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Petrom Strategy Update 2021: Sustainable performance for growth

- Strategic directions for 2021: Maximize portfolio value and capture growth opportunities in upstream while optimizing mid- and downstream operations
- Continue to invest in a competitive, investment-friendly regulatory and fiscal environment to sustain performance and position for growth in upstream
- Petrom's strategic directions match the OMV Group strategy and address the needs of the Romanian energy sector

Petrom, the largest oil and gas producer in Southeastern Europe, announces its strategic directions for 2021, as approved by the Supervisory Board on June 15, 2012.

Mariana Gheorghe, CEO Petrom: "Petrom's strategic directions for 2021 reconfirm those outlined in the previous Strategy for 2015, ensuring continuity in the company's development, and match the OMV Group strategy for 2021. Petrom aims to remain the leading regional, integrated oil and gas company with sustainable performance needed to support potential upstream growth in the neighboring Black Sea region. We believe Romania has a significant energy supply potential, which can reduce its dependency on imports. Petrom is well positioned to support the energy sector, thus contributing to economic growth in Romania."

Petrom's strategic directions have been updated based on a comprehensive analysis of the Romanian energy sector and considering the sector's international and regional developments. Oil and gas consumption will continue to grow and account for 60% of energy demand in Romania by 2021.

With a current share of imports of 20-30%, Romania's relative energy independence is likely to decrease, with imports expected to increase to 40-50% by 2030 due to higher primary energy demand and natural decline in domestic hydrocarbon production. However, Romania has a large energy supply potential, which can be unlocked with significant investments, out of which, only to unlock the hydrocarbon potential over EUR 20-35 bn are required by 2030.

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Exploration and Production (E&P): Maximize current portfolio value and position for growth

Exploration and Production continues to be the company's backbone and the focus over the shortterm will be on stabilizing conventional production to largely offset natural decline, and on achieving operational excellence. For this purpose, the company will: i) continue field redevelopment projects, ii) explore and develop near field opportunities, iii) apply state of the art technologies and iv) optimize the E&P portfolio through partnerships.

To enhance its medium-term value, E&P will continue with: i) activities to increase the ultimate oil



and gas recovery, ii) exploration, appraisal and development of the Neptun gas discovery in the Black Sea, if commercial viability is confirmed and iii) the exploration of deeper and frontier hydrocarbons.

E&P will strive to position itself for long-term growth by exploring the neighboring Black Sea region and unconventional opportunities.

Gas and Power (G&P): Enhance the value of equity gas

In the short term, G&P activities will focus on bringing the Brazi CCPP (860 MW) on stream in the second half of 2012. To further enhance the value of the gas portfolio, Petrom will seek to strengthen its gas sales and leverage fair market conditions. In the medium to long term, we will explore renewables opportunities and assess further infrastructure investments around the Nabucco gas pipeline project. Also, we will explore the development of a potential gas hub.

Refining and Marketing (R&M): Optimize integrated equity oil

In R&M, the modernization of our upstream refinery Petrobrazi will be finalized by 2014 and we will continue to improve our operations, reduce costs and increase efficiency. Additionally, we further enhance our supply network with modern storage facilities to fully support the retail network. Petrom will undertake continuous business review and portfolio measures (partnerships and divestments of non-core/non-economical units) based on market conditions and network performance.

Successful strategy implementation

To successfully implement our strategy in the coming years, Petrom will continue to invest at a similar pace as in the past to support the company's future growth. In the last seven years, Petrom has invested more than EUR 1 bn p.a. (more than 90% of its EBITD) in order to transform the company and improve its performance. Considering the large exposure of Petrom's portfolio to volatile oil prices, an investment-friendly environment with predictable, fair and transparent fiscal and regulatory regimes is needed to achieve our strategic objectives and to realize the envisaged investments.

Building on a foundation of successful transformation over the last years, Petrom has proven strong execution capabilities to deliver on its strategic objectives.

Petrom will focus on key enablers to deliver on its strategy – people and sustainability. On the people dimension, the focus will be on developing a performance-based organizational culture and a strong skill pool. Equally importantly, we seek to develop a sustainability culture for efficient use of natural resources and to share value with stakeholders for common long-term benefit.

For more details please see attached "Petrom Strategy Update 2021" presentation.

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Petrom Group

Petrom is the largest oil and gas group in Southeastern Europe, with activities in the business segments of Exploration and Production, Gas and Power as well as Refining and Marketing. The Group consolidated its position on the oil market in Southeastern Europe following a far-reaching modernization and efficiency increase process whereas investments accounted for more than EUR 7.7 bn during the last seven years.



