

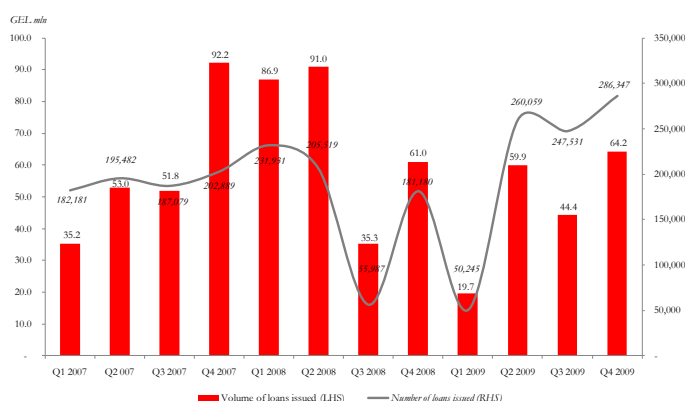
*People's Bank Of Georgia Announces High Rate of Growth Of Loans And Deposits in Q4 2009, The First Quarter Since The Acquisition Of Control By Liberty Capital**

	As of 31 December 2009	Q-o-Q Growth in Q4 2009	
Gross Loans	GEL 106.2 mln	GEL 12.2 mln	13.0%
Client Balances & Deposits	GEL 203.3 mln	GEL 47.7 mln	30.7%

	As of 31 December 2009	As of 30 September 2009
Gross Loans/Total Balances & Deposits	41.8%	46.6%
Gross Loans/Total Assets	32.6%	33.5%

- GEL 64.2 million worth of loans disbursed in Q4 2009, primarily via 286,347 loans to individuals
- Retail loans comprised 61.3% of total loan book at YE 2009, up from 53.7% as at 30 September 2009
- Retail term deposits grew in Q4 2009 by GEL 8.8 million, or 21.4% q-o-q

Volume of Loans Issued



* All numbers in this news report are preliminary standalone IFRS-based unaudited estimates. People's Bank of Georgia anticipates that it will publish consolidated unaudited IFRS-based financial statements for Q4 and full year 2009 by the end of January 2010.

About People's Bank of Georgia

Established in 2002, People's Bank of Georgia (GSE: BANK) is the seventh largest bank in Georgia by total assets, with a 4.2% market share as of 30 November 2009. The bank has the largest branch network in Georgia, comprising 175 branches, and serves approximately 1.2 million individuals and over 26 thousand legal entities.

For further information please visit www.peoplesbank.ge or contact:

Lado Gurgenidze
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Telephone: +995 99 477 272
Email: lado.gurgenidze@peoplesbank.ge or ir@peoplesbank.ge

About Liberty Investments

Established in September 2009, Liberty Investments is an investment company focused on the financial services institutions in emerging and frontier markets. Its ultimate beneficial shareholders are Dinu Patriciu and Lado Gurgenidze. It invests in frontier and emerging markets characterised by general openness of the economy as well as sound fiscal and monetary policy and good corporate governance.

For further information please contact:

Lado Gurgenidze
Chief Executive Officer
Telephone: +995 99 477 272
Email: lg@libertycapital.ge

Dmitry Kasatkin
Chief Operating Officer
Telephone: +44 77 860 28 700
Email: dk@libertycapital.ge

This news report is presented for general informational purposes only and should not be construed as an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. Certain statements in this news report are forward-looking statements and, as such, are based on the management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances.

People's Bank of Georgia ("PBG" or the "Bank") announced today that its gross loan book grew in Q4 2009 by GEL 12.2 mln, or 13.0% q-o-q, and stood at GEL 106.2 mln as of 31 December 2009. This compares with GEL 134.7 mln as at YE 2008 and GEL 131.0 mln as at YE 2007.

Retail gross loans increased in Q4 2009 to GEL 65.1 mln, up 29.2% q-o-q. This compares with GEL 89.6 mln in retail gross loans as at YE 2008 and GEL 79.1 mln as at YE 2007.

Corporate gross loans stood at GEL 41.1 mln at YE 2009, down 5.7% q-o-q. This compares with GEL 45.1 mln in corporate gross loans as at YE 2008 and GEL 51.9 mln as at YE 2007.

The Bank disbursed GEL 64.2 mln of new loans in Q4 2009 (GEL 16.3 mln in October 2009; GEL 14.2 mln in November 2009 and GEL 31.6 mln in December 2009 - the highest monthly level of retail loan disbursements in the history of the bank). 286,345 loans to individuals were made in Q4 2009, with short-term payroll and pensions-backed loans comprising almost all of these loans.

Client balances & deposits in Q4 2009 reached GEL 203.3 mln, up GEL 47.7 mln or 30.7% q-o-q. Retail term deposits grew in Q4 by GEL 8.8 million, or 21.4% q-o-q. Corporate client deposits grew in Q4 2009 to GEL 111.3 mln, up 77.6% q-o-q.

"I am quite pleased that our distribution channels, while clearly not in the best shape after a period of neglect, are showing signs of life. Selling over 100,000 retail loans in one month is a good achievement, and proves that our branch network and mobile sales force are capable of selling retail products. Our colleagues in retail and corporate banking are keenly aware of the need to increase our very low Total Loans/Total Assets ratio, which stood at 32.5% at the year-end 2009, and I am confident we will do everything within our power to grow our loan book without violating the principles of prudent credit risk management. As we are highly liquid and well-funded for our current balance-sheet size, with Total Loans/Total Deposits of 41.8% at the year-end 2009, we look forward to stepping up loan disbursements in Q1 2010 and beyond", noted *Lado Gurgenidze*, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PBG.