BEGO Group announces a sale of shares in Georgia Healthcare Group PLC

BEGO Group PLC (“BEGO” or the “Group”), announces that it sold 833,160 shares (representing approximately 0.7% of GHG’s issued share capital) in Georgia Healthcare Group PLC (“GHG”) on 17 March 2017. These shares were sold at a price of GBP 3.60 (USD 4.45) per share – the closing price per share on the London Stock Exchange the day before the transaction. The shares were acquired by former shareholders of JSC ABC Pharmacia, a chain of pharmacies purchased by GHG in January 2017, and are subject to three-year lock-up period. Given the volume of the shares involved, a private sale on an arms-length and commercial basis was selected as the most appropriate form for the transaction by both parties. Following the sale, BEGO continues to hold 64.3% of GHG’s issued share capital.

The sale resulted in the total gross proceeds of GEL 9.2 million (US$3.7 million) to the Group. As a result of the sale, BEGO realized a gain of GEL 6.1 million (US$2.4 million), which will be recorded through an increase in the shareholders’ equity in 1Q2017.