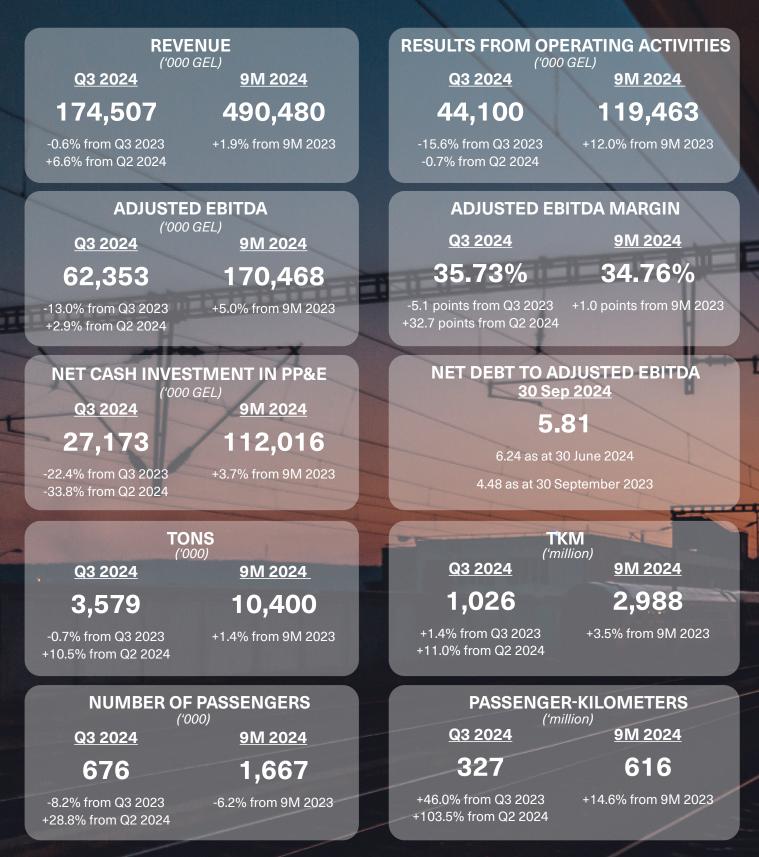


# **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

# FOR 9 MONTHS AND Q3 ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



# FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



## MAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2024

- In July 2024, Fitch affirmed the Company's long-term outlook to "positive" from "stable" and verified its "BB-" rating, while in December 2022 "S&P" revised rating to "BB-" from "B+" with "positive" outlook.
  - Following a change in the company's shareholder in December 2022, the Supervisory Board's composition was revised. Two members left their roles in the Board and three new members were appointed.

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# **I. PROFIT OR LOSS STATEMENT**

# **PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**

| 9 month period ended 30 September              | тот       | AL        |           |                        |          |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| GEL '000                                       | 9M 2024   | 9M 2023   | %         | % constant<br>currency | Absolute |
| Revenue  | 490,480   | 481,204   | 1.9       | (1.9)                  | 9,276    |
| Other income                                   | 22,847    | 6,574     | 247.5     | 234.4                  | 16,273   |
| Employee benefits expense                      | (171,674) | (175,743) | (2.3)     | (6.0)                  | 4,069    |
| Electricity, consumables and maintenance costs | (63,055)  | (56,466)  | 11.7      | 7.4                    | (6,589)  |
| Other expenses                                 | (108,129) | (93,254)  | 16.0 11.6 |                        | (14,875) |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                | 170,468   | 162,314   | 5.0       | 1.0                    | 8,154    |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin                         | 34.76%    | 33.73%    | NA        | NA                     | 1.02%    |
| Depreciation and amortization expense          | (48,211)  | (54,783)  | (12.0)    | (15.3)                 | 6,572    |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables           | (2,794)   | (873)     | 220.0     | 207.9                  | (1,921)  |
| EBIT   | 119,463   | 106,658   | 12.0      | 7.8                    | 12,805   |
| Net finance cost                               | (43,621)  | (3,540)   | 1,132.2   | 1,085.5                | (40,080) |
| Profit before income tax                       | 75,843    | 103,118   | (26.5)    | (29.2)                 | (27,275) |
| Income tax expense                             | (460)     | (565)     | (18.6)    | (21.7)                 | 105      |
| Profit and total comprehensive income          | 75,383    | 102,552   | (26.5)    | (29.3)                 | (27,170) |

## **PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT (QUARTERLY)**

9 month period ended 30 September

| GEL '000                                       | Q3 2024          | Q3 2023                 | у-о-у<br>%   | Q2 2024          | <b>q-о-q</b><br>% |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue  | 174,507          | 175,484                 | (0.6)        | 163,713          | 6.6               |
| Other income                                   | 13,026           | 3,059                   | 325.8        | 1,989            | 564.9             |
| Employee benefits expense                      | (55,211)         | (55,882)                | (1.2)        | (59,870)         | (7.8)             |
| Electricity, consumables and maintenance costs | (21,218)         | (17,782)                | 19.3         | (20,976)         | 1.2               |
| Other expenses                                 | (48,751)         | (33,231)                | 46.7         | (24,256)         | 101.0             |
| Adjusted EBITDA<br>Adjusted EBITDA margin      | 62,353<br>35.73% | 71,648<br><i>40.83%</i> | (13.0)<br>NA | 60,600<br>37.02% | 2.9<br>NA         |
| Depreciation and amortization expense          | (16,612)         | (19,125)                | (13.1)       | (15,243)         | 9.0               |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables           | (1,641)          | (281)                   | 484.0        | (943)            | 74.0              |
| EBIT   | 44,100           | 52,243                  | (15.6)       | 44,414           | (0.7)             |
| Net finance income/(cost)                      | 29,193           | (36,072)                | (180.9)      | (58,439)         | (150.0)           |
| Profit before income tax                       | 73,293           | 16,170                  | 353.3        | (14,025)         | (622.6)           |
| Income tax expense                             | (73)             | (66)                    | 10.6         | (335)            | (78.2)            |
| Profit and total comprehensive income          | 73,220           | 16,104                  | 354.7        | (14,360)         | (609.9)           |

# **1.1 REVENUE**

The Group derives the majority of its revenue—approximately 55% (the first nine months of 2024) from freight transportation services, making the Company particularly sensitive to fluctuations in cargo volumes. A significant portion of the freight revenue, around 72%, originates from transit, primarily facilitated by transportation between Europe and Central Asia.

## **REVENUE BREAKDOWN**

| 9 month period ended 30 September             | то      | TAL     | CHANGE     |                        |            |  |
|---|---------|---------|------------|------------------------|------------|--|
| GEL '000                                      | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %          | % constant<br>currency | Absolute   |  |
| Freight transportation                        | 269,817 | 261,483 | 3.2        | (0.7)                  | 8,336      |  |
| Freight handling                              | 62,873  | 63,164  | (0.5)      | (4.2)                  | (291)      |  |
| Logistic service                              | 98,835  | 105,220 | (6.1)      | (9.6)                  | (6,386)    |  |
| Rent of wagons and other rental income        | 3,864   | 3,130   | 23.5       | 18.8                   | 733        |  |
| Freight car cross-border charge               | 11,942  | 11,490  | 3.9        | (0.0)                  | 452        |  |
| Passenger traffic                             | 32,620  | 32,883  | (0.8)      | (4.6)                  | (264)      |  |
| Other   | 10,529  | 3,832   | 174.7      | 164.3                  | 6,696      |  |
| Revenue                                       | 490,480 | 481,204 | 1.9        | (1.9)                  | 9,276      |  |
| Other income                                  | 22,847  | 6,574   | 247.5      | 234.4                  | 16,273     |  |
| REVENUE BREAKDOWN (QUARTERLY)                 |         |         |            |                        |            |  |
| 9 month period ended 30 September<br>GEL '000 | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | у-о-у<br>% | Q2 2024                | q-o-q<br>% |  |
| Freight transportation                        | 96,395  | 91,095  | 5.8        | 91,100                 | 5.8        |  |
| Freight handling                              | 20,899  | 22,755  | (8.2)      | 22,200                 | (5.9)      |  |
| Logistic service                              | 32,072  | 37,248  | (13.9)     | 33,159                 | (3.3)      |  |
| Rent of wagons and other rental income        | 1,285   | 1,101   | 16.7       | 1,293                  | (0.6)      |  |
| Freight car cross-border charge               | 4,035   | 7,558   | (46.6)     | 4,259                  | (5.3)      |  |
| Passenger traffic                             | 15,865  | 14,869  | 6.7        | 9,146                  | 73.5       |  |
| Other   | 3,956   | 860     | 359.9      | 2,555                  | 54.8       |  |
| Revenue                                       | 174,507 | 175,484 | (0.6)      | 163,713                | 6.6        |  |

