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ANNOUNCEMENT**on Extending the Exploration Period for Several Petroleum Blocks**

During 2011-2016, as part of its natural gas exploration-development and production activity, Romgaz performed exploration activities in 8 blocks it has under concession in accordance with the Concession Agreement the Romanian State has approved by Government Decision no. 23/January 13, 2000. Therefore, the high-depth exploration activity was intensified in the Transylvanian Basin, the Moesic Platform and the Moldavian Platform. The total result of this activity comprises 4,705 km² of 3D seismic survey, drilling of 70 exploration wells and approximately 17,000 million Ncm contingent resources were confirmed.

Due to the positive results obtained further to implementing the 2011-2016 work program, Romgaz and ANRM agreed to continue exploration activities in the aforementioned blocks. The parties have signed an addendum which extends the exploration period for the 8 blocks and establishes a new work program to be implemented during 2016-2021. The addendum must be approved by Decision to be issued by the Romanian Government.

By signing the addendum, Romgaz has identified a long-term production potential which aims at ensuring a constant efficient reserve replacement rate and at consolidating the investors' trust in the company's assets.

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