



# Weekly Economic Highlights

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Week Ending  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## 1. INTEREST RATES

### Deposit Rates

Minimum and maximum deposit rates for savings deposits, deposit rates of 1-month and 3-month tenors increased during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 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 (%)
<b>11-Mar-22</b>	3.74	5.85	12.56	15.06	14.00	16.42
<b>18-Mar-22</b>	3.74	5.85	12.56	15.06	14.00	16.42
<b>25-Mar-22</b>	3.83	5.94	13.50	15.61	14.83	16.95
<b>1-Apr-22</b>	3.83	5.94	13.50	15.61	14.83	16.95
<b>8-Apr-22</b>	4.08	6.21	14.38	16.22	15.78	18.11

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### Lending Rates

During the week under review, minimum commercial bank lending rates for individual and corporate clients registered increases. Maximum commercial bank lending rates for individual clients declined, while those for corporate clients increased marginally, during the same week, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Lending Rates (per annum)**

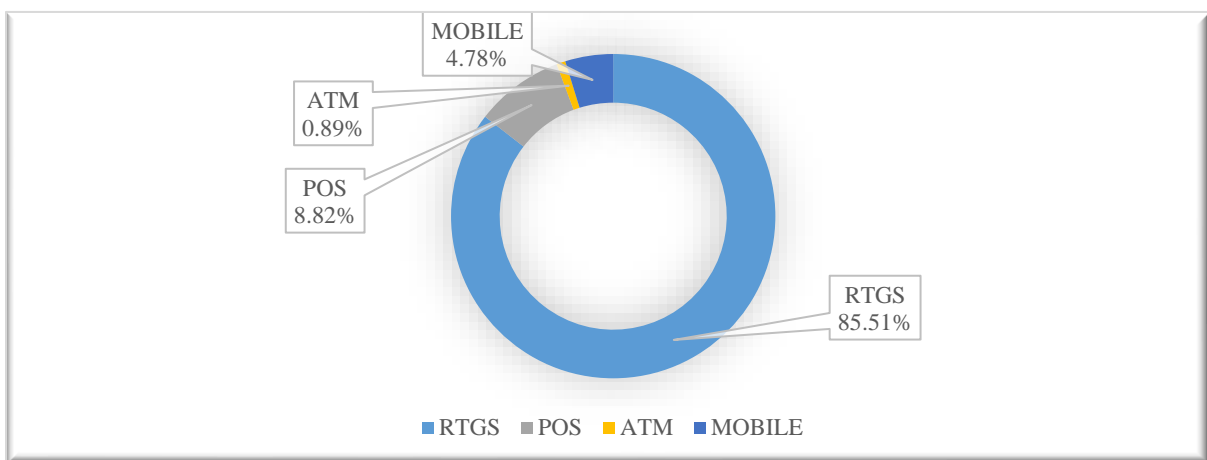
Date	Individual Clients		Corporate Clients	
	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
<b>11-Mar-22</b>	39.39	56.23	44.58	63.90
<b>18-Mar-22</b>	39.39	56.23	44.58	63.90
<b>25-Mar-22</b>	40.74	57.83	43.88	63.78
<b>1-Apr-22</b>	40.74	57.83	43.88	63.78
<b>8-Apr-22</b>	40.85	57.81	46.60	63.98

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

## 2. CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

The National Payment Systems (NPS) processed transactions amounting to ZW\$265.85 billion, during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This represented a decline of 2.71%, from ZW\$273.26 billion recorded in the previous week. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) transactions declined by 5.47% to ZW\$227.33 billion, during the same week. In value terms, NPS transactions were distributed as follows: RTGS, 85.51%; POS, 8.82%; Mobile, 4.78% and ATM, 0.89%.

