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**P R E S S R E L E A S E
BUILDING ACTIVITY
OCTOBER 2006**

The General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes provisional data for the Building Activity, based on the building permits issued from the country's Town-Planning Offices during October 2006.

**INCREASE OF THE TOTAL BUILDING ACTIVITY (PRIVATE-PUBLIC)
DURING JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006**

In January - October 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total, summed up to 68.075 building permits, which relate to 18.594,1 thousand m² of surface and 69.756,7 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 69.673 building permits, 18.768,5 thousand m² of surface and 68.283,4 thousand m³ of volume, of the same period 2005. Therefore in January-October 2006 there was a decrease 2,3% in the number of building permits, 0,9% in surface and increase 2,2% in volume.

It has to be noted that the percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume in January - October 2006 is 2,4%.

**Table 1. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
January - October 2006 και 2005**

| Region | Number of Building Permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 |
| Thraki | 3.515 | 3.642 | -3,5 | 971,4 | 1.036,1 | -6,2 | 3.671,3 | 3.715,0 | -1,2 |
| Central Macedonia | 9.647 | 10.025 | -3,8 | 3.509,9 | 3.643,4 | -3,7 | 14.385,3 | 13.839,9 | 3,9 |
| Western Macedonia | 1.178 | 1.342 | -12,2 | 383,6 | 525,6 | -27,0 | 1.366,0 | 1.769,8 | -22,8 |
| Thessalia | 4.105 | 4.309 | -4,7 | 1.245,8 | 1.266,9 | -1,7 | 4.556,9 | 4.651,6 | -2,0 |
| Ipiros | 2.005 | 2.182 | -8,1 | 604,4 | 697,8 | -13,4 | 2.195,7 | 2.617,2 | -16,1 |
| Ionian Islands | 2.629 | 2.294 | 14,6 | 581,8 | 465,6 | 25,0 | 2.021,5 | 1.619,3 | 24,8 |
| Western Greece | 4.512 | 4.743 | -4,9 | 1.005,2 | 1.138,8 | -11,7 | 3.771,8 | 4.146,0 | -9,0 |
| Central Greece | 4.641 | 4.775 | -2,8 | 1.300,2 | 1.254,4 | 3,6 | 5.393,8 | 4.835,5 | 11,5 |
| Peloponnisos | 5.597 | 5.688 | -1,6 | 1.450,3 | 1.230,2 | 17,9 | 5.242,8 | 4.495,6 | 16,6 |
| Attiki | 20.960 | 21.075 | -0,5 | 5.260,5 | 5.179,6 | 1,6 | 18.954,8 | 18.293,4 | 3,6 |
| Northern Egeo | 1.865 | 2.069 | -9,9 | 283,0 | 326,2 | -13,3 | 1.059,5 | 1.154,8 | -8,3 |
| Southern Egeo | 3.241 | 3.181 | 1,9 | 704,1 | 672,6 | 4,7 | 2.493,3 | 2.274,9 | 9,6 |
| Kriti | 4.180 | 4.348 | -3,9 | 1.293,8 | 1.331,5 | -2,8 | 4.643,9 | 4.870,5 | -4,7 |
| Country Total | 68.075 | 69.673 | -2,3 | 18.594,1 | 18.768,5 | -0,9 | 69.756,7 | 68.283,4 | 2,2 |

In October 2006, Building Activity (private-public) in country total summed up to 6.684 building permits, which relate to 1.803,4 thousand m² of surface and 6.855,2 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 7.661 building permits, 2.213,7 thousand m² of surface and 7.951,1 thousand m³ of volume of October 2005.

Therefore in October 2006 there was an annual decrease 12,8% in the number of building permits, 18,5% in surface and 13,8% in volume.

The Public Building Activity in country total has come up to 53 building permits, which relate to 17,8 thousand m² of surface and 79,8 thousand m³ of volume, as compared to 49 building permits, 19,1 thousand m² of surface and 79,6 thousand m³ of volume, of October 2005. The percentage contribution of Public Building Activity in the total building activity volume, in October 2006 is 1,2%.

