

Management Discussion and Analysis for the six months and Q2 ended 30 June 2021

| Financial and non-financial highlights                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Revenue                                                                                                                                                         | Results from operating<br>activities                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q2 2021       6M 2021         149,761       277,627         +21.5% from Q2 2020       +13.2% from 6M 2020         +17.1% from Q1 2021       +13.2% from 6M 2020 | Q2 2021     6M 2021       35,224     93,216       +56.1% from Q2 2020     +28.4% from 6M 2020       +43.8% from Q1 2021     +28.4% from 6M 2020 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                                                                 | Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                                                                 | Adjusted EBITDA<br>margin                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA<br><u>Q2 2021</u> <u>6M 2021</u>                                                                                                                | ,                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Net debt to adjusted |
|----------------------|
| EBITDA               |
| <u>30 Jun 2021</u>   |
| 6.01                 |

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# 1. Profit or Loss Statement

### **Profit and loss statement**

6 month period ended 30 June

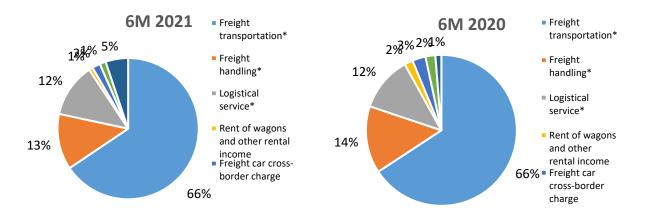
| GEL '000                                         | Q2 2021 | Q2 2020 | у-о-у   | Q1 2021 | q-o-q   | 6M 2021  | 6M 2020  | y-o-y %<br>change | y-o-y<br>Abs.<br>change |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue                                          | 149,761 | 123,308 | 21.5%   | 127,866 | 17.1%   | 277,627  | 245,332  | 13.2%             | 32,295                  |
| Other income                                     | 1,231   | 1,539   | -20.1%  | 2,265   | -45.7%  | 3,495    | 4,922    | -29.0%            | -1,427                  |
| Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0                 | 0                       |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables             | 1,519   | -1,543  | -198.4% | -2,004  | -175.8% | -485     | -1,902   | -74.5%            | 1,416                   |
| Employee benefits expense                        | -44,089 | -42,580 | 3.5%    | -40,537 | 8.8%    | -84,626  | -82,810  | 2.2%              | -1,817                  |
| Depreciation and amortization                    | -17,653 | -19,288 | -8.5%   | -17,346 | 1.8%    | -34,999  | -39,667  | -11.8%            | 4,668                   |
| Electricity, consumables and maintenance costs   | -11,049 | -9,187  | 20%     | -10,594 | 4.3%    | -21,644  | -20,720  | 4.5%              | -923                    |
| Other expenses                                   | -24,737 | -17,026 | 45.3%   | -21,416 | 15.5%   | -46,152  | -32,553  | 41.8%             | -13,599                 |
| Result from operating activities                 | 54,981  | 35,224  | 56.1%   | 38,234  | 43.8%   | 93,215   | 72,602   | 28.4%             | 20,613                  |
| Net finance income/loss                          | -32,508 | 81,648  | -139.8% | -92,443 | -64.8%  | -124,951 | -138,101 | -9.5%             | 13,150                  |
|                                                  |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |                   |                         |
| Profit before income tax                         | 22,473  | 116,872 | -80.8%  | -54,209 | -141.5% | -31,736  | -65,499  | -51.5%            | 33,763                  |
| Income tax expense(benefit)                      | -126    | -116    | 9.3%    | -172    | -26.5%  | -298     | -337     | -11.5%            | 39                      |
| Profit and total comprehensive income            | 22,347  | 116,757 | -80.9%  | -54,381 | -141.1% | -32,034  | -65,836  | -51.3%            | 33,802                  |
|                                                  |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |                   |                         |
| Adjusted EBITDA*                                 | 71,116  | 56,055  | 26.9%   | 57,584  | 23.5%   | 128,700  | 114,171  | 12.7%             | 14,529                  |
| Adjusted EBITDA Margin                           | 47.5%   | 45.5%   | NA      | 45.03%  | NA      | 46.4%    | 46.5%    | NA                | -0.2%                   |