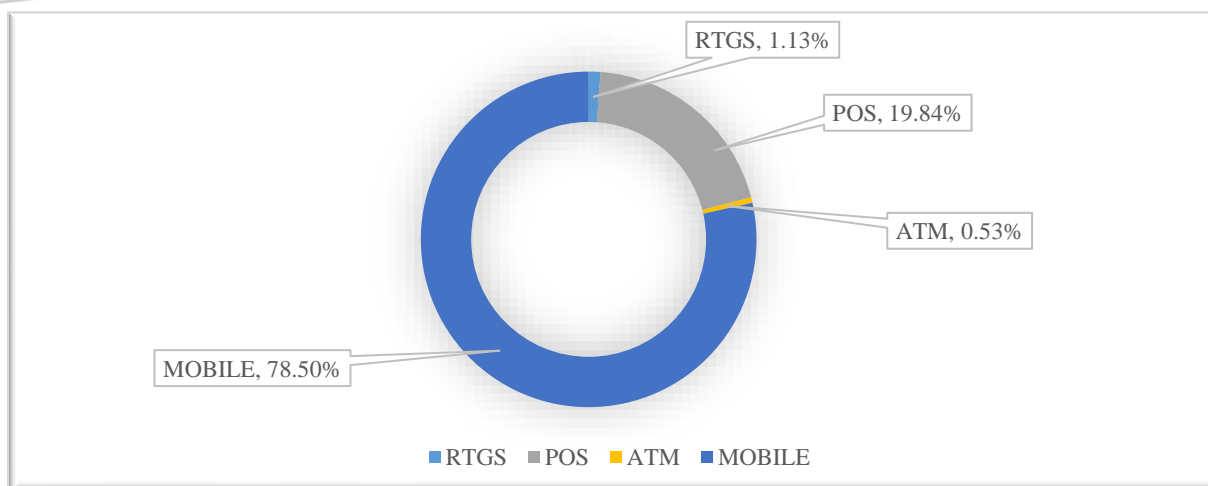
**Figure 1: Composition of NPS Transactions in Value Terms**



*Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022*

NPS transaction volumes rose by 10.18%, from 20.6 million in the previous week to 22.75 million, during the week under review. The distribution of NPS transaction volumes was as follows: Mobile, 78.50%; POS, 19.84%; ATM, 0.53% and RTGS, 1.13%, as shown in Figure 2.

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



Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

**Table 3: National Payment Systems Activity**

PAYMENT STREAM	WEEK ENDING 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	WEEK ENDING 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	% CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	PROPORTION %
<b>Values in ZW\$ Millions</b>				
RTGS	240,480.90	227,330.41	-5.47%	85.51%
POS	19,990.81	23,451.67	17.31%	8.82%
ATM	2,700.28	2,361.79	-12.54%	0.89%
MOBILE	10,089.25	12,709.34	25.97%	4.78%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>273,261.24</b>	<b>265,853.22</b>	<b>-2.71%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Volumes</b>				
RTGS	241,299	256,271	-16.11%	1.13%
POS	4,022,889	4,512,979	12.18%	19.84%
ATM	127,070	120,982	-4.79%	0.53%
MOBILE	16,179,129	17,856,876	10.30%	78.50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,570,387</b>	<b>22,747,108</b>	<b>10.18%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

### 3. INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

International commodity prices for gold, copper and nickel firmed, whilst platinum and crude oil prices retreated, during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The movements in selected commodity prices, during the week under review, are as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4: Metal and Crude Oil Prices: Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

	Gold	Platinum	Copper	Nickel	Crude Oil
2022	US\$/ounce	US\$/ounce	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/barrel
<b>Weekly Average (28 Mar - 1 April)</b>	<b>1,926.58</b>	<b>986.70</b>	<b>10,326.20</b>	<b>32,331.20</b>	<b>106.96</b>
<b>4-Apr</b>	1,928.70	988.00	10,452.00	33,231.00	108.72
<b>5-Apr</b>	1,936.75	983.00	10,433.00	33,306.00	106.84
<b>6-Apr</b>	1,929.58	965.50	10,287.00	33,469.00	102.53
<b>7-Apr</b>	1,929.40	953.50	10,315.00	33,700.00	100.10
<b>8-Apr</b>	1,936.30	968.50	10,324.00	33,720.00	100.79
<b>Weekly Average (4 - 8 April)</b>	<b>1,932.15</b>	<b>971.70</b>	<b>10,362.20</b>	<b>33,485.20</b>	<b>103.80</b>
<b>Weekly Change (%)</b>	0.3	-1.5	0.3	3.6	-3.0

Source: BBC, KITCO and Bloomberg, 2022

### Gold

Gold prices rose slightly, on account of investor concerns over rising inflation and prospects of additional EU sanctions on Russia, which boosted the yellow metal's appeal as a safe haven asset. The decision by the Federal Reserve to further increase interest rates, however, capped the increase in the price of the precious metal. Prices gained by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$1,926.58 per ounce in the previous week to US\$1,932.15 per ounce, during the week under review.