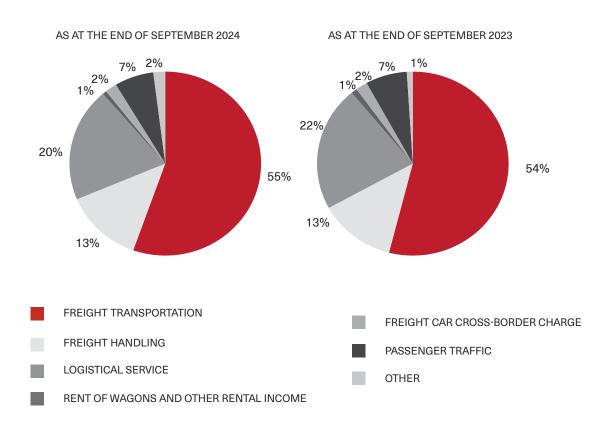
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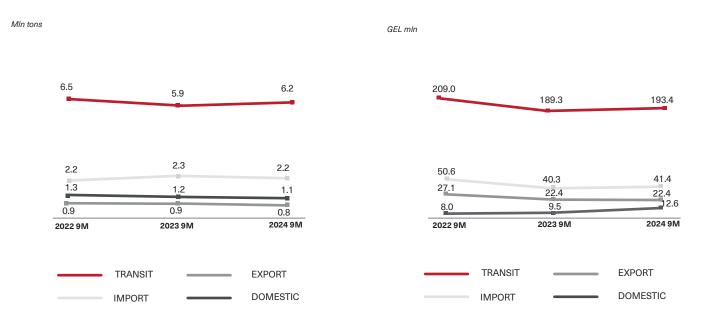
The following charts represent revenue breakdown for the nine months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023:



# **FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION**

The Group's freight transportation consists of domestic, import, export and transit transportation. The split by tons between above-mentioned directions in the first nine months of 2024 was about 11%, 21%, 8% and 60%, respectively. 99.9% of revenue from freight transportation is denominated in USD.

The following charts represent the freight transportation breakdown by directions:



The revenue generated from transportation services is influenced by several key factors:

<u>Transportation volume</u> – Expressed in tons.

<u>Transportation turnover</u> – Calculated by multiplying the transported tons by the distance traveled, expressed in ton-kilometers.

<u>Revenue per ton-kilometer</u> – This metric indicates the average revenue received per ton-kilometer, which varies

based on cargo type and transportation direction.

<u>GEL/USD exchange rate</u> – As the Group's tariffs are mostly denominated in USD, fluctuations in the exchange rate between USD and GEL can significantly impact profitability, since revenues are reported in GEL and most operating expenses are in Georgian Lari.

## AVERAGE RATES

|     | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% | Q2 2024 | q-o-q<br>% | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% |
|-----|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| USD | 2.71    | 2.62    | 3.5               | 2.74    | (0.9)      | 2.71    | 2.61    | 3.9               |
| CHF | 3.13    | 2.97    | 5.5               | 3.03    | 3.4        | 3.07    | 2.89    | 6.4               |

## **REPORTING DATE SPOT RATES**

|     | 30-Sep-24 | 30-Sep-23 | % Change | 30-Jun-24 | % Change | 31-Dec-23 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| USD | 2.73      | 2.68      | 1.9      | 2.81      | (2.9)    | 2.69      |
| CHF | 3.23      | 2.94      | 10.0     | 3.13      | 3.5      | 3.21      |

# **TRANSPORTATION BY DIRECTIONS**

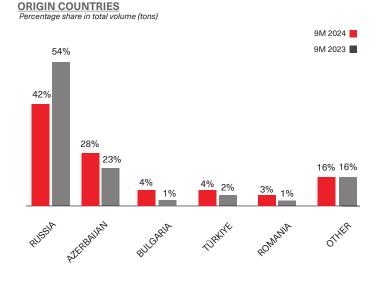
# **IMPORT TRANSPORTATION**

Import represents the movement of cargo from foreign countries into Georgia. The share of imported cargo in total transported volume was around 21% during the 9 months period ended 30 September 2024, compared to 22% in same period of previous year.

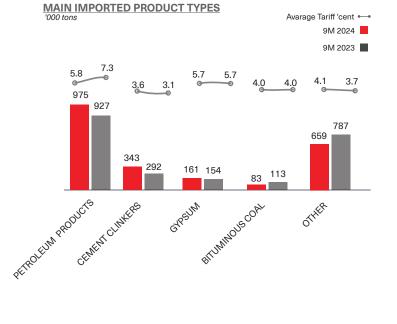
|                                   | то      | TAL             | CHANGE |                        |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------|------------------------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2024 9M 2023 |        | % constant<br>currency |  |
| Revenue (million GEL)             | 41.4    | 40.3            | 2.7    | (1.2)                  |  |
| Freight Volume (million tons)     | 2.2     | 2.3             | (2.2)  | NA                     |  |
| Freight Turnover (million ton-km) | 301.8   | 296.8           | 1.7    | NA                     |  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 13.72   | 13.72 13.58     |        | (2.8)                  |  |

#### MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING PERFORMANCE

<u>Freight turnover</u> – 2% increase in freight turnover primarily was driven by increased transportation from Bulgaria, Türkiye and Greece by 12.8 million tkm, 9.1 million tkm and 6.5 million tkm, respectively, during the 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to same period of 2023. However, this increase was partially offset by decreased transportation from Armenia and Azerbaijan, by 15.5 million tkm and 7.1 million tkm, respectively.







#### MAIN DIRECTIONS OF CARGO FLOW DURING 9 MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Petroleum products include motor fuel, bitumen, diesel fuel, aviation fuel and special petrol.

<u>Motor fuel</u> – imported from Russia (67%) and Belarus (23%), mostly intended to meet the domestic demand.

<u>Bitumen</u> – imported from Russia (62%) and Turkmenistan (38%), is mainly distributed to Rustavi (99%) and is primarily used in the production of construction materials.

<u>Diesel fuel</u> - is sourced mainly from Russia (76%) and Azerbaijan (15%) to fulfill local demand.

<u>Aviation fuel</u> – imported from Türkiye (35%), Greece (27%) and Turkmenistan (16%), is predominantly used by domestic aviation companies in Georgia.

<u>Special petrol</u> –rimarily imported from Bulgaria (43%) and Romania (37%), is intended for domestic use.

<u>Cement clinkers</u> - sourced from Azerbaijan, are mostly distributed to Rustavi (65%) and Kaspi (18%), where local cement factories are located.

<u>Gypsum</u> – imported from Azerbaijan and is allocated to Kaspi (39%) and Rustavi (28%), while 32% is sent to Tbilisi, where plasterboards are produced.

<u>Bituminous coal</u> - is imported from Russia and distributed to Kaspi and Rustavi, with distribution shares of 59% and 41%, respectively.



# **EXPORT TRANSPORTATION**

Export refers to the transportation of goods from Georgia to international directions. The share of exported cargo in the total transported volume was around 8% during the 9

months period ended 30 September 2024, as well as in the same period of previous year.

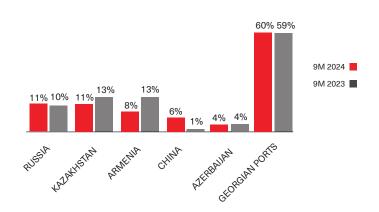
|                                   | TO          | TAL     | CHANGE |                        |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|------------------------|--|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024     | 9M 2023 | %      | % constant<br>currency |  |  |
| Revenue (million GEL)             | 22.4        | 22.4    | (0.1)  | (3.9)                  |  |  |
| Freight Volume (million tons)     | 0.8         | 0.9     | (7.6)  | NA                     |  |  |
| Freight Turnover (million ton-km) | 225.2 248.2 |         | (9.3)  | NA                     |  |  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 9.94        | 9.03    | 10.1   | 5.9                    |  |  |

### MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING PERFORMANCE

<u>Freight turnover</u> – In 9 month period ended 30 September 2024, a 9% decrease in freight turnover primarily was driven by reduced transportation to Armenia, Kazakhstan and Bulgaria down by 19.3 million tkm, 12.4 million tkm and 3.1 million tkm, respectively, compared to same period of 2023. However, this decrease was partially offset by increased transportation to China, by 12.4 million tkm.

<u>Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – 6% increase in constant currency in first nine months of 2024 was driven by a lower share of transportation to Armenia, which is relatively less profitable direction. Meanwhile, the share of transportation to Russia, which is relatively more profitable direction, increased compared to the same period of previous year.

DESTINATION COUNTRIES Percentage share in total volume (tons)



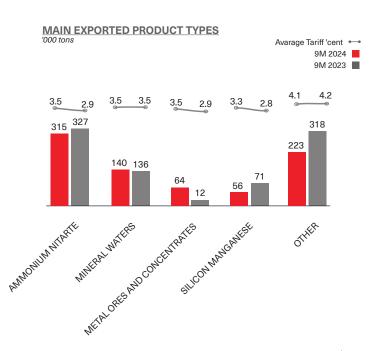
#### MAIN DIRECTIONS OF CARGO FLOW DURING 9 MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

<u>Ammonium nitrate</u> – is transported primarily mainly from Rustavi (97%), where the fertilizer factory is located and is transported to Poti Sea Port (97%).