**Table 2. Total Building Activity (Private-Public), by Region
October 2006 και 2005**

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 |
| Thraki | 356 | 436 | -18,3 | 80,5 | 128,2 | -37,2 | 292,5 | 446,7 | -34,5 |
| Central Macedonia | 962 | 1053 | -8,6 | 335,9 | 420,3 | -20,1 | 1.535,5 | 1.661,0 | -7,6 |
| Western Macedonia | 115 | 161 | -28,6 | 44,1 | 64,5 | -31,6 | 144,5 | 204,4 | -29,3 |
| Thessalia | 399 | 516 | -22,7 | 114,6 | 148,0 | -22,6 | 463,0 | 516,2 | -10,3 |
| Ipiros | 199 | 248 | -19,8 | 51,9 | 83,9 | -38,1 | 210,9 | 283,7 | -25,7 |
| Ionian Islands | 270 | 236 | 14,4 | 108,2 | 59,1 | 83,2 | 375,8 | 207,2 | 81,3 |
| Western Greece | 405 | 529 | -23,4 | 106,6 | 123,3 | -13,6 | 418,0 | 412,3 | 1,4 |
| Central Greece | 463 | 550 | -15,8 | 147,1 | 166,5 | -11,7 | 606,6 | 662,6 | -8,4 |
| Peloponnisos | 529 | 550 | -3,8 | 127,2 | 150,4 | -15,4 | 432,3 | 539,7 | -19,9 |
| Attiki | 2058 | 2362 | -12,9 | 464,5 | 616,0 | -24,6 | 1.593,4 | 2.134,1 | -25,3 |
| Northern Egeo | 195 | 198 | -1,5 | 27,2 | 26,3 | 3,2 | 109,1 | 93,5 | 16,6 |
| Southern Egeo | 244 | 367 | -33,5 | 53,0 | 76,2 | -30,4 | 177,3 | 252,3 | -29,7 |
| Kriti | 489 | 455 | 7,5 | 142,5 | 150,9 | -5,6 | 496,3 | 537,5 | -7,7 |
| Country Total | 6.684 | 7.661 | -12,8 | 1.803,4 | 2.213,7 | -18,5 | 6.855,2 | 7.951,1 | -13,8 |

INCREASE OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING JANUARY - OCTOBER 2006

During the period January-October 2006, in Private Building Activity, in country total, there was a decrease 2,3% in the number of building permits, 0,9% in surface and increase 2,4% in volume as compared to the same period of 2005.

In Attiki the building activity volume in January-October 2006, has come up to 18.836,9 thousand m³, as compared to 18.155,5 thousand m³ of 2005 (increase 3,8%).

For the rest of the country the building activity volume has come up to 49.262,6 thousand m³, as compared to 48.330,5 thousand m³, of the same period of 2005 (increase 1,9%).

The biggest increase was observed in the Region of Ionian Islands (25,2%) and Peloponnisos (17,4%).
On the contrary,great decrease in Building Activity was observed in the Region of Western Macedonia (27,1%).

