

TBC Bank to Receive \$161 million

press release

Tbilisi. 07.04.2009 - Today, at 12:00pm, a press conference will be held in TBC Bank's head office at 7, Marjanishvili Street, where an official statement will be made concerning the addition of four major international financial institutions – FMO, EBRD, JP Morgan and Ashmore – as TBC Bank's new shareholders. IFC, EBRD, and FMO have partnered to provide TBC Bank with a financial package of up to USD 161 million.

As a result of this transaction, TBC Bank's shares are held by six major financial institutions: IFC, DEG, EBRD, FMO, JP Morgan and Ashmore; however, the majority of the shares are still owned by Georgian shareholders.

The funds received will strengthen TBC Bank's capital base and will support the bank in increasing its activities in the small and medium-sized enterprises sector.

Badri Japaridze, Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of TBC Bank, said, "Despite the financial and economic crisis, TBC Bank – as a leading Georgian bank – has demonstrated its very strong resilience and has managed to maintain its financial stability. We highly value the relationships we have developed with these multilateral institutions throughout the years. This financial package will allow TBC bank to further grow and support the Georgian economy."

"This investment is part of our current strategy to support the banking sector in the country and, therefore, to create additional opportunities for private sector development," said Snezana Stoiljkovic, IFC's Director for Central and Eastern Europe. "We are looking forward to new joint projects with IFIs to contribute to the long-term sustainable development of strategic sectors in Georgia."

- ◆ Retail Services;
- ◆ Corporate Services;
- ◆ Investment Bank;
- ◆ The first Bank in Georgia holding ISO certificate;
- ◆ The leading Bank in modern technological services;
- ◆ Innovator in co-branded banking products development;
- ◆ Innovator in new ultramodern „Barrier Free“ bank branches in Georgia;
- ◆ Leader in various segments of the financial sector: Insurance company GPI Holding, TBC Leasing, TBC Broker;
- ◆ The first Georgian company to receive international rating;
- ◆ FitchRatings: B and B;
- ◆ Moody's: B 3 and Ba3.