\*Adjusted EBITDA calculated as EBITDA as in previous reports

### 1.1 Revenue Revenue breakdown

| Revenue bleakdown                      |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |             |                                           | In GEL         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 6 month period ended 30 June           |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |             |                                           | 1n GEL<br>'000 |
| GEL '000                               | Q2 2021 | Q2 2020 | у-о-у  | Q1 2021 | q-o-q   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | %<br>Change | %<br>Change<br>at<br>constant<br>currency | Abs.<br>Change |
|                                        |         |         | -      |         |         | -       | -       |             |                                           |                |
| Freight transportation*                | 97,857  | 85,415  | 14.6%  | 84,187  | 16.2%   | 182,044 | 161,361 | 12.8%       | 0.6%                                      | 20,683         |
| Freight handling*                      | 17,020  | 17,365  | -2.0%  | 18,485  | -7.9%   | 35,505  | 35,303  | 0.6%        | -10.3%                                    | 202            |
| Logistical service*                    | 16,601  | 15,817  | 5.0%   | 17,690  | -6.2%   | 34,291  | 28,931  | 18.5%       | 5.7%                                      | 5,360          |
| Rent of wagons and other rental income | 1,187   | 228     | 421.0% | 1,219   | -2.6%   | 2,406   | 4,423   | -45.6%      | -51.5%                                    | -2,017         |
| Freight car cross-border<br>charge     | 221     | 2,055   | -89.2% | 4,930   | -95.5%  | 5,151   | 6,999   | -26.4%      | -34.4%                                    | -1,848         |
| Passenger traffic                      | 3,125   | 481     | 549.6% | 767     | 307.4%  | 3,892   | 5,163   | -24.6%      | -32.8%                                    | -1,271         |
| Other                                  | 13,749  | 1,947   | 606.2% | 588     | 2238.3% | 14,337  | 3,152   | 354.9%      | 305.6%                                    | 11,185         |
| Revenue                                | 149,761 | 123,308 | 21.5%  | 127,866 | 17.1%   | 277,627 | 245,332 | 13.2%       | 0.9%                                      | 32,295         |
| Other income                           | 1,230   | 1,539   | -20.1% | 2,265   | -45.7%  | 3,495   | 4,922   | -29.0%      | -36.7%                                    | -1,427         |
|                                        |         |         |        | -       |         |         |         | -           |                                           |                |
| Freight transportation                 | 97,857  | 85,415  | 14.6%  | 84,187  | 16.2%   | 182,044 | 161,361 | 12.8%       | 0.6%                                      | 20,683         |
| Liquid cargoes                         | 44,081  | 31,105  | 41.7%  | 38,541  | 14.4%   | 82,622  | 59,149  | 39.7%       | 24.6%                                     | 23,473         |
| Oil products                           | 44,044  | 31,095  | 41.6%  | 38,509  | 14.4%   | 82,554  | 58,921  | 40.1%       | 24.9%                                     | 23,633         |
| Crude oil                              | 36      | 10      | 259.5% | 32      | 13.5%   | 68      | 228     | -70.2%      | -73.4%                                    | -160           |
|                                        |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |             |                                           |                |
| Dry cargoes                            | 53,776  | 54,311  | -1.0%  | 45,646  | 17.8%   | 99,422  | 102,212 | -2.7%       | -13.3%                                    | -2,790         |
| Ores                                   | 9,247   | 9,537   | -3.0%  | 7,084   | 30.5%   | 16,331  | 19,037  | -14.2%      | -23.5%                                    | -2,706         |
| Grain                                  | 1,216   | 2,470   | -50.8% | 872     | 39.5%   | 2,088   | 3,405   | -38.7%      | -45.3%                                    | -1,317         |
| Ferrous metals and scrap               | 3,344   | 3,103   | 7.8%   | 2,338   | 43.0%   | 5,681   | 6,958   | -18.3%      | -27.2%                                    | -1,277         |
| Sugar                                  | 5,643   | 4,196   | 34.5%  | 5,603   | 0.7%    | 11,246  | 4,183   | 168.8%      | 139.7%                                    | 7,063          |
| Chemicals and fertilizers              | 5,907   | 5,245   | 12.6%  | 8,965   | -34.1%  | 14,872  | 13,748  | 8.2%        | -3.5%                                     | 1,123          |
| Construction freight                   | 1,743   | 1,952   | -10.7% | 1,354   | 28.7%   | 3,097   | 3,769   | -17.8%      | -26.7%                                    | -672           |
| Industrial freight                     | 1,403   | 1,606   | -12.7% | 1,549   | -9.5%   | 2,952   | 3,003   | -1.7%       | -12.4%                                    | -51            |
| Cement                                 | 122     | 29      | 316.8% | 111     | 9.4%    | 233     | 247     | -5.7%       | -15.9%                                    | -14            |
| Other                                  | 25,152  | 26,173  | -3.9%  | 17,771  | 41.5%   | 42,923  | 47,862  | -10.3%      | -20.0%                                    | -4,939         |
|                                        |         |         |        |         |         |         |         |             |                                           |                |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km)      | 819     | 679     | 20.7%  | 839     | -2.4%   | 1,658   | 1,494   | 11.0%       | -1.0%                                     | 164            |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)            | 11.95   | 12.58   | -5.0%  | 10.03   | 19.1%   | 10.98   | 10.80   | 1.6%        | -9.4%                                     | 0.18           |

The following charts represent revenue breakdown for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020:



### Freight transportation revenue

Most of the Group's revenue (about 66 percent in first 6 months of 2021) is derived from freight transportation. GR's freight transportation revenue consists of liquid and dry cargoes. The split between liquid and dry cargo revenue in first 6 months of 2021 was about 45 and 55 percent, respectively. Freight transportation revenue, has increased by 12.8% percent (GEL 20,683 million) during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year.

|     | Average rate |         |          |           | Reporting date spot rates |           |           |          |  |
|-----|--------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
|     | 6M 2021      | 6M 2020 | % Change | 30-Jun-21 | 31-Dec-20                 | 30-Jun-20 | 31-Dec-19 | % Change |  |
| USD | 3.32         | 3.03    | 9.51%    | 3.16      | 3.28                      | 3.06      | 2.87      | -3.55%   |  |
| CHF | 3.66         | 3.14    | 16.51%   | 3.43      | 3.71                      | 3.23      | 2.95      | -7.54%   |  |

The Group's transportation revenue depends on several factors, including GEL/USD exchange rate as the Group's tariffs for freight transportation are denominated in USD. Fluctuations in GEL/USD exchange rate also affect the Group's profitability, as significant part of the expenses are denominated in GEL.