### Platinum

Platinum prices continued on a negative trajectory, amid slowing global automotive demand, particularly in China, after the imposition of new lockdown measures, to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. The investment demand prospects of the metal were further dampened by a stronger US dollar. Prices rose by 1.5%, from a weekly average of US\$986.70 per ounce in the previous week to US\$971.70 per ounce, during the week under analysis.

### Copper

Copper prices rose by 0.3%, from a weekly average of US\$10,326.20 per tonne in the previous week to US\$10,362.20 per tonne, during the week under review. Prices firmed on account of slowing output from the top producer, Chile, as additional pressure for more sanctions on Russia, another large producer, raised supply side risks.

## Nickel

Nickel prices remained bullish, supported by dwindling inventories across the globe, coupled with supply concerns occasioned by sanctions imposed by the European Union on Russia. The robust demand for nickel, from electric vehicle battery manufacturers, also further boosted prices. Prices increased by 3.6%, from a weekly average of US\$32,331.20 per tonne in the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to US\$33,485.20 per tonne, during the week under review.

## Brent Crude Oil

Crude oil prices retreated, in large part, due to weak economic data and demand concerns stemming from China's Covid-19 restrictions. Prices eased by 3.0%, from a weekly average of US\$106.96 per barrel in the previous week to US\$103.80 per barrel, during the week under review.

## 4. EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

The Zimbabwe dollar (ZW\$) depreciated by 2.7% against the US dollar, from an average of ZW\$140.7334 per US\$1 in the preceding week, to close the week under analysis at ZW\$144.4927 per US\$1. The developments in selected exchange rates, during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, are as shown in Table 5.

**Table 5: International Exchange Rates<sup>1</sup>**

	USD	ZAR	GBP	BWP	EURO
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Weekly Average (28 Mar - 1 April)</b>	<b>140.7334</b>	<b>9.6483</b>	<b>184.6545</b>	<b>12.2924</b>	<b>155.5889</b>
<b>4-Apr</b>	142.4237	9.7276	186.8603	12.3840	157.3643
<b>5-Apr</b>	142.4237	9.7800	187.0595	12.4200	156.2534
<b>6-Apr</b>	145.8721	9.9305	190.7136	12.6841	158.9278
<b>7-Apr</b>	145.8721	9.9453	190.9102	12.6621	159.2344
<b>8-Apr</b>	145.8721	9.8814	190.6261	12.6038	158.4175
<b>Weekly Average (4 - 8 April)</b>	<b>144.4927</b>	<b>9.8530</b>	<b>189.2339</b>	<b>12.5508</b>	<b>158.0395</b>
<b>Appr(-)/Depr(+) (%) of the ZWL</b>	2.7	2.1	2.5	2.1	1.6

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022

<sup>1</sup> Direct quote – the amount of domestic currency needed to exchange for 1 unit of foreign currency

## 5. EQUITY MARKETS

During the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) exhibited bullish sentiments for the fourth consecutive week, with all the major indices registering gains. As such, the All Share, Top 10 and Top 15 indices added 6.95%, 6.53%, and 6.82% to close at 17 216.77 points, 11 370.22 points and 12 519.49 points, respectively.

The increase in the mainstream index was underpinned by share price increases for First Capital Bank Limited (47.51%), Turnall Holdings Limited (38.91%), NMBZ Holdings Limited (33.40%), FBC Holdings Limited (26.40%) and Axia Corporation Limited (26.24%). Partially offsetting the aforementioned price gains, were declines in share price of Medtech Holdings Limited (14.29%), ZB Financial Holdings Limited (8.33%), Getbucks Financial Services Limited (7.69%), Zimbabwe Newspapers (6.05%) and Zimre Holdings Limited (4.20%). The resources index rose by 30.88% to 13 108.48 points, during the week under review.

