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### Evolution of main short term economic indicators in February 2007 and during 1.I - 28.II. 2007

#### I. Synthesis of evolution of main economic indicators in February 2007 and during 1.I - 28.II. 2007

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	February 2007 as against:		
	January 2007	February 2006	1.I-28.II.2007 as against 1.I-28.II.2006
Industrial production – total (unadjusted series)	105.6	110.2	107.4
- of which:			
Mining and quarrying	98.7	99.5	98.0
Manufacturing	107.5	112.7	109.6
Electric and thermal energy	92.5	93.5	94.2
Labour productivity in industry	105.3	115.3	112.6
Turnover - industry – total	105.6	120.4	121.8
Construction works (unadjusted series)	115.0	128.6	127.9
Turnover – retail trade <sup>1)</sup> (unadjusted series)	98.1	95.2	97.8
Turnover – trade with motor vehicles <sup>2)</sup> (unadjusted series)	118.3	166.1	159.8
Turnover – market services for the population (unadjusted series)	110.1	98.7	99.4

In February 2007, main short term economic indicators, except turnover in retail trade, registered significant growths as against January 2007. In comparison with the same month of 2006, growths were registered for most of the indicators. During 1.I-28.II.2007, as against the same month of 2006, all the indicators, except turnover in retail trade and market services for the population, present important growths.

#### II. Sectorial evolutions

**Industrial production** registered in February 2007 as against the previous month, a growth per total by 5.6%, due to the growth of manufacturing production by 7.5%; in mining and quarrying and in electric and thermal energy, gas and water were registered decreases by 1.3%, respectively by 7.5%. In manufacturing, more important growths were registered in the branches: machinery and equipment (+31.8%), construction materials and other products of non-metallic minerals (+20.8%), pulp, paper and paper products (+ 18.3%), metallic construction and metal products (+15.7%), tobacco products (+15.0%), medical, precision, optical apparatus and

<sup>1)</sup> Except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles.

<sup>2)</sup> Comprise wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles.

instruments, watches and clocks (+14.6%) and transport means not included in road ones (+12.9%).

Regarding the evolution by great industrial groups, the production growth per total was mainly due to the increase of production by 12.9% in capital goods industry, by 8.9% in current use goods industry and by 8.6% in durable goods industry.

In February 2007, industrial production is by 10.2% higher than in February 2006, leading to a growth rate of industrial production by 7.4% during 1.I-28.II.2007, as against the same period of 2006.

**Main resources of primary energy** amounted to 7.1 million tons equivalent oil, during 1.I-28.II.2007, decreasing by 0.5% as against 1.I-28.II.2006 period, as a result of production decrease by 6.5%. In this period, **final consumption of electric energy** was by 0.7% higher than in the same period of 2006. Public lighting decreased by 6.3% and population consumption registered a growth of 6.9%.

**Construction works** increased by 28.6% in February 2007 as against February 2006. During 1.I-28.II.2007, value of construction works registered a growth of 27.9% as against the same period of 2006, being registered a production rate higher than general average by construction type, for residential buildings (134.9%) and by structure elements, for maintenance and current repair works (134.2%) and for capital repair works (134.0%).

In February 2007, in comparison with February 2006, **turnover obtained by the enterprises having retail as main activity** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) decreased by 4.8% (-8.9% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and -0.6% for non-food goods).

During 1.I-28.II.2007, turnover volume was by 2.2% under the level registered during 1.I-28.II.2006, under the conditions of 6.0% decrease of food goods, beverage and tobacco sales.

In comparison with February 2006, turnover obtained in February 2007 by the enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail of motor vehicles and motorcycles, including their maintenance and repair, as well as retail of fuel for motor vehicles** was by 66.1% higher due to the growths registered both for trade with motor vehicles (+64.4%) and for retail of fuel for motor vehicles (+69.8%).

Turnover volume increased by 59.8% during 1.I-28.II.2007 as against the same period of 2006 (+54.1% for trade with motor vehicles and +72.4% for retail of fuel).

The activity of **market services rendered to the population** in February 2007 registered a turnover by 1.3% lower than in February 2006. As compared to the same period of 2006, during 1.I-28.II.2007, turnover volume decreased by 0.6%. However, higher growths were registered for the activities: laundry, cleaning and dyeing textiles and fur (+31.7%), hotels and restaurants (+29.3%) and travel agencies and tour operators (+11.5%).

### III. Evolution of some social indicators in February 2007

	M.U.	Achieved	February 2007 in % as against:	
			January 2007	February 2006
Number of employees in the economy (at end of month)	thou pers.	4671.3	100.5	102.3
Number of registered unemployed (at end of month)	Thou pers.	459.0	96.2	82.8
Gross nominal average earning	RON	1264	102.6	124.3
Net nominal average earning	RON	941	102.5	122.7
Consumer price index	%	-	100.04	103.81

**Number of employees** in February 2007 was by 24.3 thou persons more than in January 2007 and **gross nominal average earning** was RON 1264 lei, increasing with 2.6% as against the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency of for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** at the end of February 2007 was 459.0 thou persons. In comparison with February 2006, number of registered unemployed was by 95.6 thou persons lower. Women represented 40.7% of total registered unemployed.

In February 2007, **registered unemployment rate** was 5.2% in relation with total civil active population, decreasing as against February 2006 (6.2%). Female unemployment rate was by 1.3 percentage points lower than that male unemployment rate (4.5% as against 5.8%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Mehedinți (10.5%), Vaslui (10.1%), Teleorman (8.3%), Ialomița (8.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Ilfov (1.9%), Timiș (2.0%), Bihor (2.8%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.3%).

**Real earning index** for February 2007, calculated as ratio between net nominal earning index and consumer price index, was 102.5% as against the previous month, 118.2% as against the same month of 2006, respectively 99.6% as compared to October 1990.