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**Construction output in the first quarter of 2022
increased by 11.0%****Supplementary information to the News Release on
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Construction output in the first quarter of 2022 increased by 11.0%, year-on-year, and the growth took place in all months and segments. Compared to the Q4 2021, the production was by 5.5% higher. Besides others, it was a low comparison basis and favourable weather that contributed to the good result in the year beginning. Production of civil engineering construction grew faster (+17.2%); however, its contribution to the total increase was lower due to its lower weight (+3.7 percentage points (p. p.)). Production in building construction increased by 9.2%, year-on-year (contribution +7.3 p. p.).

Construction enterprises with 50+ employees concluded in the Czech Republic 15 602 construction orders in the Q1 2022 and, in the year-on-year comparison, the number increased by 2.4%. The total value of these orders increased by 5.8%, year-on-year, and amounted to CZK 68.9 billion at current prices. The development in segments considerably differed. New construction orders in the building construction reached the value of CZK 33.7 billion and grew by 26.3%, year-on-year, whereas the civil engineering construction was confronted with a relatively high comparison basis of the previous year and recorded a year-on-year decrease in the value of orders by 8.4% (CZK 35.2 billion). The average value of a newly concluded construction order amounted to CZK 4.4 million and was by 3.4% higher, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 21 552 building permits in the Q1 2022, which was a year-on-year growth by 9.9% and the highest value for that period since 2012. The numbers of building permits were increasing mainly as for new constructions; modifications to completed buildings rather stagnated. The highest number of building permits was granted in the *Středočeský* Region, in the *Jihomoravský* Region, and in the *Moravskoslezský* Region.

The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 120.4 billion and increased by 17.4%, year-on-year. The growth was driven by new constructions, modifications to completed buildings recorded a decrease due to a high comparison basis (last year, several rather large constructions of transport infrastructure were permitted). As for construction categories (types), the residential buildings construction was the biggest contributor to the growth; on the contrary, civil engineering works for transport, which are in large measure financed from public sources, decreased. A rather high growth of the value was also influenced by the price growth of construction work. After recalculating expected costs to constant prices, we get the year-on-year growth by 6.8%. Higher investments have been planned in the *Středočeský* Region, in Prague, and in the *Jihomoravský* Region.

In the Q1 2022, construction of 10 832 dwellings (flats) started and the number increased by over a quarter, year-on-year (+28.3%). The good result was partially contributed to by a lower comparison basis from the previous year affected by covid. Numbers of dwellings started were

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higher in all categories. In family houses, they increased by over a third (5 743 dwellings, +36.6%), in dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings there was an increase by 12.3% (3 208 dwellings). The highest number of dwellings started were in the *Středočeský* Region (predominantly family houses), in Prague (multi-dwelling buildings), and in the *Jihomoravský* Region, where both multi-dwelling buildings and family houses were started.

9 094 dwellings were completed and their number was rather stagnating, year-on-year (+0.6%). After unconvincing results from the previous year, completing of family houses was successfully started (5 189 dwellings, +4.1%), whereas multi-dwelling buildings were slightly below the level of the Q1 2021 (2 873 dwellings, -0.8%). The highest number of completions was in the *Středočeský* Region and in Prague.

The average registered number of employees in construction increased in the Q1 2022 by 1.5%, year-on-year. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 9.7%, year-on-year, in the Q1 2022.

Notes:

The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for working days. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted.

Methodology: https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_m

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