**Table 6: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange Statistics<sup>2</sup>**

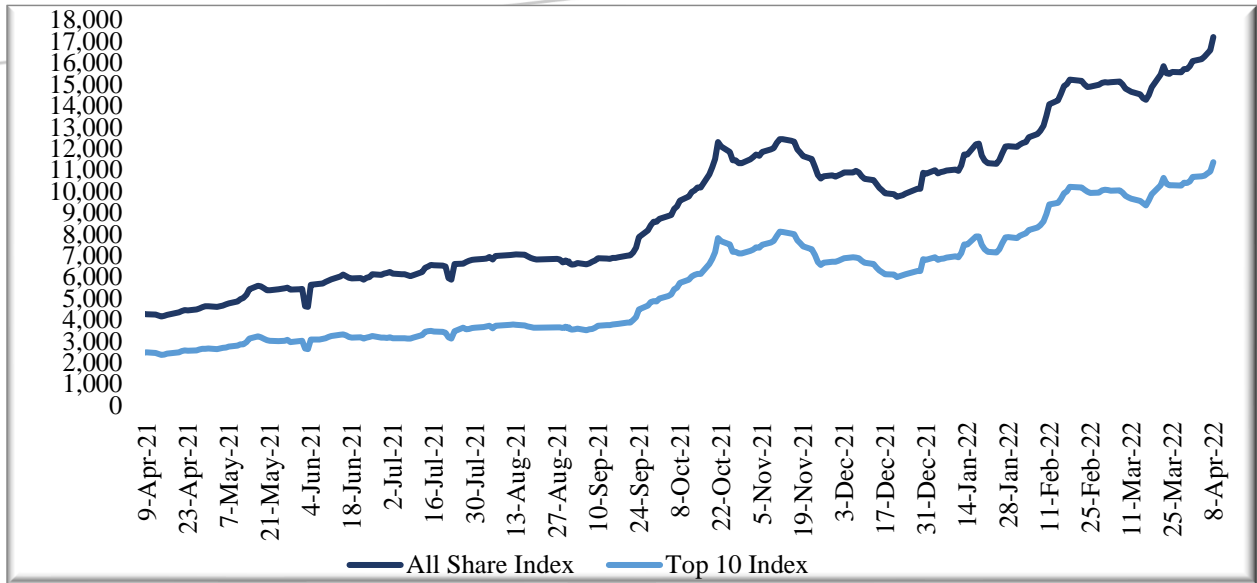
	All Share Index Points	Top 10 index (points)	Top 15 Index <sup>3</sup> points	Medium Cap <sup>3</sup> (points)	Small Cap <sup>3</sup> (points)	Mining Index (points)	Grand Market Capitalization (ZWL billion)	Market Turnover (ZWL million)	Volume of Shares (million)
<b>4-Mar-22</b>	15,110.60	10,034.44	11,057.0	24,770.79	402,432.06	9,464.75	1,878.76	1,035.82	9.97
<b>11-Mar-22</b>	14,655.18	9,669.32	10,658.3	24,472.02	398,104.07	9,464.75	1,820.92	1,903.10	25.11
<b>18-Mar-22</b>	14,870.68	9,868.52	10,842.5	24,220.78	391,221.56	9,470.19	1,848.83	1,606.43	23.58
<b>25-Mar-22</b>	15,581.92	10,296.70	11,343.4	25,692.63	399,696.21	11,289.34	1,935.18	2,189.45	30.29
<b>01-Apr-22</b>	16,098.23	10,672.78	11,720.5	26,333.83	399,472.40	10,015.94	1,991.73	1,706.08	33.98
<b>08-Apr-22</b>	17,216.17	11,370.22	12,519.5	28,474.34	441,440.78	13,108.48	2,127.12	1,795.23	35.86
<b>% Change</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>6.53</b>	<b>6.82</b>	<b>8.13</b>	<b>10.51</b>	<b>30.88</b>	<b>6.80</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>5.53</b>

