

## **Bank Of Georgia Announces The Completion Of Merger Between BCI And Aldagi**

JSC Bank of Georgia (LSE: BGEO, GSE: GEB), the leading Georgian universal bank, announced today the successful completion of the merger between BCI, the bank's wholly-owned insurance subsidiary and Aldagi, the leading Georgian insurance company acquired by BCI in December 2006. The two companies were merged on 22 June 2007 and the combined entity now operates under the name JSC Insurance Company Aldagi BCI.

"I congratulate my colleagues on the successful completion of the merger and the operational integration of Aldagi and BCI creating the market leader in the Georgian insurance sector, with market share by gross premiums written exceeding 40%. This is our seventh acquisition of a financial services company in Georgia since October 2004, and the flawless execution of this merger is yet another testimony of the professionalism and transactional acumen of our team," commented **Lado Gurgenidze**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Bank of Georgia.

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### **About Bank of Georgia**

Bank of Georgia, a leading universal Georgian bank with operations in Georgia and Ukraine, is the largest bank by assets, loans, deposits and equity in Georgia, with 32% market share by total assets (all data according to the NBG as of 30 June 2007). The major component of the Galt & Taggart Index, the bank has 104 branches and over 500,000 retail and more than 50,000 corporate current accounts. The bank offers a full range of retail banking and corporate and investment banking services to its customers across Georgia. The bank also provides a wide range of corporate and retail insurance products through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Aldagi BCI, as well as asset & wealth management services.

Bank of Georgia has, as of the date hereof, the following credit ratings:

Standard & Poor's	'B+/B'	Stable
Moody's	'B3/NP' (FC) & 'Ba1/P-3' (LC)	Stable
Fitch Ratings	'B+/B'	Stable

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