Table 3. Private Building Activity by Region

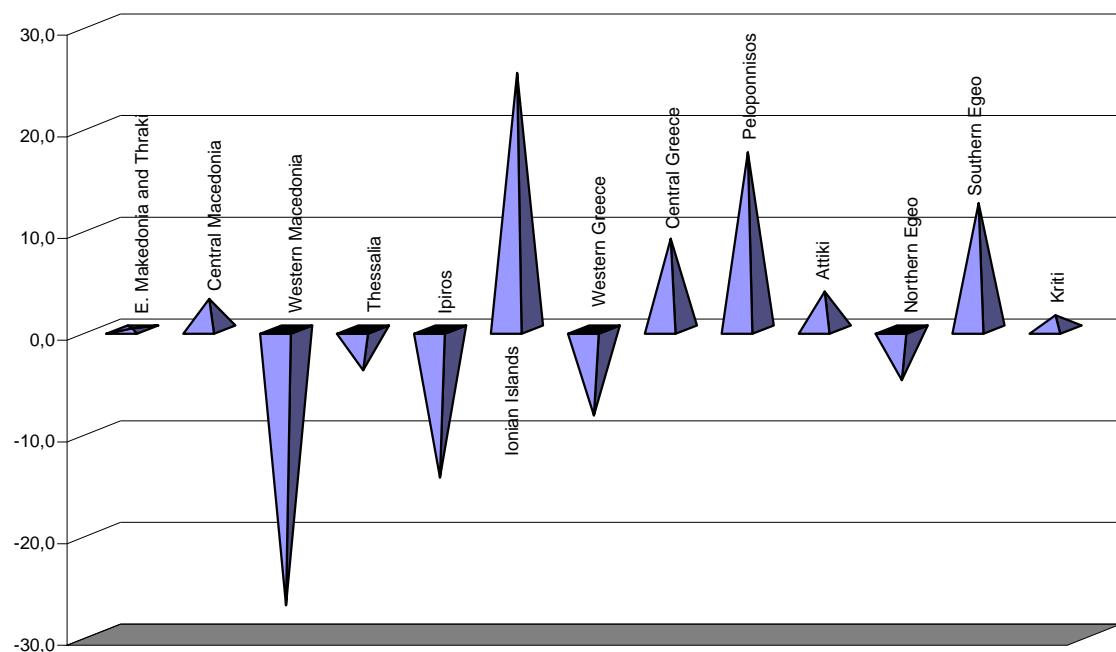
January - October 2006 και 2005

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 |
| Thraki | 3.459 | 3.595 | -3,8 | 942,9 | 996,3 | -5,4 | 3.551,5 | 3.547,4 | 0,1 |
| Central Macedonia | 9.487 | 9.836 | -3,5 | 3.421,8 | 3.589,3 | -4,7 | 13.963,3 | 13.554,8 | 3,0 |
| Western Macedonia | 1.146 | 1.309 | -12,5 | 356,2 | 510,4 | -30,2 | 1.249,5 | 1.713,7 | -27,1 |
| Thessalia | 4.060 | 4.281 | -5,2 | 1.209,9 | 1.244,6 | -2,8 | 4.384,0 | 4.566,7 | -4,0 |
| Ipiros | 1.977 | 2.149 | -8,0 | 588,4 | 666,3 | -11,7 | 2.116,9 | 2.476,6 | -14,5 |
| Ionian Islands | 2.607 | 2.279 | 14,4 | 572,0 | 459,5 | 24,5 | 1.980,6 | 1.581,4 | 25,2 |
| Western Greece | 4.487 | 4.709 | -4,7 | 994,4 | 1.119,1 | -11,1 | 3.722,9 | 4.066,3 | -8,4 |
| Central Greece | 4.594 | 4.742 | -3,1 | 1.259,7 | 1.241,8 | 1,4 | 5.194,8 | 4.767,8 | 9,0 |
| Peloponnisos | 5.561 | 5.648 | -1,5 | 1.424,7 | 1.208,6 | 17,9 | 5.135,2 | 4.373,2 | 17,4 |
| Attiki | 20.925 | 21.036 | -0,5 | 5.236,5 | 5.148,3 | 1,7 | 18.836,9 | 18.155,5 | 3,8 |
| Northern Egeo | 1.852 | 2.053 | -9,8 | 271,7 | 305,6 | -11,1 | 1.005,2 | 1.057,8 | -5,0 |
| Southern Egeo | 3.219 | 3.145 | 2,4 | 697,5 | 650,8 | 7,2 | 2.449,8 | 2.179,0 | 12,4 |
| Kriti | 4.142 | 4.306 | -3,8 | 1.264,0 | 1.257,3 | 0,5 | 4.508,8 | 4.445,7 | 1,4 |
| Country Total | 67.516 | 69.088 | -2,3 | 18.240,0 | 18.397,9 | -0,9 | 68.099,5 | 66.485,9 | 2,4 |

