average of US\$9,876.50 per tonne in the previous week to US\$9,618.10 per tonne, during the week under analysis. Prices eased under pressure from a stronger US dollar, after the U.S. Federal Reserve Chair was nominated for a second term, reinforcing investor expectations for higher interest rates in 2022. In addition, prices were weighed down by concerns over a build-up in inventories in the US.

Nickel

Nickel prices fell by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$19,756.00 per tonne in the previous week ending 12th November 2021, to US\$19,695.00 per tonne, during the week under analysis. Prices retreated on account of a stronger US dollar.

Brent Crude Oil

Brent crude oil prices fell by 2.4%, from a weekly average of US\$83.09 per barrel to US\$81.09 per barrel, during the week under review. This followed an announcement by the US that it was planning to release strategic oil reserves in order to dampen oil prices, which were adding on to inflationary pressures. The move was aimed at coinciding with similar moves by China, India, Japan, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

The Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) continued to slide against the US dollar, shedding 3.9%, from an average of ZW\$99.5509 per US\$1 in the previous week to close the week under analysis at an average of ZW\$103.3899 per US\$1. The developments in selected exchange rates are as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: International Exchange Rates¹

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
2021					
Weekly Average (8 - 12 November)	99.5509	6.5756	134.1441	8.7409	114.8043
15-Nov	99.9301	6.5338	133.5216	8.7291	114.3151
16-Nov	99.9301	6.5703	134.1962	8.7191	113.7307
17-Nov	105.6965	6.8074	141.8239	9.1435	119.3528
18-Nov	105.6965	6.8353	142.5480	9.1221	119.6487
19-Nov	105.6965	6.7568	142.5371	9.0378	119.9922
Weekly Average (15 - 19 November)	103.3899	6.7007	138.9253	8.9503	117.4079
Appr(-)/Depr(+)(%) of the ZWL	3.9	1.9	3.6	2.4	2.3

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ended 19th November 2021, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) was characterised by negative trading, resulting in all major indices registering losses. The All Share, Top 10 and Top 15 indices shed 6.36%, 8.30% and 7.58% to close at 11,650.82 points, 7,439.12 points and 8,204.46 points, respectively.

The mainstream index was lower during the week under analysis, in large part, on account of share price losses for NMBZ Holdings Limited (28.57%), Meikles Limited (20.10%), Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited (15.78%), Delta Corporation Limited (15.32%) and Innscor Africa Limited (13.28%). Losses in the mainstream index were partially offset by share prices increases recorded for Medtech Holdings Limited (20.61%), Getbucks Financial Services Limited (20%), Rainbow Tourism Group Limited (19.35%), Turnall Holdings Limited (8%) and Mashonaland Holdings Limited (7.86%).

The resources index declined by 0.87% to close at 6,798.82 points. This emanated from a 0.22% fall in the share price for Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited (BNC). RioZim Limited shares, however, traded at the price of the previous week.

¹ Direct quote – the amount of domestic currency needed to exchange for 1 unit of foreign currency

