ROMPETROL RAFINARE
Q1 2012 IFRS CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED RESULTS

Relatively constant volume of activity and continuation of the investment process

Rompetrol Rafinare S.A. (symbols, Bucharest Stock Exchange: RRC, Reuters: ROMP.BX, Bloomberg: RRC RO) has released today its First Quarter 2012 financial and operational unaudited results. The figures include unaudited consolidated financial statements for this period prepared by the company in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards („IFRS"). The IFRS financial results differ in some respects from the Romanian Standards of Accounting.

Consolidated financial statements of Rompetrol Rafinare include the results of the parent company Rompetrol Rafinare and its subsidiaries Rompetrol Petrochemicals, Rompetrol Quality Control, Rom Oil, Rompetrol Downstream, Rompetrol Logistics and Rompetrol Gas.

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HIGHLIGHTS - CONSOLIDATED

		Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Financial				
Gross Revenues	USD	1,092,263,548	1,070,368,072	2%
Net Revenues	USD	936,416,566	897,297,206	4%
EBITDA	USD	(11,644,856)	46,131,340	N/A
EBITDA margin	%	-1.2%	5.1%	
EBIT	USD	(39,469,907)	8,112,270	N/A
Net profit / (loss)	USD	(62,699,335)	(11,345,584)	N/A
Net Profit / (loss) margin	%	-6.7%	-1.3%	

Rompetrol Rafinare Constanta (RRC) gross revenues reached USD 1.092 billion in Q1 2012. . The increase in gross revenues, compared to the same period last year, is mainly the result of higher international quotations for petroleum products.

ENVIRONMENT

		Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Brent Dated	USD/bbl	118.60	105.43	12%
Ural Med	USD/bbl	117.49	102.64	14%
Brent-Ural Differential	USD/bbl	1.11	2.78	-60%
Premium Unleaded 10 ppm FOB Med	USD/t	1,062	924	15%
Diesel ULSD 10 ppm FOB Med	USD/t	1,006	912	10%
RON/USD Average exchange rate		3.32	3.09	7%
RON/USD Closing exchange rate		3.28	2.89	13%
RON/EURO Average exchange rate		4.35	4.22	3%
RON/EURO Closing exchange rate		4.38	4.11	6%
USD/EURO Closing rate		1.33	1.42	-6%
Inflation in Romania*		1.43%	2.16%	

*Source: Platts, * INSSE*

Outright prices climbed to near record highs on the back of geopolitical issues and continued crude oil supply outages, but looking at fundamental market factors there is a significant possibility for a downside correction in oil prices during the coming months. If crude prices remain high and oil demand fails to rebound rapidly, we might see a prolonged period of refinery run cuts and probably further shutdowns, since capacity has expanded far too quickly.

Year-on-year increase in Brent (Dtd) quote registered highest quarterly average in history. North Sea grades are likely to continue to profit from arbitrage opportunities to South Korea based on free trade agreement exempting from payment of 3% crude tariff.

Recent fall in Urals quotation was foreseeable due to high outright prices, competition from Saudi medium sour crude grades, weakening margins and seasonal refinery maintenance. Analysts draw attention to the increasing interest in Urals coming from Asia and the US, which will prevent the grade from a steep quotation dive. Support for Urals is expected to return when summer and driving season will begin with demand picking up.

In the product slate, gasoline ended Q1 2012 on an impressive increasing trend with US and European cracks showing particularly high values translated into an increase of more than 100$/mt in crack during past three months. This relies in market participants expectations of a tight market ahead of driving season, bearing in mind recent refinery outages in Europe and on the Atlantic Coast in US, and with some of the strength coming from speculation on the paper markets. Gasoline has clearly taken over during last quarter leading position from middles distillates. In Europe, gasoline cracks surged end-March to record seasonal levels due to a number of factors: supply concerns, healthy Middle Eastern and West African demand and regional sales boost due to specification change to summer grade beginning of April.

Concerning middle distillates group, record high diesel pump prices had a negative influence on end-user demand on key European Diesel markets (Germany, France, Spain, Italy) as they were fast approaching all-time records registered in 2008. Diesel cracks decreased constantly from around 125$/mt average in January 2012 to below 90$/mt average March. Nevertheless, market analysts expect diesel to remain the demand driver for 2012 due to forecasts for increasing consumption mostly in Non-OECD Asia. However, production capacity in that region is growing faster than diesel demand, thus limiting upside potential for cracks.

Refiners in Europe have been confronted with another time period of very low refinery margins, a result of combined feeble demand, economic weakness and expensive feedstock. Cracking margins in NW Europe and the Mediterranean region had a weak performance not succeeding to exit the 0-5$/bbl band. Analysts forecast similar results for the rest of 2012, if no extraordinary beneficial events occur worldwide.