Despite COVID-19 global pandemic during second quarter of 2021, GR managed to continue freight operations and even increased transportation volumes.

Total freight volume transported by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2021 has increased by 10.1 percent, compared to the same period of previous year. Transported volumes of liquid cargo has increased by 46.3 percent, at the same time transported volumes of dry cargo has decreased by 3.2 percent (see Appendix 1).

### **Oil Products**

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant<br>currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 82,554  | 58,921  | 40.1%    | 27.9%                               |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 2,135.6 | 1,455.9 | 46.7%    | NA                                  |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 695.0   | 425.5   | 63.4%    | NA                                  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 11.88   | 13.85   | -14.2%   | -21.7%                              |

#### Main directions of cargo

Oil products currently are the main component of liquid cargo (nearly 100 percent of the transportation volume of liquid cargo in 2021). They are mainly transported by rail, as there is practically no competition from pipelines.

Oil products transported by the Group during six months period ended 30 June 2021 mainly originated from Azerbaijan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan with significant changes in transportation 

 Transportation volume by countries of origin

 37% 35%

 13%
 13%

 2%
 13%

 6M 2021
 6M 2020

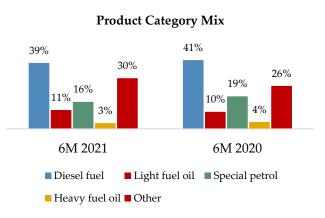
■ Turkmenistan ■ Azerbaijan ■ Russia ■ Kazakhstan ■ Other

direction mix compared to the same period of 2020. The share of Kazakhstan was down to 2 percent from 8 percent, other countries to 13 percent from 15 percent, Russia 13 percent from 26 percent. While the share of Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan increased by about 16 and 5 percentage points, respectively in total oil products transported by the Group.

#### Factors influencing performance

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 63.4 percent increase in transportation turnover was mainly driven by increased transported volume by 46.7 percent, mainly caused by increased transportation from Turkmenistan by 481,821 tons and from Azerbaijan 313,599 tons.

<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> - decrease in average revenue per ton-kilometer during the period under review, compared to the same



period of the previous year, was mainly due to changes in product direction mix and product category mix. The share of Russia (which is relatively more profitable direction) decreased, while the share of Turkmenistan (which is relatively less profitable direction) increased. As well as, the share of light aviation fuel (which is relatively more profitable product) has decreased and the share of light fuel oil (which is relatively less profitable product) has increased in total oil products transported by Georgian Railway.

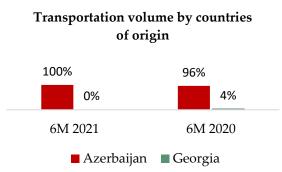
### Crude Oil

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant<br>currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 68      | 228     | -70.2%   | -72.8%                              |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 2.2     | 5.2     | -58.0%   | NA                                  |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 0.9     | 1.9     | -54.0%   | NA                                  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 7.88    | 12.13   | -35.1%   | -40.7%                              |

#### Main directions of cargo

Within the six months ended 30 June 2021, the country of origin was Azerbaijan with approximately 2,200 tones and destination was turkey. In 2020 volume was approximately 5,000 tones with mostly originated from Azerbaijan and country of destination was Georgia.



#### Factors influencing performance

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – Transportation turnover decreased

by 54 percent due to decreased volumes from Azerbaijan by approximately 3000 tons in the first six months of 2021.

<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – significant decrease in revenue per ton-kilometer was due to decreased average distance and average tariffs on Azerbaijanian direction in the first six months period of 2021, compared to the same period of 2020.

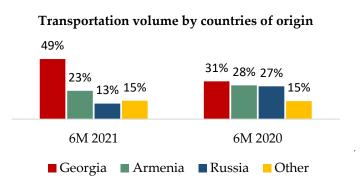
### Ores

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant<br>currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 16,331  | 19,037  | -14.2%   | -21.7%                              |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 864.9   | 855.1   | 1.1%     | NA                                  |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 137.2   | 186.7   | -26.5%   | NA                                  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 11.90   | 10.20   | 16.7%    | 6.6%                                |

#### Main directions of cargo

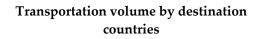
Ore products transported by the Group during six months ended 30 June 2021, mainly originated from Georgia, Armenia and Russia. Main destination countries were Georgia, China, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria.

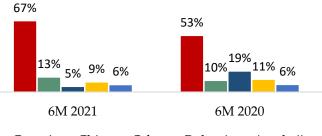


#### **Factors influencing performance**

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 26.5 percent decrease in transportation turnover was mainly driven by decreased transportation from Russia by 119,00 tons.

<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – 17 percent increase in average revenue per tonkilometer was mainly due to change in product direction mix and product category mix. The share of freight volumes to relatively more profitable direction, such Georgia increased while the share of





■ Georgia ■ China ■ Other ■ Bulgaria ■ Azerbaijan

Cyprus (relatively less profitable direction) decreased. As well as, the share of manganese ores and concentrates (which is relatively more profitable product) increased significantly, while the share of bituminous coal (relatively less profitable product) decreased, in the first six month of 2021, compared to the same period of previous year.

