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9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE*

Destination: Georgia

December 5, 2006
Renaissance Seattle Hotel
515 Madison Street, Seattle, WA, 98104

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Conference Program

December 4, 2006

7:30-9:30

Opening Reception at Palace Ballroom
2030 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA Tel: 206 448 1979
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08 : 30 - 09 : 00

Registration

09 : 00 - 09 : 05

Welcome and introduction:

S. Enders Wimbush, President, AGBC

09 : 10 – 09: 25

Opening Remarks:

Paul B. Dyck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce

09 : 30 - 9 : 50

Destination Georgia: Why Americans Should Go to Georgia?
Address By Zurab Nogaideli, Prime Minister of Georgia

9: 55 - 11 :10

FIRST PANEL: Strategic Picture of Georgia and Black Sea/ Caspian Region

Panel Chair:

S. Enders Wimbush, President, AGBC

Speakers:

Ross Harrison, Vice President, AGBC/Georgetown University

Georgian Perspective

Ambassador Vasil Sikharulidze, Ambassador of Georgia to USA

Georgian Approach to Conflicts in the Region

Ambassador Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia in UN

11 :10 - 11 :20

Break



11 : 20– 12:25

SECOND PANEL: *Energy and Infrastructure Development: Georgia, Region, World*

Panel Chair:

Mamuka Tsereteli, Executive Director, America-Georgia Business Council

Speakers:

Strategic Pipelines in Georgia: Economic and Social Implications

David Glendinning, Head, External Relations, BP Georgia

Existing and Potential Oil and Gas Development in Georgia

Sabin Rossi, Vice President, Canargo Energy Corporation

12: 30 - 2:00

LUNCHEON: Signing ceremony for the Loan Commitment Letter from OPIC to Sante GMT Products LLC (member of the GMT Group) and Retainer Letter between OPIC and GMT Mtatsminda LLC on the Mtatsminda F&B/Conference Center Development.



2 : 15 - 4:10

THIRD PANEL: *New Investment Opportunities in Georgia*

Panel Chair : **Peter Ballinger**, Director, Business Development, OPIC

Speakers: **Saba Kiknadze**, Head, department of Tourism

Esben Emborg, President, Amcham Georgia

Kakha Kavtuashvili, Director General, Sante GMT Products

George Antelava, Strategy Consultant, Factor Electronics

Nikoloz Burdiashvili, Program Manager, Georgian Research & Development Foundation (GRDF)

4:25 – 5:55

FOURTH PANEL: *Funding Opportunities for US and Georgian Companies*

Moderator: **Danica Starks**, Department of Commerce

Speakers: **Kenneth Angell**, Senior Investment Officer, OPIC

Lasha Shanidze, Chairman, Millennium Challenge Georgia

John Doede, Chairman, AIG Silk Road Fund

6:00 – 8:00

GEORGIAN WINE RECEPTION



Closing Remarks: **S. Enders Wimbush**
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