REFINING

		Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Financial				
Gross Revenues	USD	1,005,215,602	937,325,939	7%
Net Revenues	USD	864,798,488	783,277,770	10%
EBITDA	USD	(11,519,651)	26,508,198	N/A
EBITDA margin	%	-1.3%	3.4%	N/A
EBIT	USD	(26,934,610)	6,373,783	N/A
Net profit / (loss)	USD	(45,535,564)	7,127,374	
Net profit / (loss) margin	%	-5.3%	0.9%	N/A
Gross cash refinery margin/tone	USD/t	39.85	72.65	-45%
Gross cash refinery margin/bbl	USD/bbl	5.49	10.00	-45%
Net cash refinery margin/tone	USD/t	0.49	32.00	N/A
Net cash refinery margin/bbl	USD/bbl	0.07	4.41	N/A
Operational				
Feedstock processed	Kt	935	973	-4%
Gasoline produced	Kt	318	333	-4%
Diesel & jet fuel produced	Kt	370	392	-6%
Motor fuels sales - domestic	Kt	285	295	-3%
Motor fuels sales - export	Kt	362	368	-2%
Export	%	56%	55%	
Domestic	%	44%	45%	

Note:*Refining segment comprises only the results of the refinery (parent company of Rompetrol Rafinare), including the operations of Vega. Rompetrol Rafinare computes Gross cash refinery margin as follows – (Oil Product Sales – Cost of Feedstock) / Quantity of Feedstock related to the sales. Net Cash Refinery margin is the EBITDA of the refinery divided by quantity of feedstock related to sales.*

The gross revenues of the refining segment reached USD 1.005 billion in Q1 2012 higher by 7% compared with the same period last year. The increase in gross revenues, is mainly the result of higher international quotations for petroleum products although the volume sold decreased.

In Q1 2012 the operational results were negatively influenced by lower margins for petroleum products. In Q1 2012 the processing costs maintained at the same level as in Q1 2011.

In Q1 2012, the total throughput for refinery was 4.1% lower than in Q1 2011, due to a low market demand influenced in January and February also by bad weather conditions.

In Q1 2012 the refining capacity utilization was 73.6%, lower by 4% compared with Q1 2011 when the refining capacity utilization was 77.6%, negatively influenced by lower throughput.

Regarding Vega refinery, in Q1 2012 the throughput was 62,754 tones lower by 5% compared with the same period in 2011 when the throughput was 66,074 tones. The decrease is due to lower quantities transferred from Petromidia refinery caused by severe weather conditions which influenced the logistics and the feedstock processed.

The good results obtained by Vega Refinery are due to the maximization of the production of valuable products: the production of n-hexane increased by 9%, white spirit production increased by 96% and the production of fuel oil increased by 238% comparing with Q1 2011.

Rompetrol Rafinare S.A. continued to be an important contributor to Romania's fiscal budget with over USD 240 million in Q1 2012.

In Q1 2012 Rompetrol Rafinare continued the last phase of its capacity increase program for the Petromidia Refinery, from 3.8 million tons/year, to over 5 million tons/year of processed raw materials.

The refinery's capacity increase investment program will be finalized at the beginning of Q2 2012, and will allow the consolidation and development of Rompetrol's presence in Central and Western Europe, in Romania, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia, where we have Rompetrol gas-stations, as well as in countries such as Turkey, Serbia or Greece.

MARKETING

		Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Financial				
Gross Revenues	USD	542,442,369	544,561,925	0%
EBITDA	USD	1,661,669	8,455,102	-80%
EBIT	USD	(7,990,547)	(5,150,687)	55%
Net profit / (loss)	USD	(11,440,852)	(24,675,835)	-54%
Operational				
Quantities sold in retail	Kt	139	145	-4%
Quantities sold in wholesale	Kt	136	146	-7%
Retail Gross Margin	USD/t	100	137	-27%
Wholesale Gross Margin	USD/t	30	64	-53%

Note: Marketing segment includes the results of Rompetrol Downstream, Rom Oil, Rompetrol Quality Control Rompetrol Logistics and Rompetrol Gas

In Q1 2012 Rompetrol Downstream gross revenues reached USD 542.4 million and the volumes sold decreased by 5% due to unfavorable weather conditions during the first months of 2012

The financial results were influenced by the decrease in the commercial margins, as well as unfavourable foreign exchange differences, due to RON depreciation against the US dollar: in Q1 2012 USD/RON average exchange rate was 3.32, higher by 7% compared with Q1 2011.

Internationally, the main factor that influenced the evolution of prices was the tense situation generated by Iran refusal to stop the nuclear research, which led to the imposition of an embargo on Iranian oil and banking by USA and several EU countries.

At the end of March 2012, the distribution sector was composed of :131 own stations, 155 gas stations operated in franchise system, 126 express stations, 150 RIB (Rompetrol Internal Basis) and 196 CUVA stations.

