

# The role of the GR in the state 12'400



## **Employed as of today**

One of the largest employers in the country 25'000 beneficiaries are insured by the GR

# 47'560'665 GEL

Paid annually to the state budget

One of the largest payers in the country

## 200'000'000 GEL

## **Annual salary fund**

One of the largest payrolls in the country

During 2019-2021 there was a 10% and 24% increase in salary

# OGEL

Amount received from the state budget during the last 20 years

### **ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION MODE**

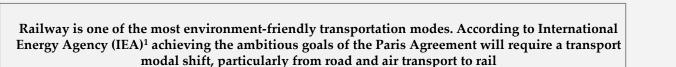
- √ 97% of Georgian Railway is electrified
- ✓ Both freight and passenger transportation use electric locomotives and EMUs. Diesel locomotives are used only for shunting operations and on nonelectrified sidings
- ✓ Realization of strategic green projects, such as Modernisation project, aimed to reduce GR's environmental impact (reduced electricity consumption, lower CO2 emissions) and increase operations safety further
- Regular conducting environmental audits and monitoring of the railway throughout the country
- ✓ Fully compliant with applicable environmental protection laws and regulations



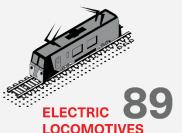




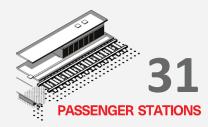




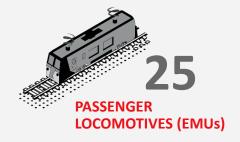
















### **STADLER**

**Stadler Trains perform regular passenger** transportations on every day basis with nearly 90% occupation rate.

Quantity – 4 unit Purchase year - 2016 Budget - 105 mln GEL



## Modernization project 2011-2022

The project is supervised and managed by the reputable and experienced Owner's Engineer,

international Austrian-German consortium ILF and DB



+ 40 km/hr		Freight Train Speed
+ 70 km/hr		Passenger Train Speed
	+ 270%	Bandwith
	- 50%	Time
	0 km	Length
	- 10%	Annual Expense



Completion **Status** 

60%



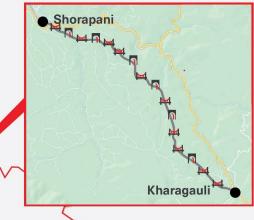
6 tunnels with the length of 14'510 meters

98%



**Artificial structures** (bridges, waterways, canals)

93%







#### **CONTINIOUS FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOMENT**







- ✓ Green transportation with low carbon emissions97% of the railway is electrified



- ✓ Responsible waste management:
   All hazardous waste is disposed
   Iron waste (old rolling stock etc.) is sold out to third parties for recycling



Commitment to high ESG standards in new CAPEX projects





- Over 12,400 people employed
- The largest employer in Georgia, providing employment opportunities all over the country Established HSE<sup>(1)</sup> policy



GEL 9.1mn employees' healthcare and insurance expenses in 2021



Own Railway transportation college established in 2015





- ✓ Adherence to the best governance standards
  ✓ All BoD members are independent
  ✓ 3 committees established on the BoD

#### **GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK**



#### Green Bond Framework is aligned with the ICMA Green Bonds Principles 2018





#### Use of proceeds

- Finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, GR's expenditures relating to the Eligible Green Project Categories as detailed below, which provide distinct environmental benefits
- Eligible projects in line with "Clean transportation" category of the Green Bond Principles:
  - Modernization, maintenance and energy efficiency of existing electrified interurban railway lines
  - Investments into new electrified railway line and extensions
  - Acquisition and maintenance of freight and passenger rolling stock
  - Acquisition, modernization and maintenance of trackside infrastructure
- In the case of refinancing Eligible Projects will be limited to a 3-year look back period from the year of issuance of a Green Bond

#### **Project evaluation**

- Georgian Railway's Corporate Department, together with the Economic Department will evaluate projects against the eligibility and exclusion criteria on ongoing basis
- Projects that meet the criteria will be eligible for the green bond financing/refinancing
- The Eligible Projects will be tracked using an internal register
- The list of Eligible Projects to be reviewed against the eligibility and exclusionary criteria annually

#### Management of proceeds

- GR Economic Department, together with Accounting and Corporate Departments, will track expenditure to eligible projects using an internal register
- GR will strive to allocate total net proceeds to eligible projects within 3 years of issuance of each Green Bond
- Pending full allocation of an amount equivalent to the net proceeds of outstanding Green Bonds, the proceeds will be held in temporary investments such as cash, cash equivalent, other liquid marketable investments in line with Georgian Railway's treasury management policies or used to repay portions of outstanding indebtedness