<u>Mineral waters</u> – mainly sourced from Borjomi, where one of the largest bottlers is located and are distributed to Russia (57%), Kazakhstan (32%) and Uzbekistan (8%).

<u>Metal ores and concentrates</u> – are fully transported from Tbilisi to China (77%) and Bulgaria (23%).

<u>Silicon manganese</u> – is sourced from Zestaponi, where the ferroalloys plant is located and is transported to Batumi Sea Port (99%).



# **DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION**

Domestic transportation represents the movement of cargo from one station to another, within Georgia. The share of domestic transportation in total transported volume was 11% during the 9 months period ended 30 September 2024, compared to 12% in same period of previous year.

|                                   | то              | TAL   | CHANGE |                        |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|------------------------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 9M 2023 |       | %      | % constant<br>currency |  |
| Revenue (million GEL)             | 12.6            | 9.5   | 32.6   | 27.6                   |  |
| Freight Volume (million tons)     | 1.1             | 1.2   | (3.7)  | NA                     |  |
| Freight Turnover (million ton-km) | 120.0           | 128.1 | (6.3)  | NA                     |  |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 10.50           | 7.42  | 41.6   | 36.2                   |  |

### MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING PERFORMANCE

<u>Freight turnover</u> – A 6% decrease in freight turnover was primarily attributed to a reduction in transportation along the Dedoplistskaro-Kaspi, Rustavi-Partotskali, and internal Chiatura routes during the nine-month period ending on 30 September 2024, compared to the same period in 2023.

<u>Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)</u> – 36% increase in 9 months ended 30 September 2024 was mostly driven by increased average tariff on limestone (by 79%) and cement clinkers (by 27%) transportation.

#### MAIN DIRECTIONS OF FLOW CARGO DURING 9 MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

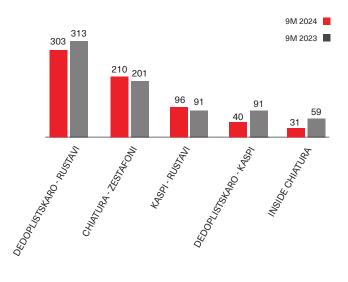
<u>Limestone</u> - is sourced from Dedoplistskaro, where open quarries are located and is distributed to Rustavi (88%) and Kaspi (12%), where cement factories are situated.

<u>Manganese ores and concentrates</u> – are sourced from Chiatura, home to a manganese mine and are distributed to Zestaponi (87%) and Chiatura (13%), where ferroalloy factories are located. Petroleum products include motor petrol, diesel fuel, special fuel and aviation fuel.

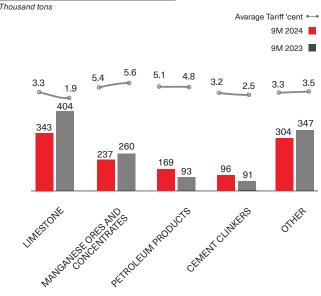
Petroleum products include motor petrol, diesel fuel, special fuel and aviation fuel.

<u>Motor petrol</u> – is distributed primarily to Tbilisi (80%) and Samtredia (16%) for domestic use.

MAIN ROUTES OF DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION



#### MAIN DOMESTIC PRODUCT TYPES



<u>Diesel fuel</u> – is distributed to Tbilisi (52%), Samtredia (25%) and Batumi (15%) for domestic use.

<u>Special fuel</u> – is distributed to Tbilisi (43%), Samtredia (26%) and Dzegvi (25%) primarily for domestic use.

Aviation fuel - is distributed to Tbilisi (55%) and Kutaisi

(45%) for use by aviation companies located in those areas.

<u>Cement clinkers</u> - was transported from Kaspi to Rustavi, where cement factories are located.

# TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION

Transit represents the movement of cargo from one foreign county to another one, through Georgia. The share of transit transportation in total transported volume was 60% during the 9 months period ended 30 September 2024, compared to 58% in same period of previous year.

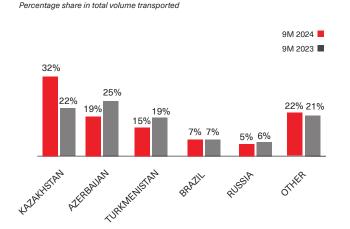
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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024         | 9M 2024 9M 2023 |       | % constant<br>currency |
| Revenue (million GEL)             | 193.4           | 189.3           | 2.2   | (1.7)                  |
| Freight Volume (million tons)     | 6.2             | 5.9             | 5.1   | NA                     |
| Freight Turnover (million ton-km) | 2,341.5 2,215.2 |                 | 5.7   | NA                     |
| Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri)       | 8.26            | 8.54            | (3.3) | (7.0)                  |

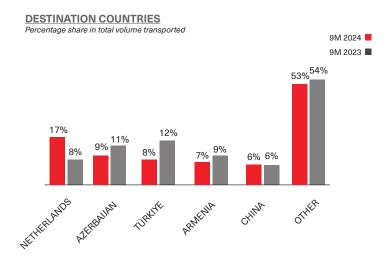
#### MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING PERFORMANCE

<u>Freight turnover</u> – 6% increase in freight turnover primarily was driven by increased transportation from Kazakhstan, by 697.4 thousand tons during 9 month period ended 30 September 2024, compared to same period of 2023. However, this reduction was partially offset by decreased transportation from Azerbaijan by 342.4 thousand tons. rency in 9 month ended 30 September 2024 was driven by a lower share of transportation on Azerbaijan-Türkiye route, which is relatively more profitable direction. Meanwhile, the share of transported cargo on Kazakhstan-Netherland route and Kazakhstan-China route, which are relatively less profitable directions, increased compared to the same period of previous year.

Revenue / ton-km (in Tetri) – 7% decrease in constant cur-

**ORIGIN COUNTRIES** 





Petroleum products include heavy fuel oil, light fuel oil, diesel fuel, gas oil and special petrol.

<u>Heavy fuel oil</u> – is primarily transported along the Kazakhstan-Netherlands route (74%) and the Kazakhstan-Black Sea Ports route (18%), specifically Batumi Sea Port, Poti Sea Port and Parto Tskali.

Light fuel oil – is mainly transported via the Turkmenistan-Black Sea Ports route (80%), followed by the Turkmenistan-Italy route (10%) and the Azerbaijan-Black Sea Ports route (7%).

<u>Diesel fuel</u> – is primarily transported along the Russia-Armenia route (47%), the Azerbaijan-Black Sea Ports route (42%) and the Turkmenistan-Black Sea Ports route (11%).

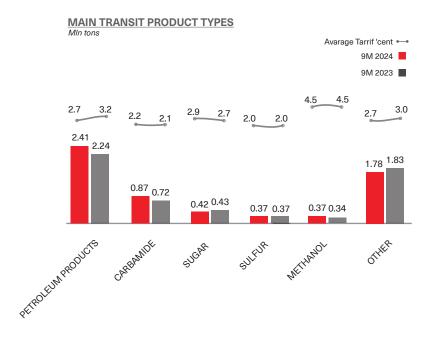
<u>Gas oil</u> – is mainly transported on the Kazakhstan-Netherlands route (36%), the Uzbekistan-USA route (30%) and the Azerbaijan-Black Sea Ports route (19%). <u>Special petrol</u> – is primarily transported on the Russia-Armenia route, accounting for 68% of the total product.

<u>Carbamide</u> – is mainly transported along the Turkmenistan-Black Sea Ports route (66%) and the Azerbaijan-Ukraine route (13%).

<u>Sugar</u> – is primarily transported along the Brazil-Azerbaijan route (54%), the Brazil-Uzbekistan route (28%) and the Brazil-Armenia route (14%).

<u>Sulfur</u> – is transported almost entirely on the Kazakhstan-Poti Sea Port route, accounting for 96% of the total product.

<u>Methanol</u> – is primarily transported on the Azerbaijan-Türkiye route (24%), the Azerbaijan-Netherlands route (24%), the Azerbaijan-Italy route (13%) and the Azerbaijan-Romania route (12%).



# **TRANSPORTATION BY BORDER CROSSING**

## **RAIL FREIGHT VOLUMES BY BORDER CROSSING**

The JSC Georgian Railway operates three railway border crossings that link Georgia with its neighboring countries – Azerbaijan, Armenia and Türkiye. The Beyuk-Kyasik station connects the Company to Azerbaijan and its corresponding border crossing station in Georgia is Gardabani. The Sadakhlo station links Georgia to Armenia, while the Akhalkalaki station connects it to Türkiye. Additionally, the Company is linked to Black Sea Ports, including Poti Sea Port, Batumi Sea Port and Parto Tskali (Kulevi) Port.