In Romania and Kazakhstan, the Group exploits proved oil and gas reserves of approximately 812 mn boe (thereof 786 mn boe in Romania) and has a maximum annual refining capacity of 4.5 mn t as of end of 2011. OMV Petrom is present in the distribution market for oil products in Romania, Republic of Moldova, Bulgaria and Serbia through a network of approximately 800 filling stations, operated under two brands, Petrom and OMV. In Romania, this activity is performed through OMV Petrom Marketing, 100% owned by OMV Petrom.

For its sustainable development, OMV Petrom has expanded the gas value chain into power. In this context, OMV Petrom has built an 860 MW gas fired power plant project at Brazi and began commercial operations at the Dorobantu 45 MW wind park.

In 2011, the Group's turnover was EUR 5,336 mn, EBIT was EUR 1,165 mn.

OMV, one of Austria's largest listed industrial companies holds a 51.01% share in OMV Petrom. In Exploration and Production, OMV is active in two core countries Romania and Austria and holds a balanced international portfolio. In Gas and Power, OMV sold approximately 272 TWh of gas in 2011. In Refining and Marketing, OMV has an annual refining capacity of 22.3 mn t and as of the end of 2011 approximately 4,500 filling stations in 13 countries including Turkey.

The Ministry of Economy holds 20.64% of OMV Petrom shares, the Property Fund SA holds 20.11%, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 2.03% and 6.21% is free float on the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

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Oil and gas continues to be Romania's main energy source, covering half the primary demand

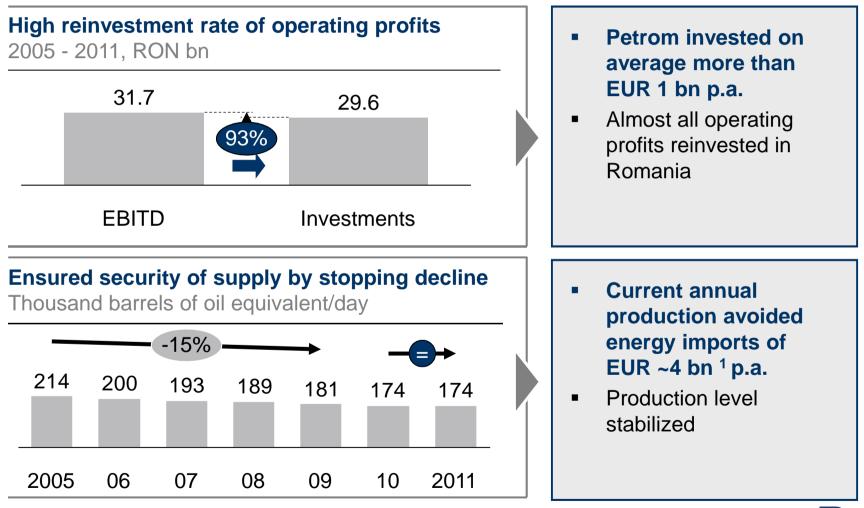


1 National Forecasting Commission 2010-2020; EU Energy Trends 2030 2 Including nuclear and renewables

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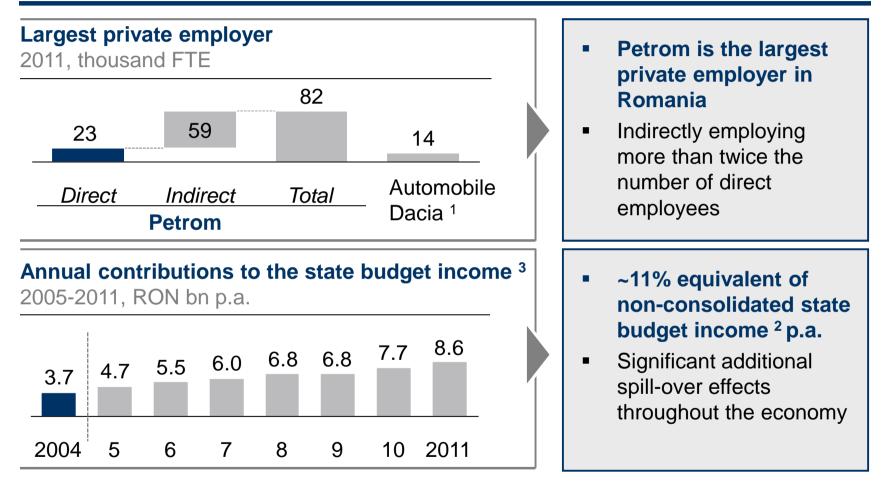
Petrom has reinvested its profits into the Romanian production, avoiding imports



1 Valuated at the current oil price and import parity gas price



Petrom is a pillar of stability – largest private employer and contributor to Romanian budget



1 Second largest private employer (2010 data)

2 Equivalent share of state budget income in 2011 (non consolidated)

3 Include: profit tax, royalties, employer social contributions, excises incl. custom duties, VAT, employee related taxes, other direct and indirect taxes, dividends paid to state



