

Press Release

“Saknakshiri” (GIG) Management Releases Official Response to the Letter of Georgian Trade Union Confederation

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Currently, the meeting is being held in connection with this issue at the administration of the Company, at which Tamaz Dolaberidze, the management representatives and part of the workers' are present. Please also be informed that on the basis of the agreement of February 29, 2016, the company employees' salaries should be increased in total by 10%, from April 1 of this year, and for the performance of these obligations the draft labor agreements being developed in consideration of the employees' interests and accordingly the employees were explained the legal consequences of signing thereof.

This letter was sent, in an official response, to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and Mr. Davit Sergeenko and Tamaz Dolaberidze, the President of Trade Union of Metallurgy, Mining and Chemical Industry Workers of Georgia.

“Saknakshiri” (GIG) Management has sent the letter to Tamaz Dolaberidze, the President of Trade Union of Metallurgy, Mining and Chemical Industry Workers of Georgia, on March 22.

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Founded in April 2006, “Saknakshiri” (GIG) Ltd is wholly owned by GIG with the operations focused on coal mining activities, including coal extraction and enrichment A solely owner of economically important coal mining assets, Saknakshiri is a premier coal mining company in Georgia and only provider of locally mined coal. Dzidziguri and Mendeli mines, where current operations are taking place, represent the key production assets. The company owns a coal reserve amounted to 331 million tons in Tkibuli-Shaori region, while in Vale mineshafts (currently the mine is shut down), Saknakshiri owns brown coal reserves of 76 million tons.

