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## **Press statement**

Rompetrol Refining, a company member of The Rompetrol Group, from October 22 through November 3 (estimated date) will suspend the production activity in order to pursue technological modernization works scheduled for 2011. During this period, Rompetrol will ensure the delivery of products to customers from its stocks.

The upgrading works will focus mainly on catalysts replacement for all the main plants, meant to improve the fuel quality, and additionally, upgrading operations scheduled for Rompetrol Rafinare can be performed only during the refinery shutdown. Moreover, the new plants, part of the investment package which will increase the refinery processing capacity to 5 mio tones of raw materials by 2012, will be integrated to the technological flows.

By the end of this year new modernization projects will be completed as follows - the refinery gas desulphurization plant, processing plant vacuum distillate desulphurization, desulphurization plant oil, construction of a new production plant nitrogen and a new system of flares. In the first quarter of 2012 three new plants will be completed and integrated into the production process: mild hydrocracking plant, hydrogen plant and sulfur recovery plant.