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Petrom is the leading oil and gas player in SEE, with a high degree of physical integration

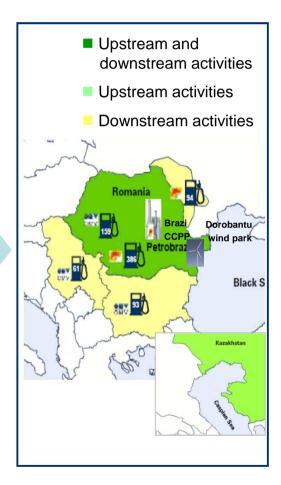
Current position, 2011 (Petrom Group figures)



- 4.6 mtoe crude oil and NGL (4.1 mtoe in Romania, ~99% of domestic production)
- 5.3 bcm gas (~50% domestic production)
- 812 mboe proved reserves
- G&P
- 5.1 bcm gas sales
- Brazi gas-fired power plant ¹ (860 MW) cleaner energy
- Dorobantu wind park (45 MW)



- Upstream integrated refinery (4.5 mtpa capacity)
- 4.1 mt marketing sales
- 793 filling stations





1 Not yet on stream

Petrom's relevant market perspective

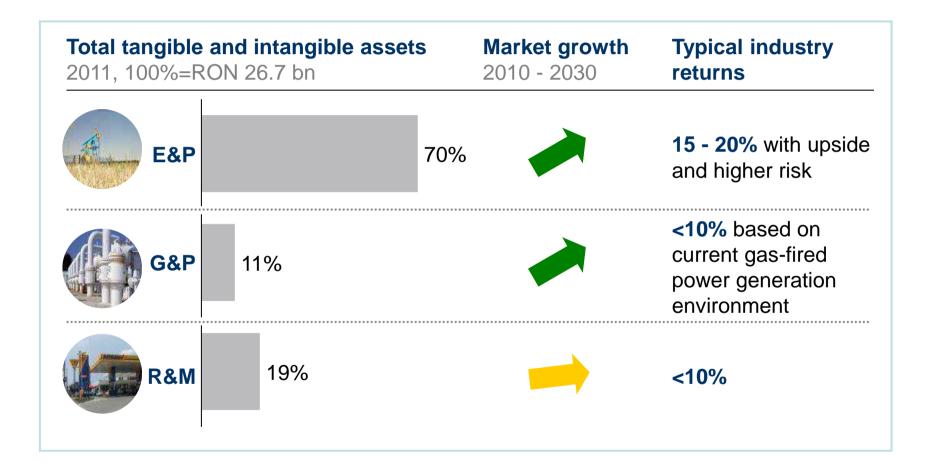


1 Including Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia Source: IEA WEO (November 2011), Enerdata Global Energy POLES Global energy forecasting model – Recovery scenario (2012)



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Petrom portfolio today is well positioned to capture markets growth





Petrom has opportunities, but faces challenges due to market and regulatory uncertainties

	Opportunities	Challenges
E&P	 Potential for improvement of recovery rates Neptun / Black Sea deepwater Unconventional hydrocarbons 	 Oil price volatility Uncertain predictability and competitiveness of fiscal and regulatory regime Regulated gas price Mature fields with declining production (technical/reservoir risk) Safety and environmental standards (e.g. due to old infrastructure)
G&P	 Market growth capture by leveraging equity gas Related infrastructure and tools to maximize value of gas 	 Less favorable power market conditions for gas power plants (e.g. regarding use of equity gas) Gas and power market regulations
R&M	 Efficiency increase Optimization potential from integration 	 Pressure on fuel and refining margins Overcapacity in refining



