

Bank Of Georgia Receives A US\$ 25 Million Unsecured Term Loan Facility From Citigroup

Bank of Georgia (GSE: GEB), a leading Georgian universal bank announced today that it has entered into a US\$ 25 million 18-month unsecured term loan facility agreement with Citibank N.A., London, a part of Citigroup (NYSE: C). This facility is the first commercial loan received by any Georgian company from any bulge bracket bank, without any participation of the IFIs. Citigroup has purchased credit protection on the facility in the international Credit Default Swap markets.

“I am delighted that Bank of Georgia has completed this milestone transaction with Citigroup. We have ambitious debt funding plans this year and next, and are methodically implementing our program of establishing Bank of Georgia as an accepted borrower in the international markets by arranging debut transactions for a variety of debt instruments”, noted **Lado Gurgenidze**, Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Georgia.

“We were pleased to arrange this financing facility for Bank of Georgia through innovative routes of risk distribution in capital markets. The Bank of Georgia management’s high professionalism, business transparency and strategy, and impressive recent performance have made this exercise a success. It also allowed our investors to gain new exposure into corporate risk in Georgia. We hope this transaction forms a solid foundation to expand our activities in this growing economy”, said **Ahmet Bekce**, Co-Head of CEEMEA Debt Markets at Citigroup.

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 February 28, 2006, the bank had GEL 548.4 million in assets and GEL 97.2 million in equity. In 2005, the bank earned net income of GEL 12.8 million.

About Citigroup

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