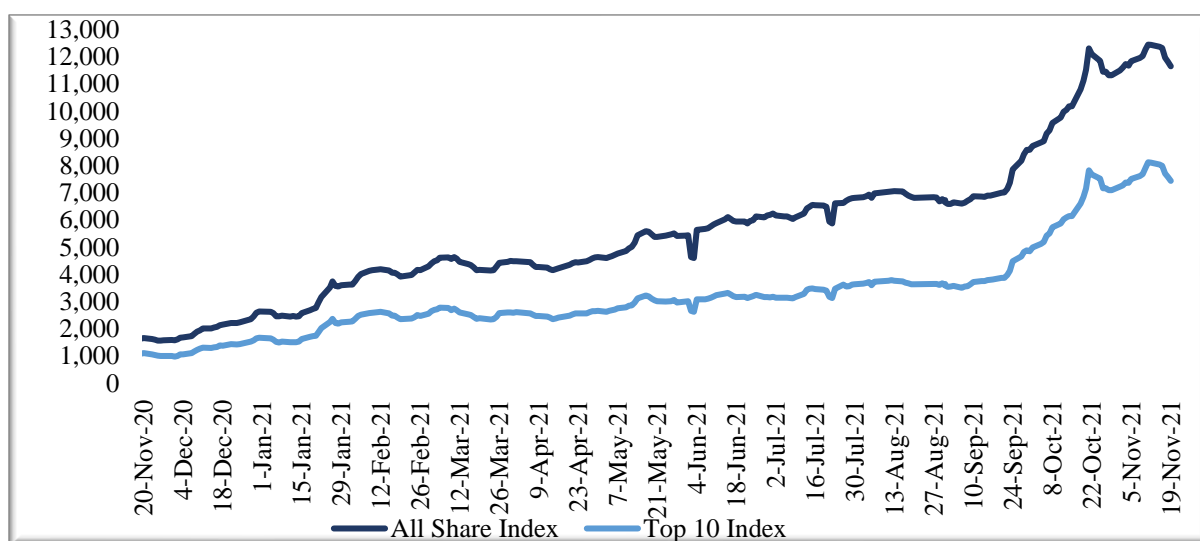
Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics²

	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index (points)	Top 15 Index ³ points	Medium Cap ³ (points)	Small Cap ³ (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
15-Oct-21	10,184.95	6,142.98	6,929.79	21,528.31	316,367.25	6,810.45	1,286.46	2,214.02	37.39
22-Oct-21	12,097.36	7,678.83	8,501.10	22,864.87	324,284.55	7,448.76	1,474.57	965.56	22.72
29-Oct-21	11,329.48	7,104.99	7,900.36	21,942.11	330,018.90	6,652.04	1,378.23	781.45	19.22
5-Nov-21	11,846.33	7,513.24	8,298.69	22,207.30	369,643.93	6,841.96	1,441.02	760.67	19.66
12-Nov-21	12,442.42	8,112.62	8,877.14	21,678.17	398,342.34	6,858.49	1,511.70	1,529.89	39.13
19-Nov-21	11,650.82	7,439.12	8,204.46	21,385.45	404,665.76	6,798.82	1,406.85	1,930.09	66.28
% Change	-6.36	-8.30	-7.58	-1.35	1.59	-0.87	-6.94	26.16	69.38

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2021

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period 20th November 2020 to 19th November 2021.

Figure 3: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange All Share and Top 10 Indices



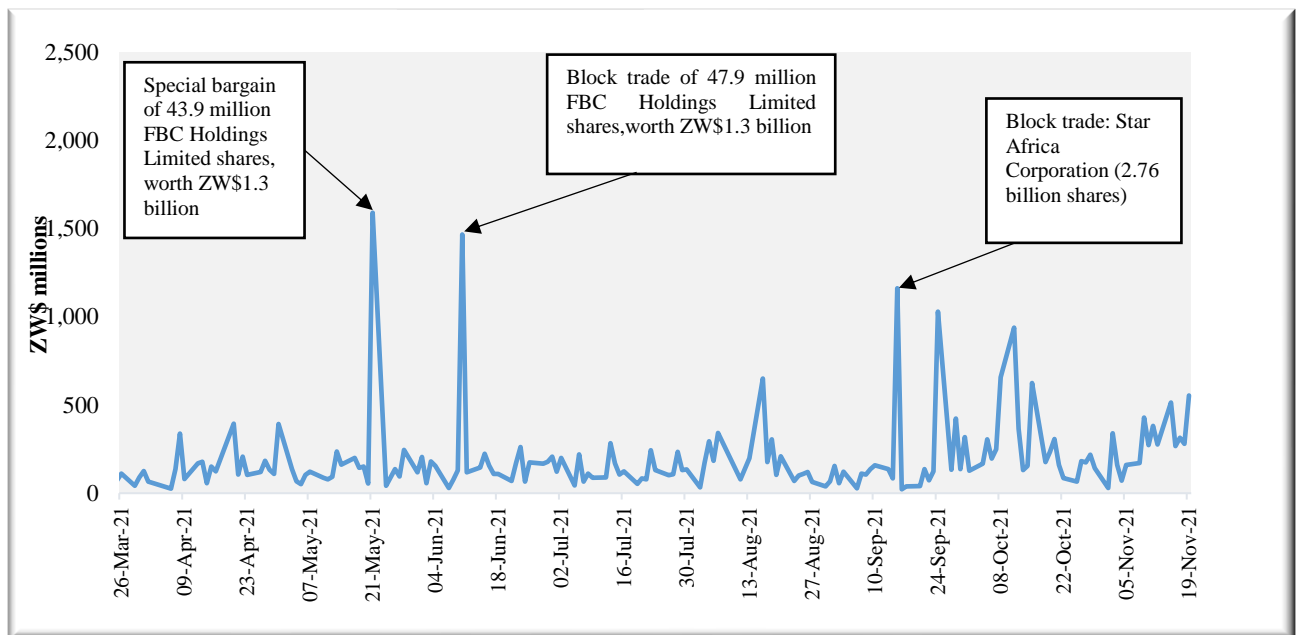
Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