### Ferrous metals and scrap

6 month period ended 30 June

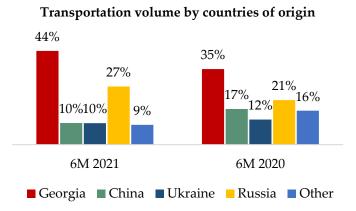
|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 5,681   | 6,958   | -18.3%   | -25.4%                           |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 286.1   | 295.0   | -3.0%    | NA                               |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 62.1    | 72.9    | -14.8%   | NA                               |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 9.15    | 9.54    | -4.1%    | -12.5%                           |

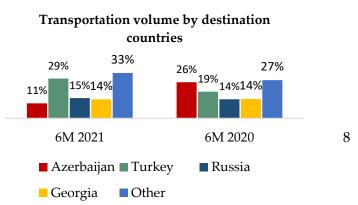
#### Main directions of cargo

Ferrous metals and scrap transported by the Group during six months ended 30 June 2021, mainly originated from Georgia, China Ukraine and Russia, while main destination countries were Georgia, Turkey, Russia and Azerbaijan.

#### Factors influencing performance

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 15 percent decrease in transportation turnover was mainly driven by decreased transportation of Ferrous metals and scrap originated from China by 20,000 tons.





<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – increase in average revenue per ton-kilometer was mainly due to change in product direction mix. The share of freight volumes transported to Russia (which is relatively more profitable direction) has decreased, while share of freight volumes to USA (which are relatively less profitable directions) has increased in total Ferrous metals and scrap transported by the Group.

### Sugar

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant<br>currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 11,246  | 4,183   | 168.8%   | 145.5%                              |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 212.4   | 98.4    | 115.8%   | NA                                  |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 80.0    | 32.7    | 144.2%   | NA                                  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 14.06   | 12.77   | 10.1%    | 0.5%                                |

### Main directions of cargo

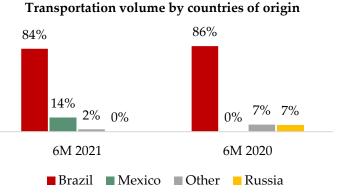
Product direction mix has significantly changed during six months ended 30 June 2021, with Brazil being main origin country with the share of 84 percent in first six month of 2021, compared to same period of 2020 86 percent. Mexico is represented with 14 percent share. The main destination countries in six months of 2021 were Azerbaijan and Georgia.

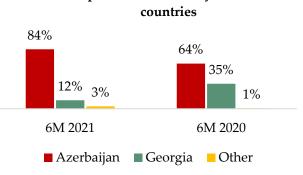
#### **Factors influencing performance**

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 144 percent increase in freight turnover during the period under review, compared to the same period of the previous year, was mainly driven by ceased volume transportation from Mexico 30,000 tons and increased volumes from Brazil by 93,000 tons in six months ended 30 June 2021.

#### Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri) - increase in average

revenue per ton-kilometer was due to product direction mix, in addition increase of volumes transported to Azerbaijan which is more profitable destination.





Transportation volume by destination

### **Chemicals and fertilizers**

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at constant currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 14,872  | 13,748  | 8.2%     | -1.2%                         |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 546.2   | 578.4   | -5.6%    | NA                            |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 180.3   | 187.2   | -3.7%    | NA                            |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 8.25    | 7.34    | 12.3%    | 2.5%                          |

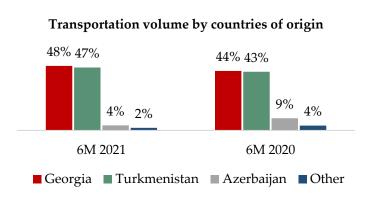
#### Main directions of cargo

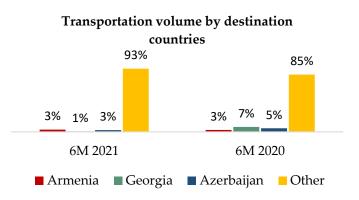
Chemicals and fertilizers transported by the Group during six months ended 30 June 2021, mainly originated from Georgia and Turkmenistan (260,000 tons and 254,000 tons, respectively).

#### Factors influencing performance

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 4 percent dencrease in freight turnover during the period under review, compared to the same period of the previous year, was mainly driven by decreased volumes from Turkmenistan by 32,000 tons and Russia by 8,000 tons.

<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – increase in average revenue per ton-kilometer was caused by change in product category mix. The share of Turkmenistan and Georgia





(which are relatively more profitable direction) has increased, while the share of Azerbaijan (relatively less profitable direction) has decreased, in the first six months of 2021, compared to the same period of 2020.

### **Other products**

6 month period ended 30 June

|                                   | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | % Change at<br>constant<br>currency |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue (GEL '000)                | 42,923  | 47,862  | -10.3%   | -18.1%                              |
| Freight volume (ton '000)         | 1,271.0 | 1,431.7 | -11.2%   | NA                                  |
| Freight turnover (million ton-km) | 386.9   | 452.2   | -14.4%   | NA                                  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 11.10   | 10.58   | 4.8%     | -4.3%                               |

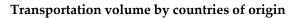
#### Main directions of cargo

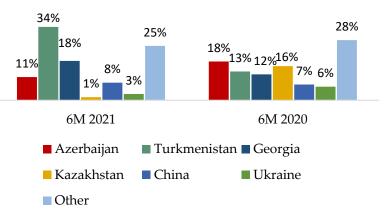
Freight from other products category in six months ended 30 June 2021 was mainly originated from Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Georgia, Turkmenistan and China (135,000 tons, 36,000 tons, 230,000 tons, 430,000 tons and 103,000 tons, respectively), while the main destination countries were Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan (140,000 tons, 118,000 tons, 132,000 tons and 78,000 tons, respectively).

