

**Statement by Michael Knipper
Managing Director of the German Construction Industry Federation
On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of ARACO**

Dear President Plosceanu, dear colleagues and friends of the Romanian Construction Federation,

On behalf of the German Construction Industry Federation I am delighted to congratulate ARACO on its 20th anniversary. Since the year 2004, and following the signing of a cooperation agreement in 2005, our federations have engaged in a fruitful and mutually beneficial co-operation. German construction companies and our federation have supported the political and economic reforms in Romania leading to the EU membership in 2007 and have developed strong ties with your country. Our leading enterprises are active on the Romanian construction market with local subsidiaries and work on important projects together with Romanian partners, thus contributing to employment, infrastructure development and transfer of know-how. ARACO has always supported this partnership and has established itself as a competent and internationally recognized representative of the Romanian construction sector. On the European and bilateral level ARACO is the voice of the Romanian construction industry and contributes actively via FIEC to the European integration and harmonization process. Your organization is thus covering a wide range of topics from legislative issues to social partnership and vocational training. Along with our thanks for the good spirit of co-operation we hope to expand the collaboration between our federations and companies in the future, realize common endeavors, such as vocational training, and collaborate for better chances and business environment for our members. I would like to extend to you our best wishes for successful and fulfilling work!

Yours sincerely

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