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Core assumptions

 Robust market fundamentals

 Competitive regulatory regime



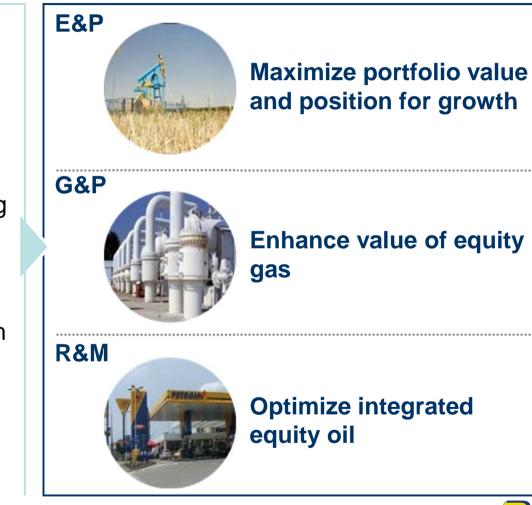
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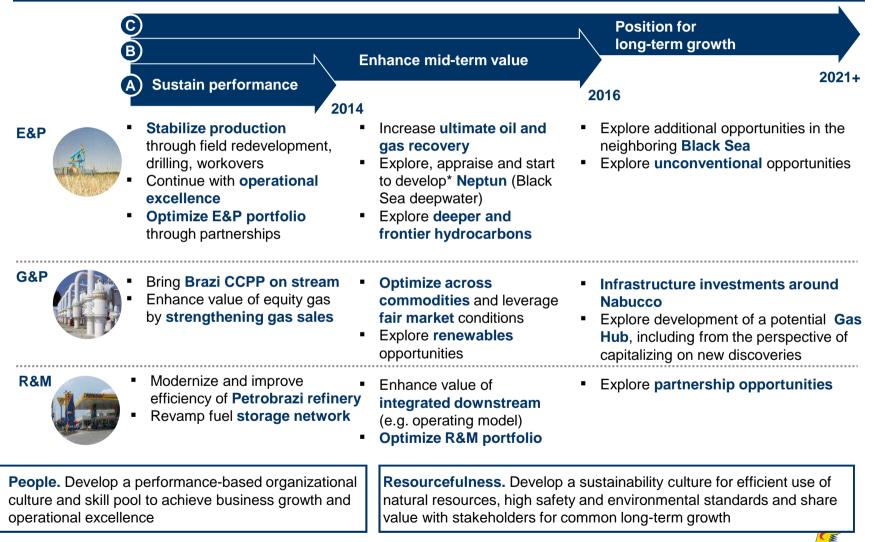


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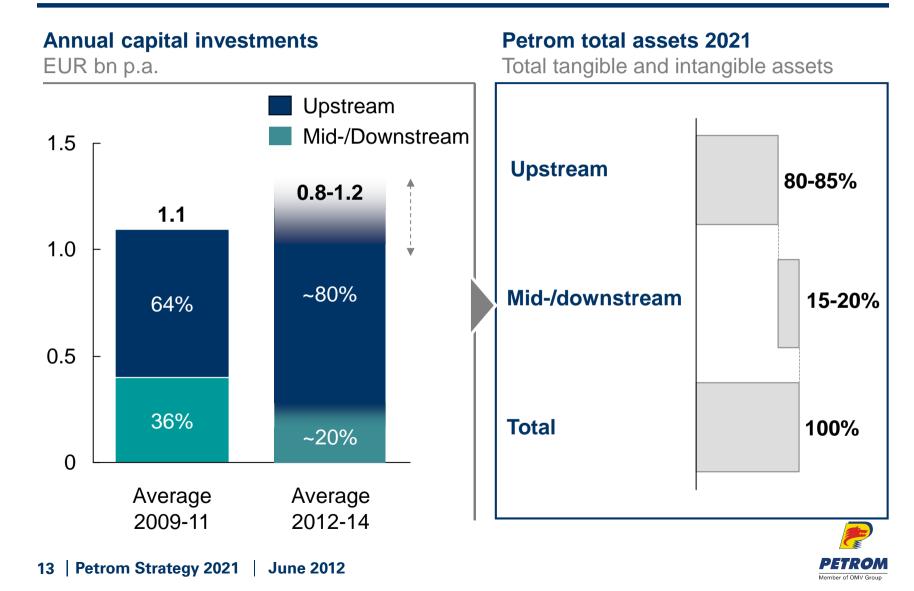
Petrom strategic initiatives assuming continued robust market fundamentals and competitive regime



* Development subject to confirmation of commercial viability



Petrom would continue to invest EUR 0.8-1.2 bn p.a. on average assuming an investment-friendly environment



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E&P Maximize portfolio value and position for growth	 Stabilize production Drive operational excellence and optimize E&P portfolio (partnerships) Increase ultimate oil & gas recovery Explore, appraise and start to develop* Neptun block (Black Sea) Explore deeper and frontier hydrocarbons Explore additional opportunities in neighboring Black Sea Explore unconventional opportunities
G&P Enhance value of equity gas	 Bring Brazi CCPP on stream and leverage fair market conditions Strengthen gas sales and explore the development of a potential gas hub, including from the perspective of capitalizing on new discoveries Explore Nabucco infrastructure and renewables opportunities
R&M Optimize integrated equity oil	 Modernize and improve efficiency of Petrobrazi refinery Revamp fuel storage network Optimize R&M portfolio and explore partnership opportunities
Enablers for successful strategy implementation	 Strong execution capabilities proven in successful transformation of Petrom Focus on enhancing the skills of our employees for growth Develop a performance-based organizational culture Develop a culture for efficient use of natural resources and high safety and environmental standards Share value with stakeholders for common long-term growth
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