

EXPANSION OF MINING ACTIVITY

Although sales of electricity and compressed air to the gold mines showed an increase of only 1·6 per cent, sales to coal, diamond and other mines, and particularly to platinum mines, showed substantial increases; so that the overall increase in mining sales was maintained at 4·5 per cent for the year.

The increase in units sold to the main categories of mining consumers during the last three years is shown in the following figures:—

	Units sold (millions)		
	1964	1965	1966
Gold Mining (including uranium).....	9,047	9,345	9,490
Coal Mines.....	341	365	412
Diamond, Platinum and other Mines.....	539	634	910
	<u>9,927</u>	<u>10,344</u>	<u>10,812</u>