PETROCHEMICALS

		Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Financial				
Revenues	USD	71,462,531	106,453,124	-33%
EBITDA	USD	(935,169)	9,462,200	N/A
EBIT	USD	(2,834,885)	6,041,494	N/A
Net profit / (loss)	USD	(4,012,856)	5,355,197	N/A
Operational				
Propylene processed	kt	32	33	-2%
Ethylene processed	kt	16	36	-56%
Sold from own production	kt	47	61	-23%
Sold from trading	kt	3	3	0%
Total sold		50	64	-22%
Export	%	52%	61%	
Domestic	%	48%	39%	

Rompetrol Petrochemicals gross revenues reached USD 71.4 million in Q1 2012 by 33% lower compared with the same period last year. The decrease in gross revenues is the result of lower quantities sold.

In Q1 2012 versus Q1 2011, the company's financial results were negatively influenced by lower margins, mainly due to unfavorable market conditions, therefore in Q1 2012 EBITDA reached USD (0.9) million.

The quantity of raw materials processed decreased by 30% in Q1 2012 compared with the same period last year, due to HDPE unit shutdown. In Q1 2012 sales volume decreased by 23% compared with Q1 2011.

In Q1 2012 Rompetrol Petrochemicals improved the average quality of its products, thus the weight of high quality rated polymers products reached 98.5% compared with an average of 98 % in Q1 2011.

In order to support the petrochemical activities, the company has started the last phase of modernization of the high-density polyethylene installation, in view of the product range expansions, to which four new kinds of items were added (large containers – up to 200 l, thin film, pipe grade PE 100). The project will be finalized in July 2012 when technological tests are scheduled.

Rompetrol Petrochemicals is the sole polypropylene producer in Romania; starting with 2010 the company was also the sole producer of polyethylene, given the economic circumstances on the market, thus constantly increasing its market share. Its dynamic development strategy has secured the company a competitive position on the domestic and regional markets – in the Balkans Region. One of the advantages of the company is determined by its proximity to its customers, providing the products required Just - In – Time, as well as offering technical consulting and monitoring of their production cycle.

APPENDIX 1 – CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT Q1 2012, UNAUDITED

Amounts in USD

	Q1 2012	Q1 2011	%
Gross Revenues	1,092,263,548	1,070,368,072	2%
Sales taxes and discounts	(155,846,982)	(173,070,866)	-10%
Net revenues	**936,416,566**	**897,297,206**	**4%**
Cost of sales	(919,950,089)	(814,625,536)	13%
Gross margin	**16,466,477**	**82,671,670**	**-80%**
Selling, general and administration	(55,950,345)	(63,580,017)	-12%
Other expenses, net	13,961	(10,979,383)	N/A
EBIT	**(39,469,907)**	**8,112,270**	**N/A**
Finance, net	(20,325,994)	(20,907,657)	-3%
Net foreign exchange gains / (losses)	(2,845,912)	1,832,926	N/A
EBT	**(62,641,813)**	**(10,962,461)**	**N/A**
Income tax	(57,522)	(383,123)	-85%
Net result	**(62,699,335)**	**(11,345,584)**	**N/A**
EBITDA	**(11,644,856)**	**46,131,340**	**N/A**

APPENDIX 2 – CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2012, UNAUDITED

Amounts in USD

	31 March, 2012	31 December, 2011	%
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	12,839,725	15,869,666	-19%
Goodwill	82,871,706	82,871,706	0%
Property, plant and equipment	1,079,080,512	1,079,404,528	0%
Financial assets and other	6,462,573	5,084,463	27%
Total Non Current Assets	**1,181,254,516**	**1,183,230,363**	**0%**
Current assets			
Inventories	424,218,546	341,849,388	24%
Trade and other receivables	347,080,813	308,347,816	13%
Derivative financial Instruments	-	5,832,080	
Cash and cash equivalents	48,289,838	53,058,268	-9%
Total current assets	**819,589,197**	**709,087,552**	**16%**
Total assets	**2,000,843,713**	**1,892,317,915**	**6%**
Equity and liabilities			
Total Equity	**(338,006,720)**	**(274,950,767)**	**23%**
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term debt	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other	22,861,028	22,904,807	0%
Total non-current liabilities	**22,861,028**	**22,904,807**	**0%**
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	945,049,195	866,114,149	9%
Derivative financial instruments	836,252		
Provisions - current portion	3,008,753	3,279,571	
Short-term debt	1,367,095,205	1,274,970,155	7%
Total current liabilities	**2,315,989,405**	**2,144,363,875**	**8%**
Total equity and liabilities	**2,000,843,713**	**1,892,317,915**	**6%**

The financial figures are extracted from Company's unaudited IFRS financial reports.