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JSC Bank Of Georgia Receives A US\$25 Million Loan From Merrill Lynch

Bank of Georgia (GSE: GEB), a leading Georgian universal bank, announced today that it has entered into a US\$25 million 364 day unsecured term loan facility agreement with Merrill Lynch International, a part of Merrill Lynch (NYSE: MER).

“I am delighted to welcome Merrill Lynch to the small group of our core relationship banks, and look forward to doing more businesses with them in the future “, commented **Lado Gurgendidze**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

About Bank of Georgia

Bank of Georgia is a leading Georgian universal bank. The bank markets and distributes a wide spectrum of retail products through its extensive branch network, and offers a full range of commercial banking and investment banking services to corporate clients. Additionally, BCI, the wholly-owned insurance subsidiary of the bank, offers a wide range of corporate and retail insurance products (through its newly launched *Chemebi* retail brand). As at July 31, 2006, the bank had GEL 756.1 million in assets and GEL 118.8 million in equity. In 1H 2006, the bank earned consolidated net income of GEL 9.4 million. The bank has a B-/B with Stable outlook from FitchRatings, B3/NP (FC), Baa3/P-3 (LC) ratings with Stable outlook from Moody's and B+/B with Stable outlook from Standard & Poor's.

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