Private Building Activity by Region

January - October 2006 and 2005

% of change of building volume



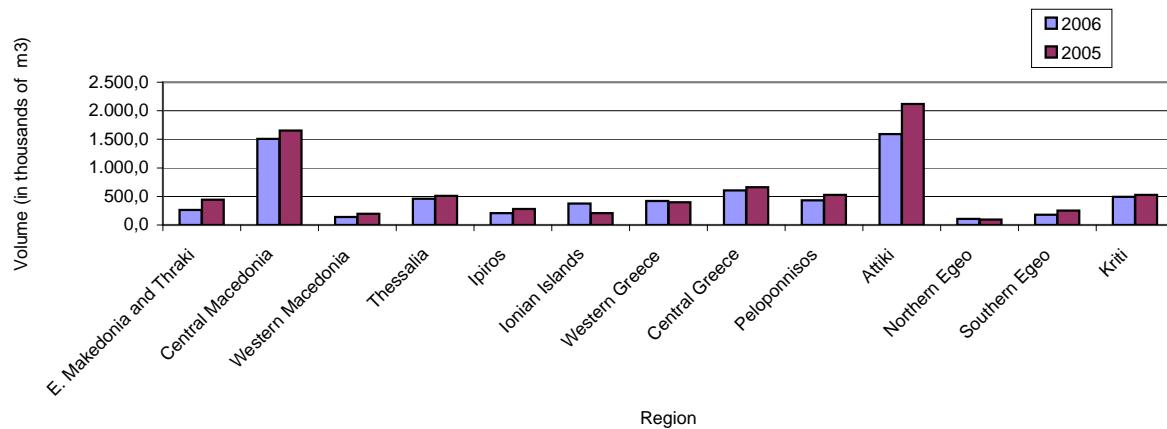
In October 2006 the Private Building Activity in country total summed up to 6.631 building permits, which relate to 1.785,6 thousand m² of surface and 6.775,4 thousand m³ of building volume, as compared to 7.612 building permits, 2.194,6 thousand m² of surface and 7.871,5 thousand m³ of volume of October 2005.

There was an annual decrease 12,9% in the number of building permits, 18,6% in surface and 13,9% in volume.

Table 4. Private Building Activity by Region
October 2006 and 2005

| Region | Number of building permits | | | Surface (in thousands of m ²) | | | Volume (in thousands of m ³) | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) 2006/2005 |
| Thraki | 346 | 432 | -19,9 | 73,9 | 126,5 | -41,6 | 263,2 | 440,4 | -40,2 |
| Central Macedonia | 946 | 1.041 | -9,1 | 329,9 | 418,2 | -21,1 | 1.506,8 | 1.651,3 | -8,8 |
| Western Macedonia | 113 | 157 | -28,0 | 43,6 | 61,8 | -29,4 | 142,3 | 197,0 | -27,8 |
| Thessalia | 396 | 513 | -22,8 | 113,5 | 146,8 | -22,7 | 457,3 | 511,6 | -10,6 |
| Ipiros | 195 | 247 | -21,1 | 50,6 | 83,5 | -39,4 | 205,5 | 281,8 | -27,1 |
| Ionian Islands | 268 | 234 | 14,5 | 108,0 | 59,0 | 83,2 | 374,5 | 206,7 | 81,2 |
| Western Greece | 404 | 524 | -22,9 | 106,5 | 120,0 | -11,2 | 417,8 | 399,9 | 4,5 |
| Central Greece | 461 | 549 | -16,0 | 146,8 | 166,5 | -11,8 | 605,7 | 662,6 | -8,6 |
| Peloponnisos | 527 | 544 | -3,1 | 126,6 | 147,3 | -14,1 | 430,2 | 525,9 | -18,2 |
| Attiki | 2.052 | 2.356 | -12,9 | 463,9 | 613,0 | -24,3 | 1.590,3 | 2.121,1 | -25,0 |
| Northern Egeo | 195 | 197 | -1,0 | 27,2 | 26,3 | 3,3 | 109,1 | 93,5 | 16,7 |
| Southern Egeo | 242 | 366 | -33,9 | 53,0 | 75,9 | -30,2 | 177,3 | 251,6 | -29,5 |
| Kriti | 486 | 452 | 7,5 | 142,3 | 149,8 | -5,1 | 495,4 | 528,3 | -6,2 |
| Country Total | 6.631 | 7.612 | -12,9 | 1.785,6 | 2.194,6 | -18,6 | 6.775,4 | 7.871,5 | -13,9 |

Private Building Activity by Region
October 2006 and 2005



1Summary metadata: The data above refer to the authorized building activity(public and private).

Specifically the results above refer to data on building permits totally issued by the competent authorities. Such data are collected through a special monthly survey , the building permit survey. The data are collected from administrative sources(Town Planning Offices).External engineers, simultaneously with the issue of the building permit, fill in the questionnaires, properly designed for the survey.

A building permit is an authorization to start work on a building project. As such a permit is the final stage of planning and building authorizations, prior to the start of work.

The legal basis of the survey is :- L. 2396/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretary of National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and archives and the regulation of issues regarding census surveys and statistical works) and the following STS Regulations:

- EU Regulation 1165/98 (concerning short-term statistics)
- EU Regulation 1158/2005 (amending EU Regulation 1165/98).

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