² The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) adopted the Global Industry Classification Standards, effective from 1 January 2020. The ZSE indices constitute the following categories; Top 10 Index; Top 15; Top 25; Medium cap and Small cap Indices.

Market Turnover and Volume

The cumulative volume and value of shares traded increased by 69.40% and 26.16% to 66.28 million shares and ZW\$1.93 billion, respectively. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period 26th March 2021 to 19th November 2021.

Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

Market Capitalization

As a consequence of subdued trading activity during the week under review, the ZSE lost ZW\$104.85 billion, or 6.94% worth of capitalization to close at ZW\$1,406.85 billion, compared to the previous week's position of ZW\$1,511.70 billion.

Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period 6th February 2021 to 19th November 2021.

Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization in ZW\$ billions



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2021

Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

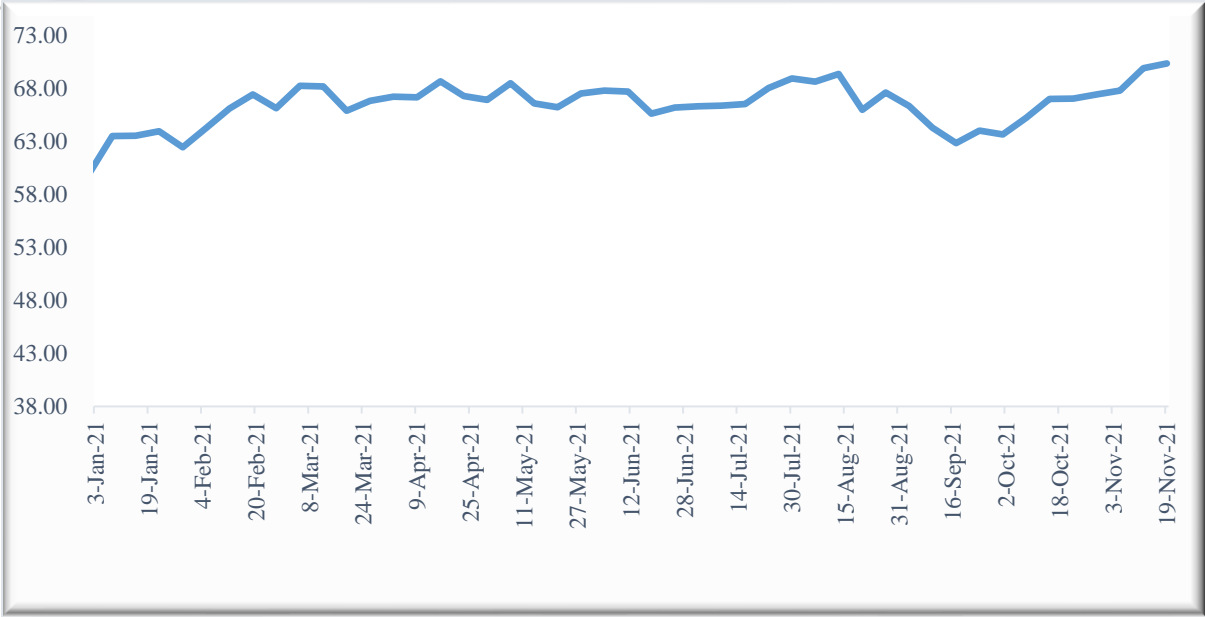
During the week ending 19th November 2021, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All Share Index rose by 0.65% to close at 70,376.42 points, from 69,921.37 points in the preceding week. JSE market capitalization stood at ZAR19.94, up by 1.32% from ZAR19.68 trillion in the previous week.