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE), 2022

Figure 3 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

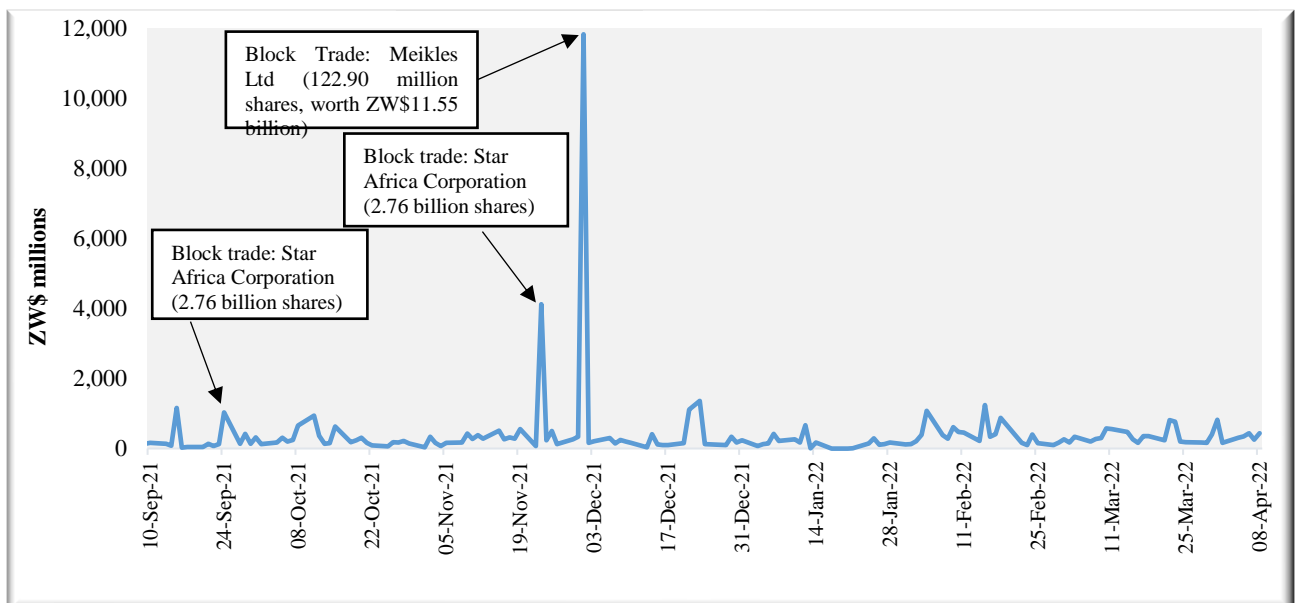


Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

### Market Turnover and Volume

Reflecting profit-taking behaviour by investors on the local bourse, during the week under analysis, the cumulative volume of shares traded increased by 5.53% to 35.86 shares. Similarly, the value of shares traded rose by 5.23% to ZW\$1 795.23 million. Figure 4 shows the trend in daily market turnover for the period from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Figure 4: Daily Market Turnover**



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022



## Market Capitalization

The local bourse added ZW\$135.39 billion, or 6.80% worth of capitalization to ZW\$2 127.12 billion, during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, up from ZW\$1 991.73 billion recorded in the previous week. Figure 5 shows market capitalization developments for the period from 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Figure 5: Daily Market Capitalization (ZW\$ billions)**



Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, 2022

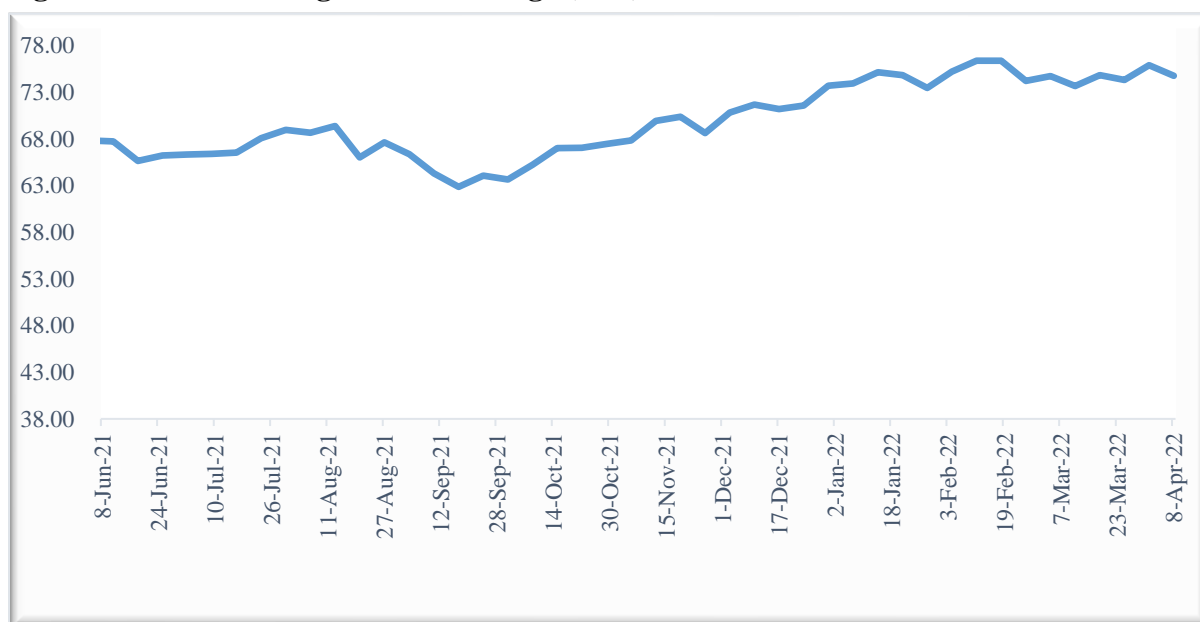
## Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Developments

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) All share index declined by 1.49% to 74,776.11 points, during the week under review, from 75,907.90 points recorded in the previous week. Similarly, JSE market capitalization declined by 1.69% to ZAR21.47 trillion, during the week of analysis, from ZAR21.84 trillion recorded in the preceding week.

