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on the main short-term indicators in October and during
1.I-31.X.2004

During 1.I-31.X.2004, **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 5.5%, under comparable conditions, as against the same period of 2003; per whole branch, adjusted index according to the working days number was 104.5%. In October 2004, as compared to October 2003, industrial production index increased by 9.3%.

Total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity was by 10.6% higher during 1.I-30.IX.2004, in real terms, in comparison with the same period of 2003.

During 1.I-31.X.2004, **the main resources of primary energy** amounted to 33623.2 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 20664.1 thousand tones equivalent oil²⁾ from domestic production.

Investments achieved in the economy during 1.I-30.IX.2004 accounted for ROL 183431.2 billion, increasing by 13.3% in real terms in comparison with 1.I-30.IX.2003 period.

Investments in new construction works amounted to ROL 81868.9 billion (44.6% of total), increasing by 10.7% as against 1.I-30.IX.2003 period. Investments in transport equipment and means accounted for ROL 91129.6 billion (49.7% of total) and were by 27.7% over the level of 2003 same period.

The value of **construction works** was ROL 141941.0 billion during 1.I-30.IX.2004, increasing by 8.9% as against 1.I-30.IX.2003 period. By type of works, in this period new construction works amounted to ROL 81868.9 billion, representing 57.7% of total construction works.

Capital repair works accounted for ROL 26440.3 billion (18.6% of total construction works) and maintenance and current repair works achieved in existent buildings and construction represented 23.7%.

In the third quarter of 2004, the volume of **new construction orders** amounted to ROL 34313.9 billion, engineering construction representing 64.0% of total orders.

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, 26567 **construction licences** were released for residential buildings, of which, those for one dwelling residential buildings represented 98.1% as against total. Residential buildings, for which construction licences were released, had, according to the projects, 29172 dwellings of 4249,9 thousand sq.m. useful area.

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, the number of **finished dwellings** was 17508. 3526 dwellings were built from budgetary subsidies. In this period, the number of finished dwellings from population funds was by

¹⁾ Total turnover comes from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

1242 dwellings more than during 1.I-30.IX.2003, this category still holding the highest weight (79.7% of total finished dwellings).

On September 30, 2004 86744 dwellings were under various **execution stages** of construction works, in account of economic units and of the population; 35.2% of them were under an advanced stage of finalizing.

Livestock, existent on October 31, 2004 amounted to 3105.3 thousand heads cattle, 6951.8 thousand heads pork and 8779.9 thousand heads sheep and goats.

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade**(excepting trade of motorvehicles and motorcycles) was by 12.5% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being registered for sales of non-food goods (+14.3%).

Turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during January-September 2004 was by 11.6% more than in the same period of 2003, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+14.6%) and of turnover obtained from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+ 8.2%).

During 1.I-30.IX.2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 14.2% higher than in the same period of 2003.

In the third quarter of 2004, **average number of pensioners** was 6222 thousand persons, decreasing by 14 thousand persons as against the second quarter of 2004.

Social insurance pensioners represented 99.6% of total pensioners; in this category, in comparison with the second quarter of 2004, the number of state social insurance pensioners increased by 9 thousand persons and the number of farmers pensioners decreased by 23 thousands.

Monthly average pension of state social insurance pensioners was ROL 2375961 in the third quarter of 2004, increasing by 7.0% as against the second quarter of 2004.

The ratio between average state social insurance pension for age limit, full social contribution (without tax) and net average earning was 55.9% in the third quarter of 2004.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** was 550.7 thousands at the end of October 2004. In comparison with October 2003, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 84 thousands lower. Of total registered unemployed, women represented 42.9 %.

Unemployment rate registered in October 2004 was 6.1% in relation to total active civil population, being at the level of previous month (7.0% in October 2003). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 5.6% (5.5% in September 2004 and 6.4% in October 2003) and men unemployment rate was 6.6%, as in the previous month (7.5% in October 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (11.7%), Vaslui (11.4%) and Braşov (10.7%). The lowest unemployment rates were in the counties: Satu Mare (1.4%), Bihor (1.8%), Timiş (2.5%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.6%).