PANAMANIAN COMPANIES RECORDED RECORD PROFITS

In the third quarter of 2016.

In conjunction with the economic growth and the increase in foreign direct investment, a total of 19 Panamanian companies showed a significant increase in their profits by 174.4 million dollars until the third quarter of 2016, 24.3% more compared to the same period of the year 2015, according to a report of the Economic and Social Analysis of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF).

This increase in the profits of these companies, represents a positive contribution to the economic dynamics of the country, since a 79% of these companies achieved a net growth in their profits. The increase in earnings is the result of increased income with an additional $311.3 million (6.2%) compared to their expenses by $195.2 million (3.7%).

In detail, the information indicates that, in the financial sector, all banks contributors in the Stock Market showed higher profits, which stick up above of the BAC International Bank and subsidiaries with 12.8% and the Banco General and subsidiaries with 12.4% added.

These results go hand in hand with the performance of the economic activity of financial intermediation, which showed an increase of 7.2% in its value added to the economy until the third quarter of 2016, compared with the same period of the previous year.

In air transport, Copa Holding saw high net profits of $67.8 million, that is to say, a 1,091.3% in relation to 2015. This increase was the result of the recovery in traffic revenues and at the low price of fuels, in addition to a reduction of their expenses in general.

Exports of services and the good performance of the transport line in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), are the result of the improvement shown by the transport in the third quarter of 2016, notes the report of the MEF.

In the field of telecommunications, Cable Onda increase in profits of $6.9 million, or 21.0% compared with the year 2015. This increase is the result of the obtaining of higher revenues in its portfolio of services (digital television, internet access and fixed telephony). The increase was a 16.9% in terms of revenue, exposes the publication of the Direction of Economic and Social Analysis of the MEF.