

## Press Release

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Niko Ketskhoveli competition is the most ambitious school project, covering up to thousand school environmental activities throughout the year. After the relevant retraining the teams of up to 20 schools involved in the competition were able to carry out number of greenery, cleaning, research and educational activities with the partner companies, state and public organizations. The competition is organized by the CENN in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Education.

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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 sole 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. David Bezhushvili is the founder of Georgian Industrial Group.

