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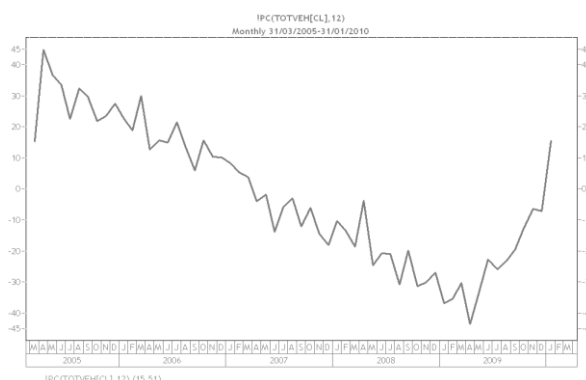
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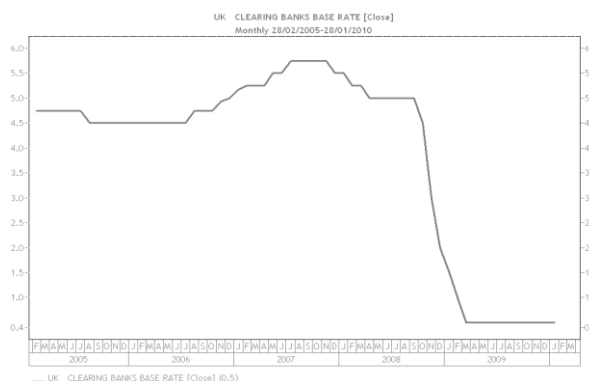
- Russian economy shrinks almost 8% in 2009**  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 01 Feb 10
- [SA] Total new vehicle up 15.5 percent in year to January**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 02 Feb 10
- Mboweni Named Nampak Chair, Ending Government Career**  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 03 Feb 10
- SA November 2009 production capacity 80.1 percent**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 04 Feb 10
- Bank of England holds rates at 0.5 percent**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 04 Feb 10
- Bank of England halts QE, leaves door open for more**  
The Bank of England announced today that there will be no increase to its unprecedented £200bn asset-buying programme, but left the door open to more so-called quantitative easing if economic conditions deteriorated  
Source: [www.businessday.co.za](http://www.businessday.co.za). 04 Feb 10
- South African Power Use Gains Most in Seven Years**  
South African power consumption surged an annual 7.5 percent in December  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 04 Feb 10
- Waiting on inflation target**  
Finance minister Pravin Gordhan and Reserve Bank governor Gill Marcus have both hinted in the past week that an announcement on inflation targeting will be made come February 17, budget day  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 05 Feb 10
- January US unemployment rate drops to 9.7 percent**  
Source: [www.busrep.co.za](http://www.busrep.co.za). 05 Feb 10
- U.K. Producer Prices Increase Most on Year Since 2008**  
The cost of goods at factory gates increased an annual 3.8 percent  
Source: [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com). 05 Feb 10

### Top Charts

SA Vehicle Sales, Monthly  
Mar 05 - Jan 10



UK Overdraft Rate, Monthly  
Feb 05 - Jan 10



US Unemployment Rate, Monthly  
Feb 05 - Jan 10



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