The provided freight data indicates the points of entry and exit for cargo into and out of the country. Notably, 75% of

#### **RAILWAY FREIGHT VOLUMES BY THE BORDER CROSSINGS**

Incoming rail volume - The main entry point for incoming cargo was the Beyuk-Kyasik station, which accounted for 72% of the total incoming cargo and 96% of the cargo arriving from land border crossings. A relatively smaller proportion of the overall incoming cargo, with shares of 14% and 10%, was transported from the Poti Sea Port and Batumi Sea Port, respectively.

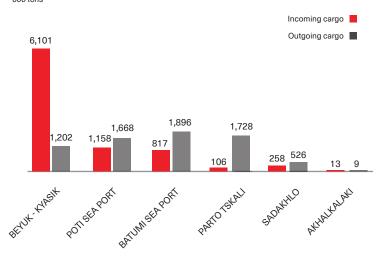
Outgoing rail volume – 75% of outgoing cargoes leave the country through Parto Tskali, Batumi Sea Port and Poti Sea Port. Conversely, Beyuk-Kyasik serves as the primary land departure point, representing 17% of the total volume leaving the country and facilitating 69% of the entire volume departing via land borders.

## BORDER CROSSINGS OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS

The share of Beyuk-Kyasik in total import was 68% in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to 80% in same period of 2023. The 12% decrease in share primarily was driven by decreased transportation from Russia by 366 thousand tons. The main origin countries using Beyuk-Kyasik station for volume transported were Russia, mostly for petroleum product transportation and Azerbaijan, mostly for cement clinkers transportation with 698 thousand tons and 611 thousand tons, respectively.

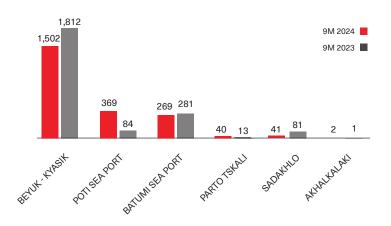
The share of Black Sea Ports in total import was 31% in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to 17% same period of 2023. 14% increase in share was primarily driven by increased transportation from Russia, Bulgaria, Türkiye and Romania. The latter were also the main importer countries using Black Sea Ports for entering, mostly for petroleum products transportation with 242 thousand tons, 83 thousand tons, 80 thousand tons and 80 thousand tons, respectively. incoming freight arrives through land border crossings, underscoring the significance of the East-West transportation axis. On the other hand, 75% of outgoing cargo is shipped from ports, emphasizing the role of maritime transport via the Black Sea. This data highlights that the primary route for freight volumes in Georgia is from the East, primarily through Azerbaijan, with a subsequent departure from the country via maritime transport.

\* The Company also has a rail line connection with Russia through Abkhazia, which is currently not operational.



# FREIGHT BY BORDER CROSSINGS

IMPORT BORDER CROSSING



## BORDER CROSSINGS OF EXPORTED PRODUCTS

The share of Black Sea Ports in total export remained the same at 57% during the nine months ended 30 September 2024, as well as in the same period of 2023. The main exported products were ammonium nitrate and sillico manganese, accounting for 306 thousand tons and 56 thousand tons, respectively.

The share of Beyuk-Kyasik in total export was 32% in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to 33% in same period of 2023. The main destination countries for exported cargo, leaving the country through Beyuk-Kyasik station, were Russia and Kazakhstan with 86 thousand and 85 thousand tons, respectively, mostly for mineral water transportation.

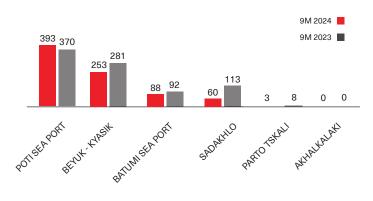
### BORDER CROSSINGS OF TRANSIT PRODUCTS

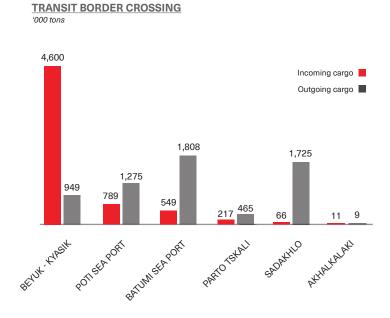
Beyuk-Kyasik station has the highest share in incoming volumes. The share of Beyuk-Kyasik station was 74% in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to 72% in same period of 2023. The main origin countries for incoming cargoes were Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan with 1,986 thousand tons, 1,157 thousand tons and 966 thousand tons, respectively.

Black Sea Ports have the highest share in outgoing volumes. The share of Black Sea Ports was 77% in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to 72% in same period of 2023. The main destination countries were Netherlands, Türkiye and China with 1,043 thousand tons, 507 thousand tons and 354 thousand tons, respectively.

EXPORT BORDER CROSSING







# **CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION**

Approximately 9% of the total transported volume in 9 months ended 30 September 2024 was for the containerized goods and the rest was for bulk and breakbulk.

Although container transport has a relatively low share, its volumes has been increasing slowly but steadily over the recent years.

| <u>CONTAINERS TRANSPORTED</u> |         |         |            |         |            |            |            | d 30 September |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Amt                           | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | у-о-у<br>% | Q2 2024 | q-o-q<br>% | 9M<br>2024 | 9M<br>2023 | q-o-q<br>%     |
| 20 FEET                       | 10,937  | 11,464  | (4.6)      | 9,830   | 11.3       | 30,395     | 35,065     | (13.3)         |
| 40 FEET                       | 7,067   | 6,970   | 1.4        | 6,234   | 13.4       | 18,589     | 20,740     | (10.4)         |
| TOTAL                         | 18,004  | 18,434  | (2.3)      | 16,064  | 12.1       | 48,984     | 55,805     | (12.2)         |

| REVENUE FROM CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION 9 month period e |         |         |            |         |            |            |            | d 30 September |
|--|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| GEL 000'   | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | у-о-у<br>% | Q2 2024 | q-o-q<br>% | 9M<br>2024 | 9M<br>2023 | q-o-q<br>%     |
| 20 FEET  | 5,639   | 4,776   | 18.1       | 4,493   | 25.5       | 15,050     | 14,433     | 4.3            |
| 40 FEET  | 3,013   | 3,512   | (14.2)     | 2,878   | 4.7        | 8,432      | 10,788     | (21.8)         |
| TOTAL  | 8,652   | 8,289   | 4.4        | 7,372   | 17.4       | 23,483     | 25,221     | (6.9)          |

| AVERAGE TARIFF |         |         |            |         |            | 9 month    | period ende | d 30 September |
|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| GEL            | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | у-о-у<br>% | Q2 2024 | q-o-q<br>% | 9M<br>2024 | 9M<br>2023  | q-o-q<br>%     |
| 20 FEET        | 515.6   | 416.6   | 23.8       | 457.1   | 12.8       | 495.2      | 411.6       | 20.3           |
| 40 FEET        | 426.3   | 503.9   | (15.4)     | 461.7   | (7.7)      | 453.6      | 520.2       | (12.8)         |
| TOTAL          | 480.5   | 449.6   | 6.9        | 458.9   | 4.7        | 479.4      | 451.9       | 6.1            |

\*Average tariff represents revenue divided by number of containers

|                             |         |         |            |         |            | 9 month    | period ende | ed 30 September |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                             | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | у-о-у<br>% | Q2 2024 | q-o-q<br>% | 9M<br>2024 | 9M<br>2023  | q-o-q<br>%      |
| NUMBER OF CONTAINERS IN TEU | 25,071  | 25,404  | (1.3)      | 22,298  | 12.4       | 67,573     | 76,545      | (11.7)          |
| TONS '000                   | 367     | 350     | 4.6        | 317     | 15.7       | 967        | 1,107       | (12.6)          |

Number of containers - 12% decrease was due to decreased containers transported to Azerbaijan by 4.1 thousand units and to Kazakhstan by 1.3 thousand units in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to same period of 2023.

Average tariff on containers (in GEL) - 6% increase was mainly due to increased number of containers transported to Bulgaria, which is relatively more profitable direction, while the number of containers transported to Kazakhstan, which is relatively less profitable direction, decreased in 9 months ended 30 September 2024, compared to same period of 2023.

The Group's container transportation consists of transit, import, export and domestic transportation routes. The split between mentioned directions in 9 months ended 30 September 2024 was about 79%, 13%, 6% and 3%, respectively, compared to 83%, 10%, 5% and 2%, respectively, in same period of 2023.

# LOGISTICAL SERVICES

### **General description**

Revenue from logistical services is generated by GR's subsidiaries.

#### Currency and tariff setting

Revenue from logistical services is comprised of 27% in USD and 73% in GEL.

