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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **Evolution of main short term economic indicators in September 2007 and during 1.I - 30.IX. 2007**

#### **I. Synthesis of main economic indicators evolution in September 2007 and during 1.I - 30.IX. 2007**

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	September 2007 as against:		1.I-30.IX.2007 as against 1.I-30.IX.2006
	August 2007	September 2006	
Industrial production – total (unadjusted series)	104,2	103,2	105,8
- of which:			
Mining and quarrying	93,5	100,1	100,8
Manufacturing	106,0	103,7	106,7
Electric and thermal energy, gas and water	92,2	99,3	99,0
Labour productivity in industry	104,8	107,3	110,3
Turnover - industry – total	106,7	106,9	112,2
Construction works (unadjusted series)	107,4	137,1	134,1
Turnover – retail <sup>1)</sup> (unadjusted series)	92,8	132,5	117,4
Turnover – trade with motor vehicles <sup>2)</sup> (unadjusted series)	87,4	108,9	128,8
Turnover – market services rendered to the population (unadjusted series)	104,2	105,7	102,5

In September 2007, as against the previous month, main short term economic indicators registered growths, except those of retail<sup>1)</sup> and trade with motor vehicles <sup>2)</sup> which decreased. In comparison with the same month of the previous year, main short term economic indicators registered significant growths; as a result of this evolution, during 1.I.-30.IX.2007, all the indicators point out important growths as against the same month of 2006.

#### **II. Sectorial evolutions**

**Industrial production**, in September 2007, as compared to the previous month, increased per total by 4.2%, due to the growths registered in manufacturing (+6.0%). Electric and thermal energy, gas and water and mining and quarrying registered decreases of 7.8%, respectively 6.5%.

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

Manufacturing registered growths in most of the branches, the highest ones being registered for road transport means (+91.0%), electric machinery and appliances (+23.0%), leather goods and footwear (+20.1%), furniture and other industrial activities n.e.c. (+14.4%), textiles (+13.8%), chemical substances and chemicals (+12.5%), transport means not included in road ones (+10.2%), medical, precision, optical apparatus and instruments, watches and clocks (+8.0%).

Regarded from the viewpoint of evolution by broad industrial groups, the production increase per total was mainly determined by higher production with 32.5% in capital goods industry and with 2.3% in intermediate goods industry.

Industrial production in September 2007 was higher than in September 2006 by 3.2%, leading to a growth rate of industrial production during 1.I-30.IX.2007 as against the same period of 2006, of 5.8%. Higher growths were registered as against 1.I-30.IX.2006 period in the branches: tobacco products (+25.1%), wood and wood products (+21.1%), construction materials and other products of nonmetallic minerals (+17.9%), transport means not included in road ones (+16.9%), rubber and plastic products (+15.3%), road transport means (+13.9%), pulp, paper and paper products (+12.3%), food and beverages (+11.8%), medical, precision, optical apparatus and instruments, watches and clocks (+8.9%) and chemical substances and products (+7.4%).

**Main resources of primary energy**, during 1.I-30.IX.2007, amounted to 30.2 million tons equivalent oil, decreasing by 2.5% as against 1.I-30.IX.2006 period, as a result of production fall by 2.2% and of import by 2.9%. **Production of electric energy** was during 1.I-30.IX.2007, 43930.5 million kWh, decreasing by 3.8% as against the same period of 2006. **Final consumption of electric energy** was by 1.5% higher than in the same period of 2006; public lighting increased by 5.1% and population consumption by 6.4%.

In September 2007, **construction works** registered a growth of 37.1% as against September 2006. During 1.I-30.IX.2007, value of construction works increased by 34.1% as against the same period of 2006, a production pace higher than general average being registered, by construction type for nonresidential buildings (136.7%) and for nonresidential ones (135.7%), and by structure elements for new construction works (134.8%) and maintenance and current repairs works (134.6%).

In September 2007, in comparison with September 2006, **turnover obtained by enterprises having as main activity retail** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 32.5% higher (+64.1% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +5.1% for nonfood goods).

During 1.I-30.IX.2007, turnover volume was by 17.4%, over the level registered in the same period of 2006, due to the higher sales of food goods by 26.1% and of nonfood goods by 9.0%. In comparison with September 2006, turnover obtained in September 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 8.9% due to the growth registered for motor vehicle fuel retail (+42.2%).

During 1.I-30.IX.2007 as against the same period of 2006, turnover volume increased by 28.8% (+17.0% for trade with motor vehicles and +56.1% for retail of fuel).

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

In September 2007, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 5.7% higher than in September 2006. In comparison with the same period of 2006, during 1.I-30.IX.2007 turnover volume of this activity increased by 2.5%. High growths were registered in hotels and restaurants (+31.8%) and laundry, cleaning and dying textiles and fur (+11.8 %).

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

	M.U.	Achieved	September 2007 in % as against:	
			August 2007	September 2006
Number of employees in economy <sup>*)</sup> (at end of month)	Thou persons	4743,7	99,9	102,9
Number of registered unemployed (at end of month)	Thou persons	345,0	98,5	78,4
Gross nominal average earning	Lei	1411	101,1	122,9
Net nominal average earning	Lei	1040	101,0	120,9
Consumer price index	%		101,08	106,03

*\*) In enterprises having 4 employees and over*

In September 2007, **number of employees** was by 2.4 thou persons lower than in August 2007 and **gross nominal average earning** was 1411 lei, increasing by 1.1% as against the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of September 2007 was 345.0 thou persons. In comparison with September 2006, number of registered unemployed was by 95.2 thou persons lower. Women represented 45.8% of total number of registered unemployed.

In September 2007, **registered unemployment rate** was 3.9% in relation to total civil active population, decreasing as against September 2006 (4.9%). Female unemployment rate was by 0.2 percentage points lower than male one (3.8% as against 4.0%).

High unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Vaslui (9.5%), Mehedinți (8.4%), Teleorman (6.6%), Gorj (5.9%) and Caraș Severin (5.8%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Timiș (1.5%), Ilfov (1.7 %), Bihor (1.8%), Constanța (1.9%), Bistrița - Năsăud (2.1%), as well as Bucharest Municipality (2.2 %).

**Real earning index** for September 2007, calculated as ratio between net nominal average earning index and consumer price index was 99.9% as against the previous month, 114.0% as against the same month of 2006 and 106.2% as compared to October 1990.

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