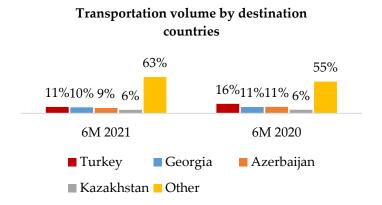
#### **Factors influencing performance**

<u>Ton-kilometers</u> – 14 percent decrease in transportation turnover was mainly driven by dencreased volumes from Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan by 207,000 tons and 120,000 tons, respectively.

<u>Revenue/ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – increase in average revenue per ton-kilometer was mainly driven by product category mix. The share of Kazakhstan that is less profitable has decreased at the same time share of Turkey that is more profitable has increased.







### **Freight handling**

Freight handling increased by GEL 0.2 million in the first six months of 2021 compared to the same period previous year. It was mainly driven by increased revenues from station services during departure and arrival.

### **Logistical services**

Increase in logistical services by GEL 5.2 million during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year, was mostly caused by increased transportation of GR's subsidiary company, which mainly serves container transportation.

### Freight car cross-border charge

The Group's revenue from freight car cross-border charges was GEL 5.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021, as compared to GEL 7.0 million, reflecting a decrease of 26,4% (or GEL 1.8 million), primarily due to a decrease in the usage of GR's wagons on foreign railway networks.

### Rent of wagons and other rental income

The Group's revenue from rent of wagons and other rental income was GEL 2.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021, as compared to GEL 5.8 million for the corresponding period in 2020, reflecting a decrease of 50.8% (or GEL 3.4 million). This decrease was primarily due to the expiration of certain contracts.

### **Passenger transportation**

| 6 month period ended 30 June |         |         |          | In '000 GEL |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
|                              | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. change |
| Revenue                      | 3,892   | 5,163   | -24.6%   | -1,271      |
| Number of passengers         | 239     | 581     | -58.9%   | -342        |

Revenue from passenger transportation has decreased by 24.6 percent during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year and the number of passengers has decreased by the 58.9 percent.

The Passenger SBU were materially adversely impacted from the second half of March 2020, as well as in the first two months of 2021, by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with Government regulations, passenger transportation was ceased from the second half of March 2020 until 15 June 2020 and, subject to certain limited exceptions, from 28 November 2020 until 27 February 2021. This led the Company to significant decrease in passenger revenue, as well as in number of passengers, in the first two quarter of 2021, compared to the same period of 2020.

#### Other revenue

The increase in other revenue by GEL 11.2 million during the first two quarter of 2021, compared to the same period of 2020 was mostly attributable to increased revenue from sale of scrap.

### 1.2 Other income

In order to better illustrate the operational profitability of the Group, other income is split into two categories: continuing operations (such as income from services of heavy equipment, penalties on creditors and debtors, etc.) and non-continuing operations (such as gain or loss from sale of fixed assets and other items which are not expected to reoccur in the following periods).

### Other income

| 6 month period ended 30 June |         |         |          | In GEL '000 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
|                              | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. change |
| Continuing operations        | 1,251   | 928     | 34.76%   | 323         |
| Non-continuing operations    | 2,245   | 3,994   | -43.80%  | -1,749      |
| Total                        | 3,495   | 4,922   | -28.98%  | -1,427      |

Continuing operations increased by GEL 0.3 million during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year. The non-continuing operations decreased by GEL 1.7 million in six months' period ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of 2020.

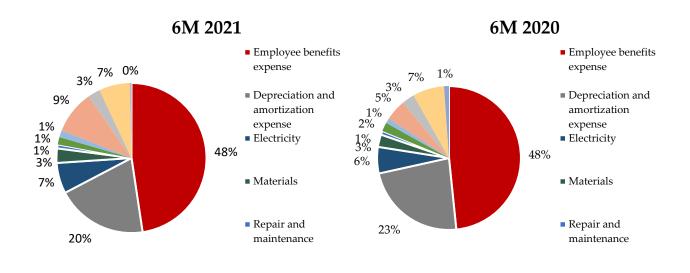
### **1.3 Operating expenses**

Total operating expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2020 decreased by GEL 12.3 million, compared to the same period of the previous year. The decrease was mainly caused by reduction in depreciation and amortization expenses.

#### **Operating expenses**

| 6 month period ended 30 June              |         |         |          | In GEL '000 |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
|                                           | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. change |
| Employee benefits expense                 | 84,626  | 82,810  | 2.19%    | 1,817       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense     | 34,999  | 39,667  | -11.77%  | -4,668      |
| Electricity                               | 11,769  | 10,186  | 15.53%   | 1,582       |
| Materials                                 | 5,529   | 4,773   | 15.84%   | 756         |
| Repair and maintenance                    | 1,484   | 1,480   | 0.25%    | 4           |
| Fuel                                      | 2,862   | 3,380   | -15.34%  | -518        |
| Freight car rental                        | 2,627   | 1,925   | 36.48%   | 702         |
| Logistical service                        | 16,514  | 8,009   | 106.20%  | 8,505       |
| Security, other op. expenses              | 4,846   | 4,971   | -2.52%   | -125        |
| Taxes other than income tax               | 11,943  | 12,097  | -1.27%   | -154        |
| Impairment loss/gain on trade receivables | 485     | 1902    | -74.48%  | -1,416      |
| Total                                     | 177,685 | 171,201 | 3.79%    | 6,484       |

The following charts represent the cost structure for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020:

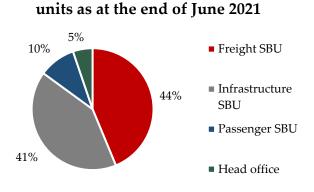


### **Employee benefits expense**

The increase in employee benefits expense during the six months ended 31 March 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year, was mainly due to increase of wages as well as increase in aid.