### LOGISTICAL SERVICES

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | CH4   | ANGE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %     | Absolute |
| REVENUE FROM LOGISTICAL SERVICES  | 98,835  | 105,220 | (6.1) | (6,385)  |

#### Factors influencing performance

Revenue from logistics services decreased by 6.1% (GEL 6.4 million). This decrease was driven by GR's subsidiary, which provides container transportation services. The subsidiary's decreased income was primarily due to a decreased container transportation to the Azerbaijanian direction and on BTK line, as well as decrease in freight transportation Turkmenistan direction (carbamide transportation).

\*Logistic revenue and expenditures should be taken into consideration jointly (See pg.25 Logistical service expenses).

# **CONTAINERS BY TRANSPORTATION TYPE** '000 tons 984.6

DOMESTIC 922.8 763.5 111.1 123.3 93.9 54.7 50.1 28.7 25.5 22.5 13.4 2024 9M 2023 9M 2022 9M

TRANSIT

IMPORT

EXPORT

#### **Driver**

Revenue from this source mainly fluctuates based on transportation turnover and volumes measured in tons.

# **PASSENGER TRAFFIC**

#### **General description**

Passenger transportation comprises domestic and international services. Domestic transportation includes regional and long-distance transportation. Long-distance traffic accounts for the majority of the Group's passenger traffic, while the regional services, in particular suburban services, typically serve the low-income segments of society, with symbolic/minimal ticket fares. Georgian rail lines are linked to Azerbaijan and Armenia and international transportation services are provided to both countries.

#### **Currency and tariff setting**

Tariffs for domestic trains are set independently by the Group, in GEL. As a social partner to the Government of Georgia, the Group's maintains affordable passenger transportation services by setting tariffs much below its market prices. At the same time, GR maintains certain

passenger trains even when such routes are not economically feasible. In June 2024, the Railway Transport Agency and JSC Georgian Railway signed an initial Public Service Contract (PSC) to ensure compliance with EU railway safety regulations, supporting sector reform and european integration by enhancing service quality, transparency and accountability, valid until 2028. The compensation for the period from July to December, 2024, may reach up to GEL 8.0 million.

Tariffs for international transportation are set through negotiations between countries and are denominated in CHF.

#### **Drivers**

Passenger revenue changes in line with the tariffs and the number of passengers transported.

#### PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION

| GEL '000                                 | TOTAL   |         | СНА   | NGE      |
|--|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September        | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %     | Absolute |
| REVENUE FROM PASSENGER<br>TRANSPORTATION | 30,053  | 32,883  | (8.6) | (2,831)  |
| REVENUE FROM PSC*                        | 2,567   | 0       | 100.0 | 2,567    |
| NUMBER OF PASSENGERS '000                | 1,667   | 1,778   | (6.2) | (111)    |

\*Public Service Contract

#### Factors influencing performance

In the nine-month period ending September 30, 2024, revenue from passenger transportation fell by 8.6% compared to the same period in 2023. This decline was primarily due to a reduction in the number of passengers transported, especially on mainline and international routes, which are the more profitable segments. der Public Service Contract (PSC), between JSC Georgian Railway and the Government of Georgia, under which the Government should compensate for losses incurred on unprofitable passenger routes. The contract became effective in July 2024 and the compensation amount totaled for 2.6 million in the third guarter of 2024.

The decline was partially offset by revenue received un-

# **OTHER REVENUE**

#### **General description**

Other revenue is mostly denominated in GEL and comprises items such as revenue from the sale of scrap, communication services, electricity transportation and repair services for third parties.

## **OTHER REVENUE**

| GEL '000                               | TOT     | TAL     | CHANGE |          |  |
|--|---------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September      | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |  |
| REVENUE FROM SALE OF MATERIALS (SCRAP) | 8,143   | 420     | 100.0  | 7,723    |  |
| OTHER                                  | 2,385   | 3,411   | (30.1) | (1,027)  |  |
| TOTAL                                  | 10,528  | 3,832   | 174.8  | 6,697    |  |

### Factors influencing performance

In the nine-month period ending on September 30, 2024, there was an increase of GEL 6.7 million in other revenue compared to the same period in 2023. This increase was

primarily due to income generated from scrap realization. However, it was partially offset by a lower in income from the sale of materials (excluding scrap metal).

# **1.2 OTHER INCOME**

### **General description**

Other income mainly includes profit generated from an associate entity. In February 2024, Georgia Railway purchased 21.716% shares of Gardabani Thermal Power Plant (TPP), using accounts receivable from a former shareholder JSC "Development Fund of Georgia".

Other income also coincides penalties from clients and suppliers, sales of fixed assets, provision reversals and etc.

To better illustrate the operational profitability of the Group, other income is split into two categories: continuing operations (such as clients' and suppliers' penalties) and non-continuing operations (such as provision reversals or sale of fixed assets), which are not recurring part of the business.

## **OTHER INCOME**

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | CHAP   | IGE      |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |
| CONTINUING OPERATIONS             | 20,958  | 3,683   | 469.1  | 17,275   |
| NON-CONTINUING OPERATIONS         | 1,889   | 2,891   | (34.6) | (1,002)  |
| TOTAL                             | 22,847  | 6,574   | 247.5  | 16,273   |

### Factors influencing performance

Other income increased by GEL 16.3 million in the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, primarily due to the profit generated from associate entity (GEL 12.3 million), as well as proceeds from successful litigation.

# **1.3 OPERATING EXPENSES**

#### **General description**

Total operating expenses for the nine months ended 30 September 2024 increased approximately by GEL 11.8 million, compared to the same period of the previous year. The increase was mainly caused by an increase in logistical service expenses and freight car cross-border charge.

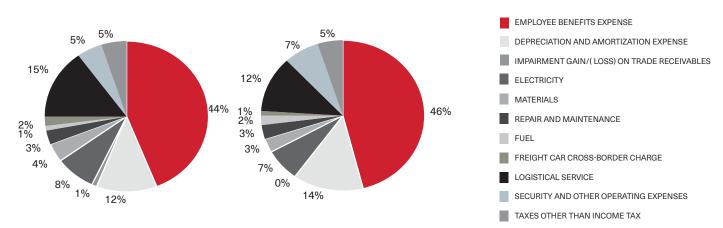
### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

| GEL '000                              | TOTAL   |         |        | CHANGE                 |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|------------------------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September     | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | % Constant<br>Currency | Absolute |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE             | 171,674 | 175,743 | (2.3)  | (6.0)                  | (4,069)  |
| DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE | 48,211  | 54,783  | (12.0) | (15.3)                 | (6,572)  |
| IMPAIRMENT LOSS ON TRADE RECEIVABLES  | 2,794   | 873     | 220.0  | 207.9                  | 1,921    |
| ELECTRICITY                           | 30,223  | 28,284  | 6.9    | 2.8                    | 1,939    |
| MATERIALS                             | 15,243  | 11,268  | 35.3   | 30.1                   | 3,974    |
| REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE                | 12,053  | 10,220  | 17.9   | 13.5                   | 1,833    |
| FUEL                                  | 5,536   | 6,694   | (17.3) | (20.4)                 | (1,157)  |
| FREIGHT CAR CROSS-BORDER CHARGE       | 10,188  | 5,093   | 100.0  | 92.5                   | 5,095    |
| LOGISTIC SERVICES                     | 60,222  | 44,109  | 36.5   | 31.4                   | 16,112   |
| SECURITY AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES | 19,417  | 25,945  | (25.2) | (28.0)                 | (6,528)  |
| TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX           | 18,303  | 18,107  | 1.1    | (2.8)                  | 196      |
| TOTAL                                 | 393,864 | 381,119 | 3.3    | (0.6)                  | 12,744   |

The following charts represent the cost structure for the three months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023:



9M 2023



# **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES**

### **General description**

The Group's salary cost is fixed and denominated in GEL. Therefore, it is not affected by changes in transported volume or the number of passengers, nor by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES

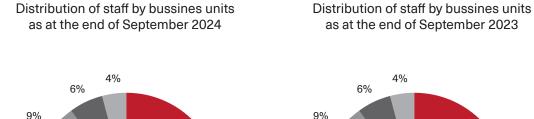
| GEL '000                          | то      | TAL     | CHANGE |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |  |
| SALARY                            | 135,101 | 139,098 | (2.9)  | (3,997)  |  |
| BONUS-REWARD                      | 4,135   | 4,324   | (4.4)  | (189)    |  |
| OTHER BENEFITS                    | 32,438  | 32,321  | 0.4    | 117      |  |
| TOTAL                             | 171,674 | 175,743 | (2.3)  | (4,069)  |  |

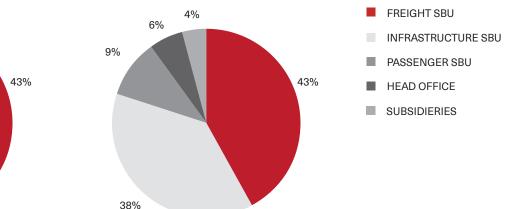
#### Factors influencing changes

JSC Georgian Railway is one of the largest corporate employers and taxpayers in Georgia. This highlights the Company's significance for the country, along with the other important economic and social benefits it provides to the nation and it's employees. September 30, 2024, fell by 2.3 percent (GEL 4.1 million) compared to the same period of the previous year. This reduction was primarily driven by a 2.9 percent decrease in total salary costs, mainly due to a 3.3 percent reduction in the number of employees.