#### Reporting

- GR commits to publish an annual Green Bond Allocation and Impact Report on the Group's website, until full allocation of the proceeds, and in the event of any material changes until the maturity date of the bond
- The Allocation and Impact Report will include:
  - Details of Eligible Green Projects and allocations
  - Relevant environmental outcomes/impacts
  - The proportional allocation of proceeds between existing projects (refinancing) and new projects
  - Amount of cash or cash equivalents remaining to be allocated

#### **POSITIVE EXTERNAL REVIEW**



#### **Key highlights**

- ✓ Georgian Railway Green Bond Framework is aligned with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles 2018.
- ✓ The objectives of GR's Green Bond Framework correspond to its sustainability commitments of minimizing and mitigating the environmental effects caused by its activities, as well as improving the overall environmental performance of the country's transportation sector. Project financed under the Framework will further support electrification, modernization, and extension of the country's railway infrastructure
- ✓ The Company commits to using an amount equivalent to net proceeds of bonds issued under the framework to finance or refinance eligible green projects under the category "clean transportation"
- ✓ Corporate and economics departments will be responsible for evaluating projects under the eligibility and exclusion criteria, and annual monitoring for continued eligibility
- ✓ Allocation and expenditures for eligible projects will be tracked using internal register
- ✓ The company will publish Green Bond Allocation and Impact report annually on the website until full proceeds allocation and in the event of material change



#### **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF THE ISSUANCE**



#### Anticipated development impact

- Georgia's infrastructure is one of the country's highest priorities;
   railway network is a critical part of Georgia's infrastructure
- GR's ongoing investments aim to improve Georgia's transport and logistics infrastructure by increasing overall mobility and connectivity in the country
- Transaction is expected to:
  - ✓ partially finance infrastructure projects
  - ✓ refinance GR's existing debt to improve its liquidity condition
  - these resources, along with any cash flow benefits, are expected to be used by GR to finance development outputs
- GR will report progress on its development outputs annually

#### **UN SDG alignment**







#### Financing anticipated development outputs

#### Improve efficiency and speed of freight and passenger trains by:

- Reducing travel time for freight trains in both directions from the Azerbaijani border to the Batumi port
- Improving allowed speed of passenger trains on the mountainous gorge section in Central Georgia to up to 80km/hr
- Increasing annual volume of freight and cargo transported to over 12mt from 11mt in 2020
- Increasing number of railway passengers to over 2mn per year from 0.94mn in 2020

#### Add onto existing infrastructure to increase volume and capacity by:

- Increasing freight capacity volume to over 40mt annually
- Increasing passenger volume to over 7mn per year
- Lengthening the railway network to over 1,440km

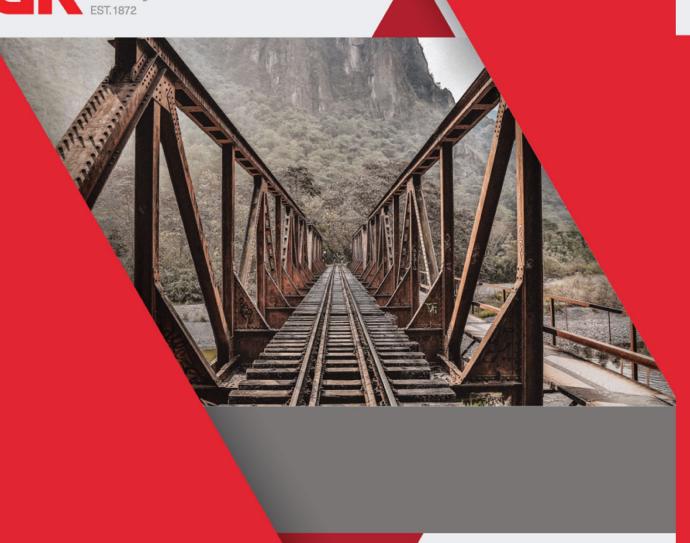
#### Promote gender diversity and inclusion by:

- Piloting programs to promote women and girls' safety
- Allocating at least 10% of jobs in construction to women
- Implementing a new policy against sexual harassment and supporting procedures

#### Promote employment by:

 Creating over 20 new jobs during the construction of the Modernisation Project





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