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**regarding the main short term indicators during 1.I-30.IX.2005
and in September 2005**

Gross index of **industrial production** registered a growth of 1.5 % during 1.I-30.IX.2005 in comparison with the same period of 2004; in manufacturing, gross index was 102.6%. In September 2005, as against September 2004, gross index of industrial production increased by 2.2%.

Labour productivity in industry was by 4.0% higher during 1.I-30.IX.2005, as compared to 1.I-30.IX.2004 period.

Total turnover ¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity registered during 1.I-30.IX.2005, in real terms, a growth of 3.4% as against the same period of 2004; in September 2005, in comparison with September 2004, total turnover increased by 4.5%.

During 1.I-30.IX.2005, **main resources of primary energy** amounted to 30855.0 thousand tons equivalent oil ²⁾, of which 18249.1 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

In September 2005, the value of **construction works** increased by 11.4% as against the same month of 2004.

In September 2005, 4648 licences for residential buildings were released.

During 1.I-30.IX.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) were by 17.4% over the level registered during 1.I-30.IX.2004, higher growths being obtained both for sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco (+18.7%), and for sales of non-food goods (+16.4%).

In September 2005, as against September 2004, turnover from retail trade was by 10.9%

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.

higher (+14.1% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +9.0% for non-food goods).

Turnover 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 1.I-30.IX.2005 was by 28.6% higher than in the same period of 2004, being supported both by turnover volume from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+40.0%), and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+18.3%).

In comparison with September 2004, turnover from this activity in September 2005 was by 24.4% higher because of higher turnover obtained both from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles, and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+32.3%, respectively +18.2%).

The activity of **market services rendered to the population** during 1.I-30.IX.2005 pointed out a turnover by 17.1% higher than in the same period of 2004. In comparison with September 2004, in September 2005 it registered a growth of 21.4%.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** at the end of September 2005 was 493.8 thousands. In comparison with September 2004, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 54 thousands lower. Women represented 43.0% of total number of registered unemployed.

Unemployment rate registered in September 2005 was 5.5% in relation to total civil active population (6.1% in September 2004). Female unemployment rate was 5.0% (5.5% in September 2004) and male unemployment rate was 5.9% (6.6% in September 2004).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (9.6%), Mehedinți (9.4%), Ialomița (9.2%), Galați (8.6%), Călărași (8.3%) and Brașov (8.2 %). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor (2.2%), Timiș (2.3%), Satu Mare (2.5%), Ilfov (2.8%), Arad (3.1%) as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.8%).