Employee benefits expenses for the nine months ending

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





38%

# **DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSES**

#### General description

The Group's depreciation and amortization expenses are mainly affected by capital additions and property retirements from disposal, sale, or abandonment. The expenses are denominated in GEL and thus are not affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSES

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | CHANGE |          |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |
| DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     | 48,211  | 54,783  | (12.0) | (6,572)  |

#### Factors influencing changes

The Group's depreciation and amortization expense was GEL 48.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2024, as compared to GEL 54.8 million for the corresponding period in 2023. In 2024, the useful life of certain assets

was reassessed and adjusted, leading to a GEL 6.6 million reduction in depreciation and amortization expenses in 9 month period ended 30 September of 2024.

# **ELECTRICITY EXPENSES**

Approximately 98% of GR's railway network is electrified. Before September 2011, the Company purchased most of its electricity on the open market in Georgia. However, in September 2011, the Company entered into a 10-year agreement for the purchase of electricity with fixed tariffs (the "Electricity Agreement"), securing a price for more than 90% of the Company's needs. The remaining amount was procured on the open market. The Electricity Agreement expired in September 2021 however and since then the Company has been purchasing electricity on the open market with tariffs denominated in GEL.

Electricity expenses are split into two categories: electricity expenses for traction, which is driven by transportation turnover (the Group uses electric locomotives for freight transportation, EMUs for passenger transportation and diesel locomotives for shunting operations); and utility expenses, which are not related to transportation volume and are normally considered to be fixed.

#### **ELECTRICITY EXPENSES**

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | CHA | NGE      |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %   | Absolute |
| ELECTRICITY EXPENSES FOR TRACTION | 26,468  | 24,553  | 7.8 | 1,915    |
| UTILITY EXPENSES                  | 3,755   | 3,731   | 0.6 | 24       |
| TOTAL                             | 30,223  | 28,284  | 6.9 | 1,939    |

### Factors influencing changes

Total electricity expenses increased by approximately 6.9% (GEL 1.9 million) in the nine months ended September 30, 2024, compared to the same period in 2023. This rise was

mainly driven by increased cargo transportation and a higher average electricity tariff. (see table: "Purchased Electricity and Weighted Average Tariff").

## PURCHASED ELECTRICITY AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE TARIFF

| GEL '000                          |       | 9M 2024                          |                              |       | 9M 2023                          |                              |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | GWh   | Gross ton-km<br><i>(million)</i> | Weighted av.<br>tariff (GEL) | GWh   | Gross ton-km<br><i>(million)</i> | Weighted av.<br>tariff (GEL) |
| JANUARY                           | 12.5  | 551.6                            | 0.232                        | 12.4  | 532.7                            | 0.234                        |
| FEBRUARY                          | 12.6  | 592.9                            | 0.235                        | 11.2  | 495.5                            | 0.233                        |
| MARCH                             | 13.2  | 599.8                            | 0.235                        | 12.8  | 581.8                            | 0.225                        |
| APRIL                             | 12.3  | 580.8                            | 0.232                        | 11.7  | 522.3                            | 0.223                        |
| MAY                               | 13.6  | 665.8                            | 0.199                        | 13.5  | 653.3                            | 0.158                        |
| JUNE                              | 13.6  | 664.0                            | 0.218                        | 13.4  | 632.4                            | 0.193                        |
| JULY                              | 13.9  | 644.1                            | 0.218                        | 14.0  | 642.3                            | 0.205                        |
| AUGUST                            | 13.8  | 657.6                            | 0.220                        | 13.9  | 633.9                            | 0.211                        |
| SEPTEMBER                         | 12.8  | 604.5                            | 0.228                        | 12.9  | 587.5                            | 0.234                        |
| TOTAL                             | 118.3 | 5,561.2                          | 0.224                        | 115.9 | 5,281.7                          | 0.213                        |

Note: The table above includes only electricity consumed for traction

# **MATERIALS, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

## **General description**

The Group purchases inventory and uses these materials for repair works performed internally by its employees. This consumption is presented under "materials expenses". However, some repair works are outsourced and are presented under "repair and maintenance expenses".

The Group's materials, repair and maintenance expens-

### MATERIALS, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

es are all tied to its rolling stock equipment balance, its utilization level and transportation volume. When the transportation by the Group's rolling stock increases, so do the expenses for materials, repair and maintenance. However, this expense can also be decreased by increased capital expenditures on the fleet and infrastructure, which reduces the need for repair and maintenance.

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | СН   | ANGE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %    | Absolute |
| MATERIALS EXPENSES                | 15,243  | 11,268  | 35.3 | 3,974    |
| REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES   | 12,053  | 10,220  | 17.9 | 1,833    |
| TOTAL                             | 27,296  | 21,488  | 27.0 | 5,808    |

## **Factors influencing changes**

The GEL 5.8 million increase was primarily due to a GEL 4.0 million rise in material expenses, mainly driven by a higher volume of purchased materials, particularly related to the track superstructure and a GEL 1.8 million increase

in repair and maintenance expenses, primarily due to more repair works for machinery and rolling stock compared to the previous year during the first nine months of 2024.

# FREIGHT CAR CROSS-BORDER CHARGE EXPENSES

#### **General description**

Freight car cross-border charge expenses represent short-term rent expenses derived from the usage of other railways' railcars on the Group's network, for which it is charged a daily fee. This expense counters the Freight car cross-border charge revenue. The expense is based on CHF tariffs and thus is tied to the GEL/ CHF exchange rate and the amount of cargo GR transports using other railways companies' railcars.

### FREIGHT CAR CROSS-BORDER CHARGE EXPENSES

| GEL '000                                 | TOTAL   |         | СНА   | NGE      |
|--|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September        | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %     | Absolute |
| FREIGHT CAR CROSS-BORDER CHARGE EXPENSES | 10,188  | 5,093   | 100.0 | 5,095    |

#### Factors influencing changes

Freight car cross-border charge expenses nearly doubled, reaching GEL 10.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2024, compared to the same period of

2023, mainly caused by increased usage of tank cars and semi-wagons..

# LOGISTICAL SERVICE EXPENSES

#### **General description**

Expenses for logistical services refer to costs incurred by the Group's logistics business for international transporta-

tion and/or for other modes of transport.

#### LOGISTICAL SERVICE EXPENSES

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | СН   | ANGE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %    | Absolute |
| LOGISTICAL SERVICES               | 60,222  | 44,109  | 36.5 | 16,112   |

#### Factors influencing changes

Expenses for logistical services in the first nine month of 2024 increased by 36.5% (GEL 16.1 million), compared to

the same period of 2023. This change was primarily due to the ommission of full nine month costs atributable to 2023.

\*Logistical revenue and expenditures should be taken into consideration jointly (See pg. 18 Logistical services).

# SECURITY AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

### **General description**

Security expenses mainly comprise the Group's buildings, depots and railway station protection expenses. Other operating expenses consist of items such as communication, legal costs, consulting services, membership fees, rent expenses and advertising expenses.

Security and other operating expenses are mostly denominated in GEL and are mainly fixed.

## SECURITY AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| GEL '000                          | TOTAL   |         | CH     | ANGE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |
| SECURITY                          | 9,553   | 9,648   | (1.0)  | (94)     |
| OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES          | 9,863   | 16,297  | (39.5) | (6,434)  |
| TOTAL                             | 19,417  | 25,945  | (25.2) | (6,528)  |

### Factors influencing changes

Security and other operating expenses decreased by GEL 6.5 million during the nine-month period ending September 30, 2024 compared to same period of 2023. This reduction

was primarily due to higher expenses related to software and hardware services in the first 9 month of 2023.



# **1.4 FINANCE INCOME AND COST**

#### **General description**

The finance income of the Group mainly consists of interest income accrued on the Group's cash balances and foreign exchange gains.

Finance cost mainly consists of interest expenses on the Group's debt and foreign exchange losses.

The main source of FX gains or loss is the Group's Eurobonds, which are denominated in USD. This is, how-

ever, partially offset by the Group's USD cash balances and receivables in foreign hard currencies. It must be noted that such FX gain or loss on Eurobonds is not monetary and will not be realized until maturity. The Group's revenues are mostly denominated in hard currencies (USD and CHF). As most of the tariffs are set in USD, the Group's revenue creates a natural economic hedge against foreign exchange fluctuations.

