



## **Chimcomplex recorded in the first quarter of 2022 a turnover of up to 23%**

**Bucharest, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Chimcomplex, the largest chemical plant producer of polyols in Eastern Europe, reports for the first quarter of 2022 a 23.2% increase in turnover compared to the same period of 2021. The company obtained a net profit of 72 million lei (14.6 million euros), with a turnover of 612 million lei (123.7 million euros). This evolution was determined by the sales prices that increased for most of the finished products capitalized by the company, as a result of the increase in manufacturing costs, and as a result of the increase in the purchase prices for utilities.

In the changed economic context of the first 3 months of 2022 Chimcomplex continued to achieve maximum production of polyols.

Mr. Victor Avram, CEO of Chimcomplex said *"The first quarter shows that our business model is a successful one, even in times of crisis. Our commercial dynamics remain very good. The refinancing carried out in 2021 was done at the right time, which resulted in a 6-fold decrease in financial expenses. The results have evolved at a good pace, against the background of increasing our activities and further cost savings, thanks to the numerous operational synergies in the CRC Group. These good results, in the special and changed economic context compared to 2021, allow us to confirm all our goals for the entire year, with great confidence in Chimcomplex's ability to achieve everything it has set out to do for 2022."*

In the next period, the company pursues development by continuing the strategic investment program started in 2021 and aims to achieve efficiency and stability from the energy point of view.

The investment plan for the current year includes in particular:

- Completion of the CHP 49MW cogeneration on the industrial platform of Rm. Vâlcea for the production of electricity, steam and hot water;
- Completion of the thermal boiler from Rm. Vâlcea for steam production necessary for technological installations;
- Modernization and increase of the capacities for the Propenoxide and Special Polyols installation;
- Refurbishment of liquefied gas and flammable liquid deposits by increasing the storage capacity for the main raw materials and increasing the degree of safety in operation.



The company felt the negative impact of the increase in purchase prices for electricity and natural gas, especially in the context of the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, but quickly took decisions that protected the business. The general overhaul of the Borzești industrial platform and the temporary closure of the intensive gas-consuming installations on the Râmnicu Vâlcea platform have limited the negative effects of the energy instability.

The sale prices of the products have adapted to the international market although they have not increased at the same pace as the costs of raw materials and utilities. The company has focused on increasing the portfolio of international customers, especially from the region, Europe is the market that consumes 91% of the products that are produced in Rm. Vâlcea and Onești.

*"The international market continues to be dominated by an exceptionally high level of uncertainty. We have set within the company a set of indicators that we follow every day to monitor what happens to the cost elements, to react and fulfill our strategic plans. Rising commodity prices, new sanctions against Russia, or the future course of the coronavirus pandemic are risks that we are already taking into account now in domestic analyses. We are alert, but focused on development",* added Mr. Victor Avram.

Starting on January 17, 2022, the shares of Chimcomplex SA Borzești are freely traded on the Standard category of the Bucharest Stock Exchange, under the market symbol of CRC, continuing their course on the capital market started in 1996 on the Aero Market.

### **About Chimcomplex**

Chimcomplex is the leading manufacturer and supplier of vital chemicals in the region, specializing in polyols, Chlor-alkali and Oxo-Alcohols. It is a strategic company for the Romanian economy, the largest chemical plant with 2 industrial platforms in Onești and Râmnicu Vâlcea. Chimcomplex is a chemical company with a tradition of almost 70 years, which develops quality products for a better life and a sustainable future. In 2021 Chimcomplex registered a turnover of 2.244 billion lei.