

## PRESS RELEASE

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## March 2018's monthly index of economic activity, IMACEC

According to preliminary information, last March the IMACEC rose 4.6% over the same month the year before. The seasonally-adjusted series grew 0.5% with respect to the previous month, and increased 6.1% in twelve months. The month came with two working days less than March 2017.

The mining IMACEC rose 31.7%, while the non-mining index rose 2.9%, influenced by increased activity in services and trade. In seasonallyadjusted terms, and with respect to the previous month, the mining IMACEC dropped by 0.5% and the non-mining IMACEC increased 0.6%.

According to the calendar of National Accounts publication, preliminary first-quarter 2018 GDP results will be released next 18 May.