INFORMATION ON THE MONTHLY INDEX OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, IMACEC FEBRUARY 2006

According to preliminary information, February's Imacec increased 4.9% over the same month the year before. The seasonally-adjusted series dropped 0.2% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series showed an annualized expansion of 5.2%.

This results reflects the weak performance of the agricultural sector and the recovery of mining activity.