## FINANCE INCOME AND COST

| GEL '000                                   | ТОТ      | TOTAL CI |         | ANGE     |
|--|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September          | 9M 2024  | 9M 2023  | %       | Absolute |
| INTEREST INCOME                            | 17,717   | 26,124   | (32.2)  | (8,407)  |
| IMPAIRMENT GAIN/(LOSS) ON FINANCIAL ASSETS | (331)    | 624      | (153.0) | (955)    |
| INTEREST EXPENSE                           | (43,899) | (42,728) | 2.7     | (1,170)  |
| NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN/(LOSS)           | (17,108) | 12,440   | (237.5) | (29,548) |
| NET FINANCE INCOME/(LOSS)                  | (43,621) | (3,540)  | 1,132.1 | (40,080) |

## Factors influencing changes

In the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Group reported a GEL 43.6 million net finance loss, compared to a GEL 3.5 million net finance loss in the same period of 2023. The difference of GEL 40.1 million was primarily due to fluctuations in the GEL against foreign currencies.

The Group showed a net foreign exchange loss of 17.7 million due to the depreciation of the GEL against the USD by 1.5 percent as of September 30, 2024, compared to December 31, 2023 (GEL/USD exchange rate of 2.7297 versus 2.6894). Conversely, the Group experienced a net foreign exchange gain of GEL 12.4 million due to the GEL's appreciation against the USD by 0.9 percent as of September 30, 2023, compared to December 31, 2022 (GEL/USD exchange rate of 2.6783 versus 2.7020).

Interest income during the first nine months of 2024 decreased by 8.4 million GEL compared to the same period of 2023, mainly due to lower interest rates on GEL denominated deposits, as well as increased share of USD denominated deposits, which naturally have lower interest rates.

# **1.5 INCOME TAX EXPENSE/BENEFIT**

### **General description**

In May 2016, the Parliament of Georgia adopted amendments to the Tax Code of Georgia effective from 1 January 2017. According to the new tax code, the previously active profit tax regulation was changed to the so-called "tax on distributed profits" model.

### **INCOME TAX EXPENSE/BENEFIT**

| GEL '000                          | то      | TAL     | CHANGE |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |  |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE/BENEFIT        | (460)   | (565)   | (18.6) | 105      |  |

#### **Factors influencing changes**

In May 2016, the Georgian Parliament approved changes to the Tax Code, adopting the Estonian tax model for businesses, except for profit-sharing companies. According to the model income tax is paid on the distributed profit instead of annual income, as well as undistributed profit is tax-exempt. The new tax code is effective from January 1, 2017.

Income tax expenses decreased by GEL 0.1 million in the first nine months of 2024, compared to the same period of 2023.

# **II. BALANCE SHEET**

| '000 GEL                             |           |           |          |             |           |          |             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
|                                      | 30-Sep-24 | 30-Jun-24 | % change | Abs. change | 31-Dec-23 | % change | Abs. change |
| TOTAL ASSETS                         | 2,576,247 | 2,529,814 | 1.8      | 46,432      | 2,495,961 | 3.2      | 80,286      |
| CHANGES ARE MAINLY DUE TO:           |           |           |          |             |           |          |             |
| Property, plant and equipment        | 1,943,209 | 1,943,064 | 0.0      | 145         | 1,921,379 | 1.1      | 21,830      |
| Investments                          | 70,171    | 57,781    | 21.4     | 12,390      | -         | -        | -           |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 11,125    | 6,757     | 64.7     | 4,369       | 3,562     | 212.3    | 7,563       |
| ASSETS                               |           |           |          |             |           |          |             |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                    | 1,632,731 | 1,659,519 | (1.6)    | (26,788)    | 204,770   | 697.3    | 1,427,961   |
| CHANGES ARE MAINLY DUE TO:           |           |           |          |             |           |          |             |
| Loans and borrowings (LT)            | 1,377,844 | 1,417,970 | (2.8)    | (40,125)    | 1,339,840 | 2.8      | 38,004      |
| Trade and other payables (ST)        | 112,123   | 116,837   | (4.0)    | (4,713)     | 142,117   | (21.1)   | (29,994)    |

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ASSETS

<u>Property, plant and equipment (PP&E)</u> – The increase of GEL 21.8 million in property, plant and equipment was primarily due to the construction of a new rail network and other engineering works, mostly associated with the Modernization Project.

Investments – The loan issued to the former shareholder, JSC Development Fund of Georgia (formerly JSC Partnership Fund), has been recovered through the acquisition of a 21.7% ownership stake in Gardabani Thermal Power Plant (Gardabani TPP). As a result, the loan amount has been reclassified from the other receivables to the investments account. Additionally, as of 30 September 2024, initial cost of an investment increased by GEL 12.3 million of profit generated by the entity.

<u>Prepayments and other current assets</u> – The GEL 7.6 million increase is attributable to the reclassification of the Company's subsidiaries' trade and other payables to prepayments.

# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LIABILITIES

Loans and borrowings (LT) – As of 30 September 2024 loans and borrowings increased due to the GEL depreciation against foreign currencies, as well as the temporary reclassification of a secured loan from long-term to shortterm loans and borrowings as of 31 December 2023.

<u>Trade and other payables (ST)</u> - The GEL 30.0 million decrease was due to the payment of GEL 26.8 million to supplier for constructing and designing signaling, centralization and blocking systems on the Kashuri-Zestafoni segment, which was partially offset by increased payables of GR's subsidiaries.

# **III. CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

By the end of 30 September, 2024, the Group held GEL 286.4 million of cash and cash equivalents and GEL 39.1 million of term deposits These cash resources are held to support working capital and fixed capital expenditures. Fixed capital expenditures mainly entail the costs related to Modernization Project, which is expected to be finalized by 2024.

The Group mainly relies on its cash generated from operating activities for funding its current and future cash requirements.

# **3.1 OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

| GEL '000                             | TOTAL     |           | СНА   | ANGE     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September    | 9M 2024   | 9M 2023   | %     | Absolute |
| CASH RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMERS         | 478,945   | 473,422   | 1.2   | 5,523    |
| CASH PAID TO SUPPLIERS AND EMPLOYEES | (304,790) | (319,196) | (4.5) | 14,407   |
| NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   | 174,155   | 154,226   | 12.9  | 19,929   |

## Factors influencing changes

Net cash from operating activities increased by GEL 19.9 million in the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. This change was primarily driven by an increase in cash receipts from customers due to higher freight transportation, which in turn was influenced by the depreciation of the GEL against the USD as the most of

the Group's revenue is denominated in USD. Additionally, there was a decrease in cash paid to suppliers and employees, primarily due to lower employee benefit expenses, which also contributed to the rise in net cash from operating activities. (see pg. 22 Employee benefit expenses).

# **3.2 INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

| GEL '000  | TO        | TAL       | CH4     | NGE      |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September                   | 9M 2024   | 9M 2023   | %       | Absolute |
| ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT        | (112,016) | (108,332) | 3.4     | (3,684)  |
| PURCHASE OF A COMPANY SHARE                         | (4,343)   | -         | 100.0   | (4,343)  |
| PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | -         | 262       | (100.0) | (262)    |
| INTEREST RECEIVED                                   | 17,700    | 26,124    | (32.2)  | (8,424)  |
| DECREASE/(INCREASE) IN TERM DEPOSITS                | (39,120)  | (12,026)  | 225.3   | (27,095) |
| INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES                          | (462)     | -         | 100.0   | (462)    |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES               | (138,241) | (93,971)  | 47.1    | (44,241) |

#### Factors influencing changes

Cash used in investing activities increased by GEL 44.2 million in the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. This increase was mainly due to the

opening of term deposit in the amount of GEL 39.1 million, which matures before the yearend, when the amount will be transfered back to cash and cash equivalents.

# **3.3 FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

| GEL '000                              | TOTAL    |          | СНА | NGE      |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September     | 9M 2024  | 9M 2024  | %   | Absolute |
| REPAYMENT OF BORROWINGS               | (5,878)  | (5,453)  | 7.8 | (425)    |
| INTEREST PAID                         | (29,899) | (27,424) | 9.0 | (2,474)  |
| NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES | (35,776) | (32,877) | 8.8 | (2,899)  |

## **Factors influencing changes**

Cash used in financing activities increased by GEL 2.9 million during nine month period ended 30 September 2024, compared to the same period 2023, mainly due to the GEL depreciation against foreign currencies.



