

## AUTUMN 2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR LITHUANIA: ANSWERS FROM LPK

MAIN FORECAST						
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>				
Real GDP growth	1.0	0.8				
Consumer price inflation	4.2	2.6				
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4				
Employment growth	1.0	1.1				
<b>Components of aggregate demand</b>						
<i>Annual % change</i>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>				
Private consumption	1.1	1.3				
Public consumption	1.3	1.2				
Investment (Gross fixed capital formation)	na	na				
Exports	2.3	2.5				
Imports	2.3	1.8				
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT						
	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Unchanged</b>			
<b>Trend in business climate over the next 6 months</b>		Industry Services				
	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Unchanged</b>			
<b>Trend in profitability over the next 6 months</b>		Industry Services				
	<b>Increase (faster pace)</b>	<b>Increase (slower pace)</b>	<b>Unchanged</b>	<b>Decrease (slower pace)</b>	<b>Decrease (faster pace)</b>	
<b>Investment intentions over the next 6 months</b>			Industry Services			
	<b>Replacement</b>	<b>Extension</b>	<b>Rationalisation</b>	<b>Innovation</b>		
<b>Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months</b>	Same	Same	Same	Same		
	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Unchanged</b>			
<b>Trend in consumer confidence over the next 6 months</b>		yes				
	<b>Industry: past 6 months</b>	<b>Industry: next 6 months</b>	<b>Services: past 6 months</b>	<b>Services: next 6 months</b>		
<b>Overall trend in employment</b>	Down	Down	Down	Down		
	<b>Higher / more difficult</b>	<b>Same</b>	<b>Lower / less difficult</b>			
<b>Over the next 6 months, cost/access to finance will be...</b>	Cost Access					
	<b>to a large extent</b>	<b>to some extent</b>	<b>to a limited extent</b>	<b>not at all</b>		
<b>Financial market turmoil has affected companies' investment decisions negatively ...</b>		yes				
POLICY MIX						
	<b>Not necessary, situation is satisfactory</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Deteriorating</b>
<b>Progress towards medium-term budgetary objective is...</b>				yes		
	<b>Tight, appropriate for the euro area</b>	<b>Tight</b>	<b>Appropriate</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Loose, appropriate for the euro area</b>	
<b>Monetary policy is...</b>			yes			
	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>				
<b>Consistency between fiscal and monetary policies</b>		yes				