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### San Diego State University (SDSU) in Georgia and Georgian Industrial Group (GIG) entered into partnership

On March 31, at “European School”, the memorandum on mutual agreement was signed by the parties. In accordance with the Agreement of San Diego State (SDSU) in Georgia and Georgian Industrial Group (GIG), four-year full scholarship will be allocated by GIG for those graduates of European School who will be successfully enrolled at internationally accredited bachelor’s programs of San Diego State University.

Memorandum was signed by the Dean of San Diego State University in Georgia – Dr. Ken Walsh and acting Director of “Georgian Industrial Group”, Mr. Zurab Gelenidze. Event held in European School was attended by the founder of “Georgian Industrial Group”, Mr. Davit Bezhuashvili and General Director of Georgian Office of „MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION” (GEORGIA), Mr. Jenner Edelson. Rugby Team from San Diego also attended the event at European School. Mentioned team will play friendly game with Georgian rugby players.

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“The Memorandum aims to bring the American Bachelor’s Programs within the reach of Georgian pupils. We are pleased that the private sector is interested in participating in formation of better future for new generation” – Mr. Walsh said.

On his turn Mr. Davit Bezhuashvili believes that the support of those talented students intending to gain the knowledge in fields of engineering and computer sciences is considered by Georgian Industrial Group as the social responsibility; in addition the Company believes that industrialization and economic achievements of the country cannot be reached without development of human capital.

For the academic year of 2017, San Diego State University offers the students with American Bachelors’ Programs in construction engineering, civil engineering, computer sciences, computer engineering, electric engineering and chemistry/biochemistry fields. Students will be provided with opportunity to study at the campus of SDSU for one semester or for a year.

**San Diego State University (SDSU)** is the American University with hundred-years-old history. It is one of the greatest and popular institutions of higher education in United States of America – with 35,000 students and 120 million USD budget for research activities. Since 2015 year, the high grade and internationally accredited (ABET, ACS, WASC) Bachelors’ Programs in engineering and technologic (STEM) fields are implemented in Georgia by San Diego State University, Millennium Challenge Account – within the frameworks of the component of higher education of Georgia. Project is implemented by the financial aid of second compact of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) of the USA and aims for education of new generation of professionals and contribution to reforming of the system of highest education.

**“Georgian Industrial Group” (GIG)** – largest industrial holding of Georgia with 20 years of experience. With more than 3000 employed staff and combined annual sales revenues of USD 160 m Georgian Industrial Group (GIG) is one of the largest industrial groups in Georgia. The Company is the holder of the diversified business portfolio. In order to achieve increasing and high effectiveness, the Company steadily strives to make investments to significant, economically justified and high productive projects country-wide.

**“European School”** – since 2007 year the school is the leader in educational area. School has clear goals: development of students' academic knowledge and skills required for adaptation to modern world, skills for independent logical reasoning and analysis of the information available to them. “European School” is achievement-orientated at local market, as well as at labor market of world. In continuously variable universe, the School possesses the modern technologies and newest information; it has internalized and respects universal ethics, morals and cultural valuables. Our way is “the new way to Europe based on



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national valuables”. Following three sectors are available at European School: Georgian sector, IB – International Bachelor’s Program and AHS – American High School Program.

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The Company “GIG” is one of the largest industrial groups of Georgia. Its business portfolio includes coal mining, electricity generation (hydro, natural gas and coal stations), natural gas trading and management of immovable property.

