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## **Rompetrol Rafinare maintains positive trend with outstanding Q3 and 9M financial results**

Rompetrol Rafinare SA (RRC), the main, stock-exchange listed subsidiary of The Rompetrol Group NV (TRG), reported today a consolidated operational profit (EBITDA) of \$151 million for the first nine months of this year, up 221 percent compared to \$47 million for the same period in 2004. RRC 9M consolidated gross revenues reached \$1.67 billion, or 65 percent higher than the \$1.01 billion for the same period last year. Net profit for 9M 2005 has risen to \$108 million.

For Q3 of this year, Rompetrol Rafinare registered an operational profit (EBITDA) of \$54 million on gross revenues of \$687million, also registering a net profit of \$36 million.

The Rompetrol Group gross revenues for the first nine months of 2005 exceeded \$1.80 billion while the operational profit (EBITDA) reached \$155 million. For Q3 2005, TRG registered \$746 million in gross revenues and \$55 million in operational profits.

"The outstanding financial results we constantly achieve contribute to strengthening the confidence investors and business partners have in our capability to deliver," said Dinu Patriciu, TRG's Chairman and CEO. "The major objective of The Rompetrol Group and of its employees is to maintain the high performance standards aimed at sustaining and developing the Romanian economy, adding value to its stakeholders, and proving the company's importance at the national level," added Mr. Patriciu.

The taxes paid for the first nine months of 2005 to the State Budget by Rompetrol Rafinare SA exceeded \$580 million and are estimated to reach \$800 million by the end of the year. By comparison, in 2004, Rompetrol contributed to the State Budget taxes totaling more than \$635 million.

### **About Rompetrol:**

The Rompetrol Group N.V. is Netherlands-based oil company with the majority of its assets and operations based in Romania and South-Eastern Europe. The Group is active primarily in refining and marketing, with additional operations in exploration and production, and other oil industry services such as drilling, EPCM, transportation, etc. With a staff of more than 7,700 employees, TRG reached gross revenues of \$1.61 billion in 2004. TRG aims to become one of the largest integrated oil companies in the region and obtain a strong position in the Black Sea area.

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