Table 7: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Statistics

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
15-Oct-21	67,028.86	19.05
22-Oct-21	67,050.52	19.26
29-Oct-21	67,464.69	19.47
5-Nov-21	67,825.34	19.25
12-Nov-21	69,921.37	19.68
19-Nov-21	70,376.42	19.94
% Change	0.65	1.32

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2021

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



Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics,2021>

RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE

APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX³ AND SMEFX⁴

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	12-Nov-21	19-Nov-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	12-Nov-21	19-Nov-21
Total Bids (US\$ dollars)	39,942,897.13	36,223,877.5	41,737,520.60	36,228,651.92	11,327,283.03	10,192,606.45	11,081,207.54	5,520,428.32
Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)	31,710,331.10	36,205,839.71	35,792,885.54	36,228,651.92	9,047,262.59	10,182,138.13	11,081,207.54	5,520,428.32
Highest Rate	115	120	115.00	120	110	120	115	120
Lowest Bid Rate	90	95	97.14	99	90	95	96	98
Lowest Bid Rate Allotted	95	96	97.14	99	95	96	96	98
Weighted Average Rate	97.1361	98.9821	99.9301	105.6965	97.1361	98.9821	99.9301	105.6965
Number of Bids Received	598	659	732	623	1336	1334	1283	881
Number of Bids Rejected	30	51	101	203	54	67	45	188

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021

³ Main Foreign Currency Auction

⁴ Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	12-Nov-21	19-Nov-21	29-Oct-21	5-Nov-21	12-Nov-21	19-Nov-21
Raw Materials	13,995,057.72	12,901,079.32	13,440,963.00	17,774,247.85	2,641,419.91	2,394,317.68	2,680,358.38	1,405,954.73
Machinery and Equipment	8,412,238.04	10,654,060.05	11,276,442.00	8,131,714.77	2,938,244.92	3,758,991.50	3,906,669.62	1,922,137.75
Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)	2,993,185.24	3,359,302.18	2,755,134.32	2,722,912.23	1,334,586.82	1,434,640.59	1,621,803.73	918,202.29
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	1,568,495.54	1,847,415.04	2,070,566.65	1,797,632.32	331,653.20	412,520.43	554,207.68	239,740.13
Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)	1,302,000.75	2,201,160.30	2,391,255.59	2,333,735.28	736,398.20	1,173,402.01	1,030,215.16	452,103.47
Retail and Distribution	2,617,756.14	4,207,524.96	2,717,413.32	2,392,568.40	912,835.62	847,494.68	1,033,587.14	444,542.24
Fuel, Electricity and Gas	0.00	0.00	61,963.54	55,497.02	0.00	8,890.05	31,605.49	16837.16
Paper and Packaging	821,597.67	1,035,297.86	1,079,147.12	1,020,344.05	152,123.92	151,881.19	222,760.34	120,964.55
TOTAL	31,710,331.10	36,205,839.71	35,792,885.54	36,228,651.92	9,047,262.59	10,182,138.13	11,081,207.54	5,520,482.32

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2021