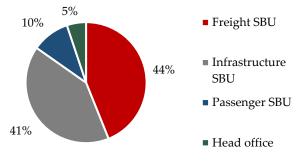
Number of employees (excluding subsidiaries) by the end of June 2021 was equal to 11,941 and by the end of June 2020 was 12,148. Out of which 17% of employees are female.

Following charts show the headcount by strategic business units and head office of the Company



Distribution of staff by business

### Distribution of staff by business units as at the end of June 2020



### Materials, repair and maintenance expenses

The Group's materials, repair and maintenance expenses are influenced by its rolling stock equipment balance and subsequent utilization level. During the six months ended 30 June 2021 transportation turnover increased compared to the same period of the previous year. Accordingly during this period material expenses increased by GEL 0.8 million, as for repair and maintenance difference was quite insignificant and had no essential effect on overall picture.

#### **Electricity expenses**

6 Month period ended 30 June

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
|                                 | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. change |
| Electricity expense of traction | 9,605   | 8,321   | 15.44%   | 1,284       |
| Utility expenses                | 2,163   | 1,866   | 15.96%   | 298         |
| Total                           | 11,769  | 10,186  | 15.53%   | 1,582       |

There was a 16 percent increase in electricity expenses of utility during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, this is caused from the fact that Group actively responded to the risks that are coming from COVID-19 and allowed most of its employees to perform their duties from safe distance during 2020, in 2021 after improving epidemic condition in the country part of employees moved to office based activity. In addition, as long as freight transportation volume increased, electricity expenses on traction increased as well by GEL 1.3 million.

### Purchased electricity and weighted average tariff

6 Month period ended 30 June

|          |      | 6M 2021                    |                              |      | 6M 2020                    |                              |
|----------|------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|          | GWh  | Gross ton-<br>km (million) | Weighted av.<br>tariff (GEL) | GWh  | Gross ton-<br>km (million) | Weighted av.<br>tariff (GEL) |
| January  | 9.9  | 479.6                      | 0.155                        | 13.2 | 543.7                      | 0.131                        |
| February | 9.3  | 452.0                      | 0.155                        | 11.1 | 434.1                      | 0.130                        |
| March    | 12.1 | 585.1                      | 0.156                        | 11.1 | 468.9                      | 0.130                        |
| April    | 10.0 | 489.8                      | 0.153                        | 9.1  | 436.6                      | 0.130                        |
| May      | 10.9 | 537.9                      | 0.153                        | 9.6  | 459.8                      | 0.130                        |
| June     | 10.0 | 461.1                      | 0.153                        | 9.7  | 442.8                      | 0.130                        |
| Total    | 62.2 | 3,005.6                    | 0.154                        | 63.9 | 2,785.9                    | 0.130                        |

Note: The table above includes only electricity consumed of traction

In GEL '000

### Freight car rental expense

Freight car rental expense in the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year, increased slightly by about GEL 702,000 mostly due to increased usage of various freight wagons owned by partnering railways on GR network, that was a result of increased freight volumes transportation.

### Logistical services

Expenses for logistical services represent operating expenses of Georgian Railway's logistical subsidiaries. The expenses for logistical services in the six months ended 30 June 2021 have increased by about 106.2 percent (GEL 8.5 million), compared to the same period of the previous year. The increase was mainly attributable to subsidiary, that serves liquid freight.

### Taxes other than income tax

### Taxes other than income tax

6 month period ended 30 June

|              | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. change |
|--------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Property tax | 5,983   | 6,092   | -1.8%    | -109        |
| Land tax     | 5,929   | 5,935   | -0.1%    | -7          |
| Other taxes* | 32      | 70      | -54.2%   | -38         |
| Total        | 11,944  | 12,097  | -1.3%    | -154        |

\*Other taxes also include all subsidiaries' taxes (other than income tax).

During the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, property tax has decreased by 1.8 percent (GEL 0.1 million), which was mainly caused by decrease in book value of applicable assets. Property tax will be reduced after putting the Modernization project into operation, as railway infrastructure related assets are free of property tax and assets under the project are taxed by property tax while under construction in progress. Also, minor decrease was in Land Tax that had no significant effect on overall picture of the company financial condition.

Other taxes category decreased due to VAT calculated according to proportion, during the first two quarter of 2021 compared to the same period of previous year.

In GEL '000

### 1.4 Finance income and cost

### Finance income and cost

| 6 month period ended 30 June    |          |          |          | In GEL '000 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                 | 6M 2021  | 6M 2020  | % Change | Abs. change |
| Interest income                 | 11,600   | 8,826    | 31.4%    | 2,774       |
| Impairment loss on loans        | -2       | -12      | -84.0%   | 10          |
| Interest expense                | -183,791 | -62,116  | 195.9%   | -121,675    |
| FX gain/loss                    | 47,686   | -85,112  | -156.0%  | 132,798     |
| Impairment gain on cash in bank | 0        | 157      | -100.0%  | -157        |
| Impairment loss on cash in bank | -24      | 157      | -115.5%  | -181        |
| Unwinding of discount           | -419     | 0        | 100.0%   | -419        |
| Net finance income/loss         | -124,951 | -138,101 | -9.5%    | 13,150      |

In the six months ended 30 June 2021 the Group showed GEL 125 million net finance loss, compared to net finance loss of GEL 138 million in the same period of 2020. The positive difference of GEL 13.2 million was mainly due to the fluctuation of GEL against foreign currencies.

