

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Average earning in March 2008

In March 2008, gross nominal average earning was 1623 lei, by 5.2% more than in the previous month.

Net nominal average earning was 1192 lei, increasing as against the previous month by 58 lei (5.1%).

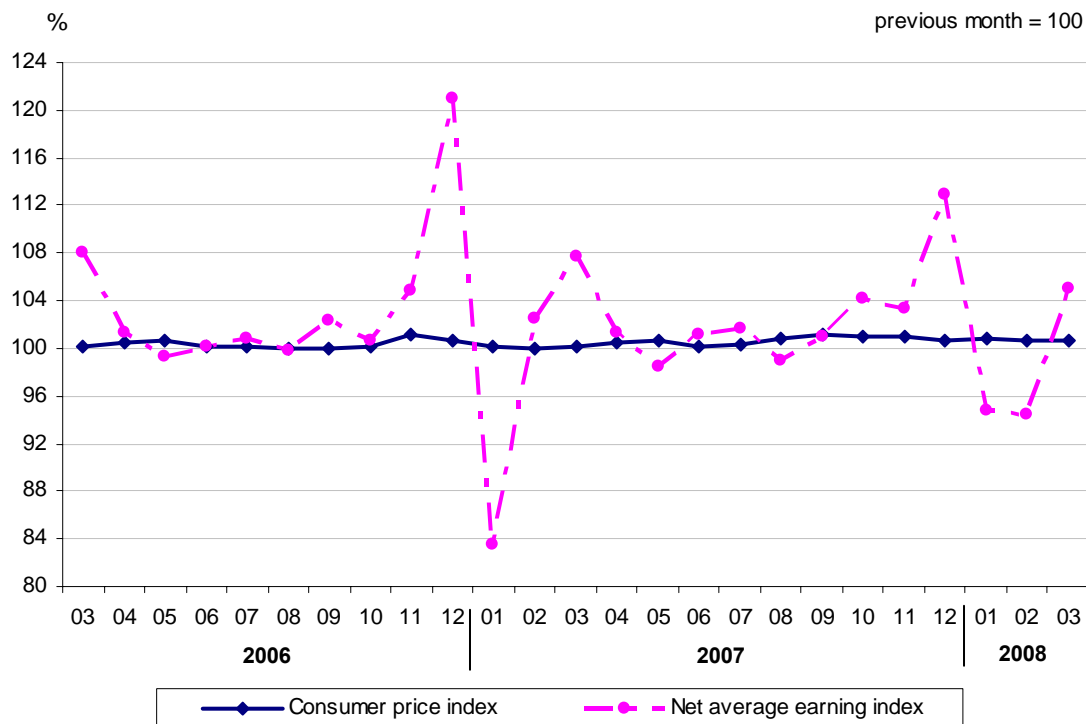
The highest values of net nominal average earning were registered in the activities of financial intermediation (3595 lei) and the lowest ones in wood and wood and cork products processing, except furniture (674 lei).

### Earning in comparison with the evolution of consumer prices

Real earning index for March 2008 as against the previous month, calculated as ratio between net nominal earning index and consumer price index, was 104.4%.

In comparison with October 1990, real earning index was 116.0%, by 4.9 percentage points more than that registered in February 2008.

### Evolution of consumer price indices and net average earning indices, during March 2006 – March 2008 period



During the year, earning fluctuations are registered being mainly determined by the 13<sup>th</sup> salary and holiday bonuses (December, March/April).

They influence the increases or decreases according to the period they are granted, finally leading to the diminish of monthly earning fluctuations at level of the whole year.

## March 2008 as compared to February 2008

**Increases in the net average earning** in March 2008, as against the previous month, were mainly determined by the bonuses and incentives, salary negotiations or achievement of higher production. Equal values and over the average in the national economy were registered as follows:

- by 23,9% in financial intermediation (except insurance and pension funding);
- between 9% and 14% in the following activities: other products of nonmetallic minerals, crude oil processing, coal coking and nuclear fuel treatment, ancillary and related transport activities; travel agencies activities and pulp, paper and paper products;
- between 5% and 9% in the following activities: production and supply of electric and thermal energy, gas and water, food and beverages, hotels and restaurants, rubber and plastic products, electric machinery and appliances, construction, land transport; transport via pipelines, medical, precision, optical and photo apparatus and instruments, watches and clocks, chemical substances and products, publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media and wholesale and retail.

**Decreases of net nominal average earning** were registered in the following activities: tobacco products, computers and office machinery and air transport and were determined by the bonuses in the previous month and the achievement of a lower production in the current month.

## March 2008 as compared to March 2007

In comparison with March 2007, net nominal average earning increased by 17.7%.

Real earning index as against the same period of the previous year registered a growth of 8.3%.

### METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Monthly data regarding earning and number of employees are obtained from a sampling statistical survey. Starting with January 2008, the sample includes 23000 economic and social units. Budgetary units (general government, education, health and social assistance) are included exhaustively in the survey. For economic sector, there were included in the survey the units with 4 employees and over, covering 94.95% of total employees in this sector, extending the results it is estimated total population of units with 4 employees and over. Number of employees from economic units excluded from the survey (0-3 employees) represents about 9,60% of total employees in the economic sector.

*Additional information can be obtained from the publication Monthly Statistical Bulletin no.3/2008.*

**The next press release** will be issued on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

## EARNINGS BY CANE DIVISIONS

	CANE DIVISION	AVERAGE EARNING IN MARCH 2008			
		GROSS		NET	
		LEI	% as against February 2008	LEI	% as against February 2008
<b>TOTAL ECONOMY</b>		<b>1623</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>105.1</b>
Agriculture, hunting and related services	01	1124	102.2	840	101.9
Forestry, logging and related services	02	1232	100.4	926	100.4
<b>Industry total</b>		<b>1465</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>105.0</b>
<b>Mining and quarrying</b>		<b>2324</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>103.1</b>
Mining <sup>1)</sup>	10+12+13+14	2019	102.2	1468	102.4
Hydrocarbons extraction and related services	11	2635	103.1	1868	103.1
<b>Manufacturing</b>		<b>1321</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>104.8</b>
Food and beverages	15	1249	108.8	931	108.4
Tobacco products	16	3307	93.1	2345	93.1
Textiles	17	986	103.8	754	103.6
Clothing	18	885	100.9	689	101.0
Hide tanning and finishing	19	940	102.0	723	102.0
Wood and wood and cork products processing, except furniture	20	885	102.2	674	102.0
Pulp, paper and paper products	21	1403	109.5	1048	109.4
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	22	1398	105.3	1028	105.2
Crude oil processing, coal coking and nuclear fuel treatment	23	3181	113.0	2267	112.7
Chemical substances and products	24	2012	105.6	1472	105.3
Rubber and plastic products	25	1355	108.1	1009	107.7
Other products of nonmetallic minerals	26	1695	114.5	1247	113.6
Metallurgy	27	1866	101.7	1380	101.8
Metallic construction and metal products (excluding machinery, equipment and installations)	28	1410	104.6	1047	104.4
Machinery and equipment	29	1533	103.2	1141	102.9
Computers and office machinery	30	1651	95.8	1204	95.9
Electric machinery and appliances	31	1322	105.9	1010	106.4
Radio, TV and communication equipment	32	2105	101.8	1564	101.4

1) Coal mining and preparation (10), Radioactive ores extraction and preparation (12), Metalliferous ores extraction and preparation (13), Other extractive activities (14).

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		GROSS		NET	
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Medical, precision, optical and photo apparatus and instruments, watches and clocks	33	1491	106.2	1099	105.7
Road transport means	34	1595	101.7	1185	101.7
Other transport means	35	1761	104.1	1302	104.0
Furniture and other industrial activities n.e.c..	36	1009	102.0	772	101.8
<b>Electric and thermal energy, gas and water</b>		<b>2370</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>107.3</b>
Electric and thermal energy, gas and water production and supply	40	2692	108.7	1955	108.6
Water collection, purification and distribution	41	1651	102.9	1223	103.0
Construction	45	1355	106.8	999	106.3
Wholesale and retail <sup>2)</sup>	50+51+52	1354	105.1	996	105.1
Hotels and restaurants	55	938	107.1	711	107.7
Land transport; transport via pipelines	60	1565	106.6	1146	106.1
Water transport	61	1947	104.3	1418	104.1
Air transport	62	3955	99.5	2802	99.6
Ancillary and related transport activities, travel agencies activities	63	2215	111.5	1606	110.6
Post and telecommunications	64	2318	104.1	1679	103.8
of which:					
Mail and courier	641	1395	101.2	1058	100.5
Financial Intermediation (except insurance and pension funding)	65	5040	123.8	3595	123.9
Insurance and pension funding (except those in public social insurance system)	66	2770	104.6	1993	103.9
Informatics and R&D	72+73	3000	103.8	2233	104.3
General government	75	2735	102.0	1973	101.6
Education	80	1862	102.2	1341	102.4
Health and social assistance	85	1484	101.0	1099	101.3
Used waters and refuse disposal; Sanitation and similar	90	1124	103.1	844	102.7
Other activities <sup>3)</sup>	05+67+70+ +71+74+91+ +92+93+99	1473	105.2	1079	105.3

<sup>2)</sup> Including repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods;

<sup>3)</sup> Fishing, fish breeding and related services (05), Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation (67), Real estate transactions (70), Renting machinery and equipment without operator and personal and household goods (71), Other activities of services mainly rendered to the enterprises (74), Various associative activities (91), Recreation, cultural and sport activities (92), Other activities of personal services (93), Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies (99).