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## Abstracts

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**BMI View:** Despite a challenging outlook for commodities internationally, we are looking for Angola's mining sector to continue growing at a steady pace through the next few years as the government looks to mineral extraction as a means of diversifying the economy and easing its reliance on oil and gas exports. Diamonds will remain the mainstay of the industry, with state-owned mining company currently increasing production to mitigate recent price falls. A lack of sufficient mining-related infrastructure remains an ongoing obstacle to mining activity in the country and the government is looking increasingly to source much-needed investment by exploring partnerships overseas. We expect this to be a long-running theme which should create opportunities for investors and new entrants over the next few years.

### Latest Updates And Developments

We have revised our estimations for diamond output upwards for 2015 following the recent release of provisional production data by Angola's Ministry of Geology and Mining. Angola's diamond production is, therefore, estimated to have grown by 5.6% in 2015 to 9.3mn carats. This increased level of output reflect recent contraction in Angola's diamond export revenues, which are estimated to have shrunk to USD1.1bn in 2015 due to a fall in global prices.

We are looking for mined diamond output to continue growing at a solid rate through the forecast period; we forecast production to increase by 4.1% in 2016 and to expand by 4.6% a year on average over 2016-2020.

We maintain our view that Angola's mining sector is well placed to expand over the next few years as the government looks to promote the diversification of

Angola's economy. Further talks between the Angolan and Chinese governments in December 2015 illustrate the increased role that foreign investors are likely to play in developing the country's mineral deposits.

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