GEL/USD exchange rate fluctuation has significant effect on net finance income/cost. Due to GEL appreciation against USD by 3.55 percent as at 30 June 2021 compared to 31 December 2020 (GEL/USD exchange rate 3.16 versus 3.28), the Group experienced net foreign exchange gain of GEL 47.7 million.

Higher interest expense during the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of 2020, was mainly due to bond refinance process that took place in the second quarter of 2021, started by issue of new green bonds with 4% coupon rate. GR repurchased Eurobonds due 2022 by the end of June and repaid accrued interest amount of USD 18 million.

higher interest income by GEL 2.7 million in the six months ended 30 June 2021 compared to the same period of 2020, was mainly due to the higher average cash balances.

### 1.5 Income tax expense/benefit

In May 2016, the Parliament of Georgia adopted amendments to the Tax Code of Georgia. The new tax code is effective from 1 January 2017. According to the new tax code, previously active profit tax regulation was changed to so-called "tax on distributed profits" model. During the first six months of 2021 income tax expense decreased by 11.5 percent (GEL 38,646) compared to the same period of previous year.

# 2. Balance Sheet

### **Balance sheet**

6 Month period ended 30 June

|                                                 | 30-Jun-21 | 31-Mar-21 | %<br>Change | Abs.<br>change | 31-Dec-20 | %<br>Change | Abs.<br>change |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| TOTAL ASSETS                                    | 2,187,337 | 2,338,948 | -6.5%       | (151,611)      | 2,347,764 | -6.8%       | (160,427)      |
| Changes are mainly due to:                      |           |           |             |                |           |             |                |
| Property, plant and equipment                   | 1,813,433 | 1,818,710 | -0.3%       | (5,277)        | 1,829,561 | -0.9%       | (16,128)       |
| Trade and other receivables                     | 20,303    | 30,321    | -33.0%      | (10,018)       | 23,579    | -13.9%      | (3,276)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | 184,270   | 319,065   | -42.2%      | (134,795)      | 322,986   | -42.9%      | (138,716)      |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES<br>Changes are mainly due to: | 1,860,085 | 2,034,043 | -8.6%       | (173,958)      | 1,988,478 | -6.5%       | (128,393)      |
| Loans and borrowings (LT)                       | 1,634,584 | 1,773,868 | -7.9%       | (139,284)      | 1,702,980 | -4.0%       | (68,396)       |
| Trade payables and other payables               | 42,186    | 49,977    | -15.6%      | (7,791)        | 53,535    | -21.2%      | (11,349)       |
| Loans and borrowings (ST)                       | 16,203    | 44,046    | -63.2%      | (27,843)       | 74,356    | -78.2%      | (58,153)       |

### Significant changes in assets

Property, plant and equipment - GEL 16.1 million decrease in property, plant and equipment in the first three months of 2021, compared to 31 December 2021, was mainly due to the lower works mostly under the Modernization Project and lower costs on infrastructural projects.

Cash and cash equivalents have decreased by GEL 138.7 million in the six months ended 30 June 2021, which was mainly caused by fees and expenses that were incurred by bond refinance process. (*See heading 3 "Cash Flow Statement"*).

### Significant changes in liabilities

Decrease in Loans and Borrowing (long and short term) is caused by appreciation of GEL against USD by 3.55%, in addition in the process of refinance some short term liabilities has been paid out, as a result compared to 31 December 2020 Loans and borrowings (LT) Has decreased by GEL 68.3 million and Loans and borrowings (ST) by GEL 58,1 million.

# 3. Cash Flow Statement

### **Cash flow statement**

| 6 Month period ended 30 June                                      |            | In GEL '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                                                                   | 6M 2021    | 6M 2020     |
| Cash flows from operating activities                              |            |             |
| Cash receipts from customers                                      | 270,700    | 232,047     |
| Cash paid to suppliers and employees                              | -144,148   | -134,731    |
| Cash flows from operations before income taxes paid               | 126,552    | 97,316      |
| Income tax paid                                                   |            |             |
| Net cash from operating activities                                | 126,552    | 97,316      |
| Cash flows from investing activities                              |            |             |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                      | -21,361    | -31,716     |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment               | 4,651      | 2,436       |
| Interest received                                                 | 10,082     | 7,564       |
| Refund of the loan                                                | -          | -           |
| Net cash used in investing activities                             | -6,628     | -21,716     |
| Cash flows from financing activities                              |            |             |
| Proceeds from borrowings                                          | 1,577,389  | 0           |
| Repayment of borrowings                                           | -1,583,072 | -6,990      |
| Payment for debt issue cost                                       | -1,5686    | -0,550      |
| Interest paid                                                     | -121,271   | -57,207     |
| Net cash from used in financing activities                        | -242,640   | -64,197     |
|                                                                   |            | 11.100      |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents              | -122,716   | 11,403      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January                            | 322,986    | 257,976     |
| Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents | -15,976    | 9,566       |
| Cash Provision                                                    | -24        | 157         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period                | 184,270    | 279,101     |

### **Operating activities**

Net cash from operating activities increased by GEL 29.2 million in the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year. The change was driven by increase in cash receipts from customers by GEL 38.7 million, which was followed by the decrease in cash paid to suppliers and employees by 9.4 million.