# **APPENDIX**

# **APPENDIX 1**

# **BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TONS**

| '000 tons                         | то      | TAL     | CHANGE |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |  |
| LIQUID CARGOES                    | 3,976   | 3,700   | 7.4    | 275      |  |
| OIL PRODUCTS                      | 3,971   | 3,675   | 8.1    | 296      |  |
| CRUDE OIL                         | 4       | 25      | (82.9) | (21)     |  |

| DRY CARGOES               | 6,424  | 6,556  | (2.0)  | (132) |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| ORES                      | 1,201  | 1,318  | (8.8)  | (116) |
| GRAIN                     | 98     | 145    | (32.5) | (47)  |
| FERROUS METALS AND SCRAP  | 350    | 375    | (6.8)  | (26)  |
| SUGAR                     | 466    | 498    | (6.4)  | (32)  |
| CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS | 1,357  | 1,112  | 22.0   | 245   |
| CONSTRUCTION FREIGHT      | 711    | 835    | (14.9) | (124) |
| INDUSTRIAL FREIGHT        | 509    | 484    | 5.2    | 25    |
| CEMENT                    | 56     | 63     | (11.6) | (7)   |
| OTHER                     | 1,676  | 1,726  | (2.9)  | (50)  |
| OTAL                      | 10,400 | 10,257 | 1.4    | 143   |

## **BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TONS**

| '000 tons                         | то      | TAL     | CHANGE |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |  |
| IMPORT                            | 2,221   | 2,272   | (2.2)  | (51)     |  |
| EXPORT                            | 798     | 864     | (7.6)  | (65)     |  |
| DOMESTIC                          | 1,149   | 1,194   | (3.7)  | (45)     |  |
| TRANSIT                           | 6,231   | 5,927   | 5.1    | 304      |  |
| TOTAL                             | 10,400  | 10,257  | 1.4    | 143      |  |

# BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TONS (QUARTERLY)

## '000 tons

| 9 month period ended 30 September | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% | Q2 2024 | <b>q-o-q</b><br>% |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| LIQUID CARGOES                    | 1,435   | 1,259   | 14.0              | 1,397   | 2.8               |
| OIL PRODUCTS                      | 1,432   | 1,256   | 14.0              | 1,396   | 2.5               |
| CRUDE OIL                         | 4       | 3       | 25.9              | 0       | 1,827.1           |

| DRY CARGOES               | 2,144 | 2,346 | (8.6)  | 2,186 | (2.0)  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| ORES                      | 347   | 463   | (24.9) | 364   | (4.7)  |
| GRAIN                     | 36    | 25    | 42.9   | 22    | 59.5   |
| FERROUS METALS AND SCRAP  | 135   | 133   | 1.6    | 92    | 45.9   |
| SUGAR                     | 243   | 186   | 30.6   | 174   | 39.8   |
| CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS | 385   | 452   | (14.9) | 493   | (21.9) |
| CONSTRUCTION FREIGHT      | 234   | 308   | (23.8) | 227   | 3.2    |
| INDUSTRIAL FREIGHT        | 200   | 198   | 1.3    | 176   | 14.2   |
| CEMENT                    | 14    | 21    | (31.7) | 20    | (27.7) |
| OTHER                     | 549   | 561   | (2.1)  | 618   | (11.1) |
| DTAL                      | 3,579 | 3,604 | (0.7)  | 3,583 | (0.1)  |
|                           |       |       |        |       |        |

## **BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TONS (QUARTERLY)**

'000 tons

| 9 month period ended 30 September | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% | Q2 2024 | <b>q-o-q</b><br>% |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| IMPORT                            | 840     | 816     | 3.0               | 721     | 16.5              |
| EXPORT                            | 253     | 266     | (5.0)             | 270     | (6.5)             |
| DOMESTIC                          | 360     | 480     | (25.0)            | 400     | (9.9)             |
| TRANSIT                           | 2,126   | 2,043   | 4.1               | 2,192   | (3.0)             |
| TOTAL                             | 3,579   | 3,604   | (0.7)             | 3,583   | (0.1)             |

# **APPENDIX 2**

# BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TON-KILOMETERS

| In million ton-kilometers         | то      | TOTAL   |        | IANGE    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %      | Absolute |
| LIQUID CARGOES                    | 1,254   | 1,124   | 11.5   | 129      |
| OIL PRODUCTS                      | 1,253   | 1,115   | 12.4   | 138      |
| CRUDE OIL                         | 1       | 9       | (93.0) | (8)      |
| DRY CARGOES                       | 1,735   | 1,764   | (1.7)  | (29)     |
| ORES                              | 318     | 331     | (4.0)  | (13)     |
| GRAIN                             | 19      | 37      | (47.7) | (18)     |
| FERROUS METALS AND SCRAP          | 79      | 77      | 2.8    | 2        |
| SUGAR                             | 173     | 183     | (5.5)  | (10)     |
| CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS         | 484     | 398     | 21.6   | 86       |
| CONSTRUCTION FREIGHT              | 94      | 128     | (26.1) | (33)     |
| INDUSTRIAL FREIGHT                | 46      | 60      | (22.2) | (13)     |
| CEMENT                            | 11      | 16      | (32.3) | (5)      |
| OTHER                             | 510     | 535     | (4.5)  | (24)     |
| OTAL                              | 2,988   | 2,888   | 3.5    | 100      |

# BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TON-KILOMETERS

| In million ton-kilometers         | TOTAL   |         | СНА   | ANGE     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | 9M 2024 | 9M 2023 | %     | Absolute |
| IMPORT                            | 302     | 297     | 1.7   | 5        |
| EXPORT                            | 225     | 248     | (9.3) | (23)     |
| DOMESTIC                          | 120     | 128     | (6.3) | (8)      |
| TRANSIT                           | 2,341   | 2,215   | 5.7   | 126      |
| TOTAL                             | 2,988   | 2,888   | 3.5   | 100      |

# BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TON-KILOMETERS (QUARTERLY)

| In million ton-kilometers         |         |         |                   |         |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 9 month period ended 30 September | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% | Q2 2024 | <b>q-o-q</b><br>% |
| LIQUID CARGOES                    | 457     | 384     | 18.8              | 446     | 2.4               |
| OIL PRODUCTS                      | 456     | 384     | 18.8              | 446     | 2.3               |
| CRUDE OIL                         | 1       | 0       | 85.4              | 0       | 4,923.8           |
| DRY CARGOES                       | 569     | 627     | (9.2)             | 593     | (4.0)             |
| ORES                              | 86      | 112     | (23.5)            | 90      | (5.3)             |
| GRAIN                             | 8       | 6       | 36.2              | 3       | 176.9             |
| FERROUS METALS AND SCRAP          | 33      | 30      | 12.5              | 22      | 55.3              |
| SUGAR                             | 89      | 66      | 34.7              | 64      | 40.7              |
| CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS         | 139     | 163     | (15.0)            | 176     | (21.2)            |
| CONSTRUCTION FREIGHT              | 31      | 45      | (30.6)            | 29      | 7.7               |
| INDUSTRIAL FREIGHT                | 15      | 24      | (36.8)            | 17      | (10.4)            |
| CEMENT                            | 3       | 5       | (46.8)            | 4       | (40.5)            |
| OTHER                             | 165     | 176     | (6.4)             | 188     | (12.3)            |
| TOTAL                             | 1,026   | 1,011   | 1.4               | 1,039   | (1.2)             |

# BREAKDOWN OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN TON-KILOMETERS (QUARTERLY)

#### In million ton-kilometers

| 9 month period ended 30 September | Q3 2024 | Q3 2023 | <b>у-о-у</b><br>% | Q2 2024 | <b>q-o-q</b><br>% |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| IMPORT                            | 118     | 118     | (0.4)             | 99      | 19.1              |
| EXPORT                            | 72      | 77      | (6.8)             | 77      | (6.8)             |
| DOMESTIC                          | 39      | 49      | (19.7)            | 41      | (3.2)             |
| TRANSIT                           | 797     | 768     | 3.9               | 822     | (3.0)             |
| TOTAL                             | 1,026   | 1,011   | 1.4               | 1,039   | (1.2)             |

# **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 adjusted EBITDA 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 any specific date is the Incurrence date (or "the date of determination") as defined in Condition 3 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes".

## CALCULATIONS OF THE RATIO OF NET FINANCIAL INDEBTEDNESS TO ADJUSTED EBITDA:

| GEL '000  | 30-Sep-24   | 31-Dec-23   |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|
| Financial indebtedness                                  | 1,405,415   | 1,393,655   |  |
| less:   |             |             |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                               | 286,388     | 286,626     |  |
| Term deposits*  | 39,120      | -           |  |
| Net Financial Indebtedness:                             | 1,079,906   | 1,107,030   |  |
|   |             |             |  |
| The most recent 2 consecutive semi-annual period ended: | 30 Jun 2024 | 31 Dec 2023 |  |
| Results from operating activities                       | 118,509     | 97,561      |  |
| Depreciation add-back                                   | (72,835)    | (76,895)    |  |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables                    | 5,456       | 6,016       |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | 185,889     | 168,440     |  |
|   |             |             |  |
| Net Financial Indebtedness/Adjusted EBITDA              | 5.81        | 6.49        |  |

\*For consistancy of comperatives, we have added term deposits to 2024 ratio calculation as it matures before the yearend. Otherwise the ratio would have been 6.02.