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Decline in Construction Continued

Construction – April 2016

In April 2016 the construction output decreased by 13.7% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The planning and building control authorities granted by 2.9% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions jumped up by 40.5%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings declined by 3.3%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings decreased by 17.8%, y-o-y.

In April 2016 the **construction output** decreased by 13.7%, y-o-y, in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output in April 2016 was by 3.3% lower, month-on-month (m-o-m). The production in building construction dropped by 12.8% (contribution -8.5 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction declined by 15.5% (contribution -5.2 p.p.), y-o-y.

The **average registered number of employees\***), in construction enterprises with 50+ employees fell by 2.7%, y-o-y, in April 2016. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 4.6%, compared year-on-year, and reached CZK 34 372.

In April 2016 the **number of building permits granted** increased by 2.9%, y-o-y; the planning and building control authorities granted 7 119 building permits. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 31.1 billion and soared by 40.5% compared to the same period of 2015.

The **number of dwellings started** in March 2016 fell by 3.3%, y-o-y, and attained 2 614 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses grew by 18.3% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings dropped by 20.5%.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 17.8%, y-o-y, in April 2016 and was 1 617 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses fell by 6.5%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings plummeted by 36.2%.

According to Eurostat the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** decreased by 1.4%, y-o-y, **in March 2016**. Buildings increased by 0.1% and civil engineering works fell by 7.5%. According to the preliminary schedule Eurostat shall release the data for April 2016 on 20 June 2016 (at 11:00 a.m.).

*Notes:*

\*) *The registered number of employees indicator does not include persons working under various contracts for work, working owners of enterprises and cooperating household members, who do not have contracts of employment. Data on the registered number of employees in construction also exclude agency workers, who have contracts of employment, yet within activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).*

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Annex:

Table 1 Construction production index, construction permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)