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**Evolution of main short term economic indicators in April 2007
and during 1.I - 30.IV. 2007**

**I. Synthesis of evolution of main economic indicators in April 2007
and during 1.I - 30.IV. 2007**

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	April 2007 as against :		
	March 2007	April 2006	1.I-30.IV.2007 as against 1.I-30.IV.2006
Industrial production – total (unadjusted series)	87,7	102,3	106,3
- of which:			
Mining and quarrying	91,9	98,0	98,4
Manufacturing	87,7	103,2	108,1
Electric and thermal energy	82,3	95,6	94,9
Labour productivity in industry	88,1	106,5	111,2
Turnover - industry – total	79,8	107,9	118,1
Construction works (unadjusted series)	114,2	134,9	131,6
Turnover – retail ¹⁾ (unadjusted series)	101,3	114,1	107,2
Turnover – trade with motor vehicles ²⁾ (unadjusted series)	111,9	154,8	157,4
Turnover – market services for the population (unadjusted series)	87,6	102,3	103,1

In April 2007, as compared to the previous month, most of short term economic indicators registered decreases; in comparison with the same month of the previous year, the main short term economic indicators registered significant increases. As a result of main short term economic indicators evolution in the first four months of 2007, during 1.I-30.IV.2007 as against the same period of 2006, all the indicators pointed out important growths.

II. Sectoral evolutions

Industrial production registered in April 2007 as against the previous month, a decrease per total by 12.3%, due to the production decrease in all industrial sectors: -8.1% in mining and quarrying, -12.3% in manufacturing and -17.7% in electric and thermal energy, gas and

¹⁾ Except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles.

²⁾ Comprise: wholesale and retail, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, retail of fuel for motor vehicles.

water. Manufacturing registered decreases in all branches, the highest ones being for crude oil processing, coal coking and nuclear fuel treatment (-33.6%) radio, TV and communications equipment (-32.8%), leather goods and footwear (-25.2%), clothing (-24.3%), chemical substances and products (-21.3%), rubber and plastic products (-18.6%), textiles (-17.4%), electric machinery and appliances (-17.0%), transport means not included in road ones (-16.6%), road transport means (-16.0%), furniture and other industrial activities n.e.c. (-15.7%).

Concerning the evolution by broad industrial groups, the production decrease per total was mainly determined by production decrease -17.0% in energy industry, -16.9% in durable goods industry, -14.3% in capital goods industry and -11.6% in intermediate goods industry.

Industrial production was higher by 2.3%, in April 2007 as against April 2006, leading to a growth rate of industrial production by 6.3% during 1.I-30.IV.2007 as against the same period of 2006.

Main resources of primary energy during 1.I-30.IV.2007, amounted to 13.4 million tons equivalent oil, decreasing by 6.3% as compared to 1.I-30.IV.2006 period, as a result of production decrease by 5.1% and of import by 7.9%. **Electric energy production** amounted to 20734.2 million Kwh during 1.I-30.IV.2007, decreasing by 5.8% as against the same period of 2006. **Final consumption of electric energy** was by 0.1% higher than in the same period of 2006 and public lighting increased by 0.4%; population consumption registered a growth by 5.1%.

Construction works increased by 34.9% in April 2007 as against April 2006. During 1.I-30.IV.2007, value of construction works registered a growth of 31.6% as compared to the same period of 2006, a production rhythm higher than general average being registered by construction type, for residential buildings (140.5%) and non-residential ones (137.8%) and by structure elements, for maintenance and current repair works (132.2%) and for capital repair works (132.0%).

In April 2007, as compared to April 2006, **turnover obtained by the enterprises having retail as main activity** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 14.1% higher (+11.5% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +16.9% for non-food goods).

During 1.I-30.IV.2007, turnover volume was by 7.2% over the level registered during 1.I-30.IV.2006, mainly due to the growth of non-food goods sales by 9.8%.

In comparison with April 2006, turnover obtained in April 2007 by 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** increased by 54.8% due to the growths registered both for trade with motor vehicles (+48.5%) and for retail of fuel for motor vehicles (+67.0%).

Turnover volume in this activity increased by 57.4% during 1.I-30.IV.2007 as against the same period of 2006 (+52.4% for trade with motor vehicles and +68.2% for retail of fuel).

In April 2007, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 2.3% higher than in April 2006. In comparison with the same period of 2006, during 1.I-30.IV.2007, turnover volume in this activity increased by 3.1%. Higher growths were registered for the activities: hotels and restaurants (+31.5%), laundry, cleaning and dyeing textiles and fur (+26.3%).

III. Evolution of some social indicators in April 2007

	M.U.	Achieved	April 2007 in % as against:	
			March 2007	April 2006
Number of employees in economy ^{*)} (at end of month)	thou persons	4715,0	100,2	102,7
Number of registered unemployed (at end of month)	thou persons	400,3	92,4	77,4
Gross nominal average earning	Lei	1387	101,7	123,8
Net nominal average earning	Lei	1027	101,4	122,4
Consumer price index	%	-	100,52	103,77

**)In enterprises having 4 employees and over*

In April 2007, **number of employees** was by 7.9 thou persons more than in March 2007 and **gross nominal average earning** was lei 1387, increasing by 1.7% as against the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of April 2007 was 400.3 thou persons. In comparison with April 2006 number of registered unemployed was by 117.0 thou persons lower. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 41.5 %.

In April 2007, **registered unemployment rate** was 4.5% in relation with total civil active population, decreasing as against April 2006 (5.8%). Female unemployment rate was by 0.9 percentage points lower than male one (4.0% as against 4.9%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Mehedinți (9.4%), Vaslui (7.7%), Teleorman (7.2%). The lowest unemployment rates were met in the counties: Timiș (1.7%), Ilfov (1.9%), Bihor (2.4%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.2 %).

Real earning index for April 2007, calculated as ratio between net nominal average earning and consumer price index was 100.9% as against the previous month, 118.0% as against the same month of 2006 and 108.0% in comparison with October 1990.

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