

To: **Bucharest Stock Exchange
Financial Supervisory Authority
London Stock Exchange**

Current report according to Article 99 (s) of the Code of the Bucharest Stock Exchange Market Operator, Title II, Issuers and Financial Instruments

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The filing of the application for the approval of the Prospectus with the Romanian Financial Supervision Authority does not constitute a guarantee that the Fund will actually proceed with the offering; the Fund's decision to launch the offering will depend on several factors (including market conditions, the approval of the Prospectus by the Romanian Financial Supervision Authority and the confirmation of the UK Listing Authority regarding the eligibility of the Company for admission to the Official List of the UK Financial Conduct Authority)

Important events to be reported:

Fondul Proprietatea S.A. to proceed with a partial sale of its shares in OMV Petrom S.A. by way of a secondary public offering

Franklin Templeton Investment Management Ltd. United Kingdom Bucharest Branch, in its capacity as Investment Manager of Fondul Proprietatea S.A. (the "**Fund**"), announces that, as part of its ongoing commitment to increase value for its shareholders and to improve the liquidity of the assets in the Fund's portfolio, the Fund has taken a decision to proceed with a partial sale of its ownership interest in OMV Petrom S.A. (the "**Company**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") via a public offering of both shares and global depository receipts representing interests in the existing shares of the Company ("**GDRs**"), with the GDRs intended to be admitted to listing on the standard segment of the official list (the "**Official List**") of the UK Financial Conduct Authority (the "**UK FCA**") and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities (the "**Main Market**") (subject to satisfying certain eligibility criteria). The Company is the largest vertically integrated oil and gas producer in South-Eastern Europe.

Report date:

23 September 2016

Name of the issuing entity:

Fondul Proprietatea S.A.

Registered office:

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Sole Registration Code with the Trade Register Office:

18253260

Order number in the Trade Register:

J40/21901/2005

Subscribed share capital:

RON 9,320,973,180.85

Paid-up share capital:

RON 9,011,732,683.35

Number of shares in issue:

10,965,850,801

Number of paid shares:

10,602,038,451

Regulated market on which the issued securities are traded:

Shares on Bucharest Stock Exchange

GDRs on London Stock Exchange

Offering Highlights

- The Fund to proceed with a sale of part of its interest in OMV Petrom S.A. through a public offering of both shares and GDRs. The offering will consist of the Fund's owned shares only. The Company will not raise new capital in connection with the public offering and will not receive any of the proceeds from it;
- The shares and GDRs will be offered to retail and institutional investors in Romania through a public offering. The shares and GDRs will be offered in the US to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) and outside of the US in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and in accordance with locally applicable laws and regulations;
- The partial reduction of the Fund’s shareholding in OMV Petrom S.A. is envisaged to increase the free float of the Company’s shares;
- The Fund currently holds approximately 19% of the issued share capital of the Company (representing 22.87% of the Fund's NAV as at 31 August 2016) and aims to enhance the trading liquidity of the Company's shares while remaining committed as a long term core shareholder to its successful development;
- Shareholders of OMV Petrom S.A confirmed, by means of a decision of the shareholders' assembly, their support for the Company’s GDRs to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the UK FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s Main Market, in addition to the existing listing of its ordinary shares on the Bucharest Stock Exchange;
- The offering is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2016, subject to market conditions, approval of the Prospectus by the Romanian Financial Supervision Authority and the confirmation of the UK Listing Authority regarding the eligibility of the Company for admission to the Official List of the UK Financial Conduct Authority;
- In respect of its residual ownership interest in OMV Petrom S.A., the Fund has committed to a 360-day lock-up following closing of the offering, subject to certain exceptions.

In relation to the offering, Goldman Sachs International is acting as Sole Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner and Banca Comercială Română, Erste Group and WOOD & Company are acting as Joint

Bookrunners.

Full details of the offering will be included in the Prospectus expected to be published in due course.

Company Overview

OMV Petrom S.A. is the largest integrated oil and gas group in South-Eastern Europe, with an annual oil and gas production of approximately 65 mn boe in 2015. The Group has a refining capacity of 4.5 mn tons / year and operates an 860 MW high efficiency power plant and a 45 MW wind park. The Group is present on the oil products retail markets in Romania and neighbouring countries through 784 filling stations, as at 30 June 2016.

OMV Aktiengesellschaft, one of Austria's largest listed industrial companies, holds a 51.01% stake in OMV Petrom S.A. The Romanian state, via the Ministry of Energy, holds 20.64% of OMV Petrom S.A. shares, Fondul Proprietatea holds 18.99%, and 9.36% is free float on the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

Fondul Overview

The Fund is a joint stock company incorporated in Romania, operating as an alternative investment fund in accordance with the laws of Romania and is registered with and supervised by the Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority. The Fund's investment objective is the maximisation of returns and per-share capital appreciation via investments mainly in Romanian equities and equity-linked securities. The portfolio of the Fund is heavily weighted in the power, oil and gas sectors through a number of listed and unlisted, privately-held and State-controlled entities incorporated in Romania.

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