### **Investing activities**

Cash used in investing activities has decreased by GEL 15.1 million in the six months ended 31 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in acquisition of property, plant and equipment. This was mainly caused due to lower cash outflows on Modernization Project in first six months' period of 2021, compared to the same period of 2020.

### **Financing activities**

Higher interest paid and Payment for debt issue cost in the six months ended 30 June 2021, compared to the same period of the previous year, was mainly caused by refinance process that took place in second quarter, by issuing new green bond and purchasing previously issued Eurobonds. GR repurchased Eurobonds due 2022 with tender offer with early consent method and payed around USD 36 million for repurchase fees as well as USD 18 million on accrued interest. This fact resulted overall decrease in company's cash balances.

## Appendix 1

### Breakdown of freight transportation in tons

| 6 Month period ended 30 June |         |         |          | In thousand tons |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------------|
|                              | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. Change      |
| Liquid cargoes               | 2,138   | 1,461   | 46.3%    | 677              |
| Oil products                 | 2,136   | 1,456   | 46.7%    | 680              |
| Crude oil                    | 2       | 5       | -58.0%   | -3               |
| Dry cargoes                  | 3,875   | 4,001   | -3.2%    | -126             |
| Ores                         | 865     | 855     | 1.1%     | 10               |
| Grain                        | 72      | 136     | -46.8%   | -64              |
| Ferrous metals and scrap     | 286     | 295     | -3.0%    | -9               |
| Sugar                        | 212     | 98      | 115.8%   | 114              |
| Chemicals and fertilizers    | 546     | 578     | -5.6%    | -32              |
| Construction freight         | 431     | 417     | 3.3%     | 14               |
| Industrial freight           | 173     | 171     | 1.3%     | 2                |
| Cement                       | 18      | 19      | -2.1%    | 0                |
| Other                        | 1,271   | 1,432   | -11.2%   | -161             |
| Total                        | 6,013   | 5,462   | 10.1%    | 550              |

## Appendix 2

### Breakdown of freight transportation in ton-kilometers

| 6 Month period ended 30 June |         |         | In       | million ton-kilometers |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------------------|
|                              | 6M 2021 | 6M 2020 | % Change | Abs. Change            |
| Liquid cargoes               | 696     | 427     | 62.8%    | 269                    |
| Oil products                 | 695     | 425     | 63.4%    | 270                    |
| Crude oil                    | 1       | 2       | -54.0%   | -1                     |
|                              |         |         |          | 0                      |
| Dry cargoes                  | 962     | 1,067   | -9.8%    | -104                   |
| Ores                         | 137     | 187     | -26.5%   | -49                    |
| Grain                        | 18      | 31      | -42.3%   | -13                    |
| Ferrous metals and scrap     | 62      | 73      | -14.8%   | -11                    |
| Sugar                        | 80      | 33      | 144.2%   | 47                     |
| Chemicals and fertilizers    | 180     | 187     | -3.7%    | -7                     |
| Construction freight         | 64      | 68      | -6.1%    | -4                     |
| Industrial freight           | 30      | 32      | -5.7%    | -2                     |
| Cement                       | 5       | 5       | -2.0%    | 0                      |
| Other                        | 387     | 452     | -14.4%   | -65                    |
| Total                        | 1,658   | 1,494   | 11.0%    | 164                    |

## Appendix 3

According to Condition 3 (d) of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" (The U.S. \$500,000,000 4% Notes due 17 June 2028 issued by Georgian Railway JSC on 10 June 2021), Georgian Railway and/or its subsidiary is entitled to incur financial indebtedness if the ratio of Net Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries as of the date of such Incurrence to the aggregate amount of EBITDA for the most recent consecutive semi-annual periods ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements have been delivered, does not exceed 3.5 to 1.

Given table sets forth calculation of Net Financial Indebtedness to EBITDA (adjusted EBITDA) as at 30 June 2021 and according to the above-mentioned Condition 3 (d) of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes". However, this calculation is for information only and does not implicate that 30 June 2021 is the Incurrence date (or "the date of determination") as defined in Condition 3 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes".

### Calculations of ratio of Net Financial Indebtedness to EBITDA (adjusted EBITDA):

| In 000 GEL                                                |                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Net Financial Indebtedness as at:                         | 30-Jun-2021       | 31-Mar-21                |
| Financial indebtedness                                    | 1,650,787         | 1,817,914                |
| less:                                                     |                   |                          |
| Available credit facilities                               | 63,603            | 66,118                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                 | 184,270           | 319,065                  |
| Net Financial Indebtedness:                               | 1,402,914         | 1,432,731                |
| The most recent 2 consecutive semi-annual period ended:   | 30-Jun-2021       | 31-Dec-20                |
| Results from operating activities                         | 149,858           | 129,246                  |
| Depreciation add-back                                     | 71,488            | 76,156                   |
| Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment add-back | 0                 | 0                        |
| impairment 1055 on property, plant and equipment and back |                   |                          |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables                      | 12,143            | 13,560                   |
|                                                           | 12,143<br>233,490 | 13,560<br><b>218,962</b> |