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

Period	All Share Index (points)	Market Capitalization (ZAR trillions)
4-Mar-22	74,734.37	21.38
11-Mar-22	73,685.89	21.13
18-Mar-22	74,847.63	21.43
25-Mar-22	74,324.67	21.30
1-Apr-22	75,907.90	21.84
8-Apr-22	74,776.11	21.47
<b>% Change</b>	<b>-1.49</b>	<b>-1.69</b>

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2022

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

Source: <https://www.jse.co.za/services/market-data/market-statistics>, 2022

## RESERVE BANK OF ZIMBABWE

## APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUCTION RESULTS FOR MAINFX<sup>3</sup> AND SMEFX<sup>4</sup>

	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	18-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	01-Apr-22	08-Apr-22	18-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	01-Apr-22	08-Apr-22
<b>Total Bids (US\$ dollars)</b>	31,089,467.92	30,182,270.46	31,907,210.04	27,455,844.97	5,744,362.37	6,726,743.14	6,552,957.64	5,344,407.74
<b>Amount Allotted (US\$ dollars)</b>	30,862,194.32	30,182,270.46	31,062,799.46	27,455,844.97	5,744,362.37	6,625,160.56	6,548,579.22	5,344,407.74
<b>Highest Rate</b>	148	150	155	155	145	150	155	156
<b>Lowest Bid Rate</b>	130	134	138	138	127	131	134	135
<b>Lowest Bid Rate Allotted</b>	130	134	138	138	127	131	134	135
<b>Weighted Average Rate</b>	134.0820	138.1979	142.4237	145.8721	134.0820	138.1979	142.4237	145.8721
<b>Number of Bids Received</b>	478	450	449	384	1177	1102	1159	1014
<b>Number of Bids Rejected</b>	36	37	36	22	72	91	74	27

*Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022*

<sup>3</sup> Main Foreign Currency Auction

<sup>4</sup> Small and Medium Enterprises Foreign Currency Auction

## APPENDIX 2: SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AUCTION ALLOTMENTS BY PURPOSE

Purpose	MAINFX				SMEFX			
	18-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	01-Apr-22	08-Apr-22	18-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	01-Apr-22	08-Apr-22
<b>Raw Materials</b>	13,859,233.34	12,202,419.26	12,925,745.35	12,775,361.35	1,388,421.01	1,530,260.33	1,615,444.30	1,484,964.35
<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>	7,057,444.33	7,377,814.72	7,733,877.71	6,147,142.15	1,937,748.88	2,341,914.36	2,360,898.79	1,822,353.87
<b>Consumables (Incl. Spares, Tyres, Packaging)</b>	1,949,022.49	2,263,608.77	2,750,273.25	2,206,114.68	896,069.62	1,009,904.53	978,058.20	741,667.68
<b>Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals</b>	1,946,033.16	1,410,974.56	1,623,231.17	1,381,449.14	135,024.71	278,587.70	232,066.98	207,543.39
<b>Services (Loans, Dividends and Disinvestments)</b>	2,075,741.46	2,334,215.44	2,462,416.33	1,981,989.39	649,307.99	554,119.87	575,063.56	508,531.55
<b>Retail and Distribution</b>	2,971,554.31	3,565,969.42	2,474,066.14	2,284,519.89	557,616.92	724,837.25	654,488.81	454,214.21
<b>Fuel, Electricity and Gas</b>	-	-	263,817.96	-	99475.36	44,593.65	16,436.96	14,500.00
<b>Paper and Packaging</b>	1,003,165.23	1,027,268.29	829,371.55	679,268.37	80,697.88	140,942.87	116,121.62	110,632.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,862,194.32</b>	<b>30,182,270.46</b>	<b>31,062,799.46</b>	<b>27,455,844.97</b>	<b>5,744,362.37</b>	<b>6,625,160.56</b>	<b>6,548,579.22</b>	<b>5,344,407.74</b>

Source: Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, 2022