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regarding the main short term indicators in 2005 and in December 2005

Gross index **industrial production** registered a growth of 2% in 2005 as against 2004; in manufacturing gross index was 102.5 %. In December 2005, in comparison with December 2004 gross index of industrial production increased by 2.2%.

Labour productivity in industry was by 5,2% higher in 2005 as against 2004.

Total turnover ¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity registered in 2005, in real terms, a growth of 3.5% as against the previous year; in December 2005, as compared to December 2004, total turnover increased by 1.7%.

In 2005, **main resources of primary energy** accounted for 41753.8 thou tons equivalent oil ²⁾, of which 24783.6 thou tons equivalent oil from domestic market.

The value of **construction works** increased by 9.8% in 2005, as against 2004; in December 2005, the volume of construction works was increasing by 18.5% as compared to the same month of 2004.

In December 2005, 3942 authorizations for residential buildings were released.

In 2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 17.6% over the level registered in 2004, higher increases being obtained both for sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco (+19.2%) and for sales of non-food goods (+16.6%).

In December 2005, as compared to December 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was higher by 30.3% (+32.3% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +29.1% for non-food goods).

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 in 2005 was higher by 29.9% as against 2004, being supported by the growth both of turnover from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+41.5%) and of turnover obtained from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+19.6%).

In comparison with December 2004, turnover obtained in this activity in December 2005 was higher by 34.3% due to turnover growth both from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+42.0%, respectively +27.1%).

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.

In 2005, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 18.6% higher than in 2004. In comparison with December 2004, in December 2005 a growth of 28.0% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** at the end of December 2005 was 523.0 thousand persons. In comparison with December 2004, number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was lower by 4.9 thousands. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 41.9 %.

Unemployment rate registered in December 2005 was 5.9% in relation to total active civil population (6.3% in December 2004). Female unemployment rate was 5.3% (5.6% in December 2004) and male unemployment rate was 6.5% (7.0% in December 2004).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Ialomița (12.3%), Vaslui (10.3%), Mehedinți (9.6%), Hunedoara (9.4%), Gorj (9.2%), Călărași (9.1%), Teleorman (9.0%), Harghita (8.9%) and Covasna (8.8%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Ilfov and Timiș (2.3 % each), Bihor (2.7 %), Satu Mare (3.5%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.6%).