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Department:
Trade And Industry
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INVESTOR FACT SHEET

South Africa at a glance

FDI PER COUNTRY

(Since 1996)

	R'm	US\$m	Area:
UK	43,210	6,763	1,2 million km ²
India	9,928	1,579	Population:
USA	5,811	1,589	44,8m
Australia	3,651	575	Currency:
Japan	3,416	551	1 Rand = 100 cents
Canada	3,140	497	Exchange Rates (2005):
Germany	2,985	475	R1 = US\$ 6,36
British Virgin Isles	2,849	472	R1 = Euro 7,91
Other	8,904	1,378	Time:
TOTAL	83,895	13,879	GMT + 2 hrs

TOP 10 EXPORT DESTINATIONS

	2005 (Rm)	2005 (US\$m)
Japan	32,935	5,146
United Kingdom	32,039	5,006
United States	30,385	4,747
Germany	20,701	3,234
Netherlands	14,187	2,216
Australia	9,663	1,509
Belgium	8,713	1,361
Spain	8,704	1,360
China	8,387	1,310
Italy	7,444	1,163
TOTAL EXPORT VALUE (all countries)	320,004	50,000

RISK RATING

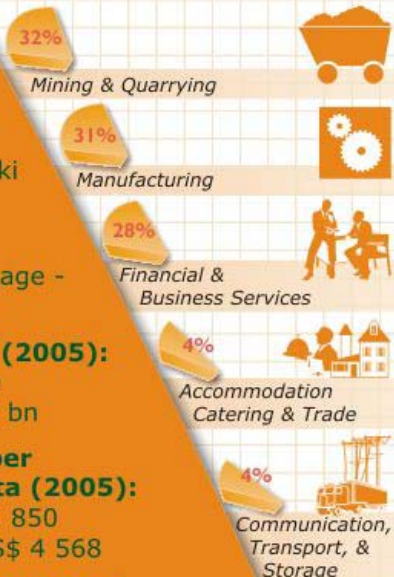
	MOODY'S SOVEREIGN Long Term Debt Rating Foreign Currency(2004/5) RATING	S&P'S SOVEREIGN Long Term Debt Rating Foreign Currency(2004/5) RATING
Poland	A2	BBB+
Mexico	Baa2	BBB
South Africa	Baa1	BBB+
Thailand	Baa1	BBB
Philippines	Ba2	BB
India	Baa3	BB
Turkey	B1	B+
Brazil	B2	B+

THE ECONOMY

	1994	2005
GDP Rbn	482	1 523
GDP per capita R	12 507	31 850
Merchandise exports Rm	69 866	320 650
Merchandise imports Rm	77 675	359 678
Total Foreign Debt / GDP	21.8%	19,3%
GDP Growth	3.2%	4.9%
Unemployment	20.0%	26,7%
Inflation(CPIX)	9.0% (CPI)	4.1%
Prime Rate	15,75%	11.0%

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage Share of FDI by Sector
as at 31 Dec 2004



Head of State:
President Thabo Mbeki

11 Official languages:
Business Language - English

Total GDP (2005):
R1 523 bn
US\$ 215 bn

GDP per capita (2005):
R31 850
US\$ 4 568

Real GDP Growth (2005):
4.9%

Inflation (CPIX) (2005):
4.1%
annual average

Main Exports:
- gold
- minerals
- diamonds
- metals and metal products
- food
- automotive components

2006 - 2007 TAX, DUTY AND LEVY INFORMATION

INCOME TAX: INDIVIDUALS AND TRUSTS

INDIVIDUALS AND SPECIAL TRUSTS

Taxable Income (R)	Rates of Tax (R)	
0 - 100 000		18% of each R1
100 001 - 160 000	18 000 + 25%	of the amount above 100 000
160 001 - 220 000	33 000 + 30%	of the amount above 160 000
220 001 - 300 000	51 000 + 35%	of the amount above 220 000
300 001 - 400 000	79 000 + 38%	of the amount above 300 000
400 001 and above	117 000 + 40%	of the amount above 400 000

TRUSTS OTHER THAN SPECIAL TRUSTS	40%
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COMPANIES

SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATIONS

Taxable Income (R)	Rates of Tax (R)
0 - 40 000	0.0%
40 001 - 300 000	10.0%

OTHER

300 001 and above	29.0%
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EMPLOYMENT COMPANIES

Foreign resident companies which trade in South Africa through a branch or agency	34.0%
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Secondary tax on companies (STC) on dividends declared after being reduced by dividends receivable during a dividend cycle (South African branches of foreign resident companies are exempt from STC)	12.5%
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TAXATION OF CAPITAL GAINS

Capital gains on the disposal of assets are included in taxable income.

Maximum effective rate of tax:

INDIVIDUALS	10.0%
COMPANIES	14.5%
TRUSTS	20.0%

VALUE ADDED TAX RATES

VAT Rate:
14%

MONETARY POLICY & FRAMEWORK

Floating exchange rate policy.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

Limited application.
Free movement of investment income.

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